

Developing a Toolkit for Parliamentarians on the Escazú Agreement

Date: Tuesday, 23 April 2024

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Executive Summary

On 23 April 2024, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) hosted the official virtual side event to the Third Conference of the Parties (COP3) “*Developing a Toolkit for Parliamentarians on the Escazú Agreement*,” bringing together parliamentarians from Latin America and the Caribbean in a consultative manner to provide input on the PGA draft Toolkit for Parliamentarians on the Escazú Agreement.

The session was comprised of two segments:

- a) First, parliamentarians benefited from a presentation that outlined the Draft Toolkit's key sections and highlighted areas for parliamentary input.
- b) Second, participants engaged in an interactive discussion, sharing insights and perspectives from their national contexts. This collaborative dialogue aimed at ensuring that the Draft Toolkit appropriately reflects the diverse national experiences and lessons learned relating to the Agreement.

As a result of the session, participants gained a deeper understanding of the draft Toolkit for Parliamentarians on the Escazú Agreement, as well as on the important role of parliamentarians in advancing the access rights established by the Agreement. In line with PGA’s [Factsheet for Parliamentarians: The Escazú Agreement, an Environmental and Human Rights Treaty](#) and [the Key Recommendations on the Role of Parliamentarians for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders in Environmental Matters](#), participants learned how the finalized Toolkit for Parliamentarians on the Escazú Agreement will provide an overview of the Agreement, its relevance to human rights/the climate crisis/sustainable development, and will present concrete tools for parliamentarians to ensure the Agreement’s universality and effective implementation.

The side event also successfully facilitated a platform for parliamentarians to contribute to the draft Toolkit, fostering collaborative effort towards the Escazú Agreement’s effective implementation and promoting sustainable development and human rights in the region.

The side event created a collaborative environment for parliamentarians to actively participate in the development of a practical and impactful Toolkit that promotes sustainable development and human rights in the region through the effective implementation of the Escazú Agreement. Moreover, the session ended with a reinforced commitment from parliamentarians to advance the ratification and implementation of the Agreement and the protection of human rights defenders on environmental issues.