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Belize Parliament represented at the ParlAmericas program on the occasion of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week (LACCW) 2023, in Panama City, Panama

—Thursday, 26th October 2023—The Honourable Oscar Mira, Member for Belmopan and Minister of State in the Ministry of National Defence and Border Security, represented the National Assembly of Belize at the ParlAmericas program on the occasion of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Latin America and the Caribbean Climate Week (LACCW) 2023, which was cohosted by the National Assembly of Panama on the 24th and 25th October in Panama City, Panama.

The two-day program included a meeting on Parliamentary perspective for safe, orderly and regular migration in Latin America and the Caribbean, and to discuss inclusive and human rights-based approaches to addressing migration-related challenges and opportunities. Session topics included: migration and child rights: a youth's perspective; inclusive perspective on migration; contributions of migration to socio-economic development; and a roundtable on the role of inter-parliamentary diplomacy in migration governance.

On day two, the Honourable Mira also attended the high-level opening ceremony for LACCW 2023, which was followed by a session hosted by ParlAmericas, International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and Global Renewables Congress on upscaling renewable energy deployment for the good of all: the role of Legislators. During this session, Honourable Mira participated as a panelist where he had the opportunity to make a presentation on engaging rural and Indigenous populations in the renewable energy uptake in Belize. During this time, he was also able to share Belize's experience on the challenges that have been identified for advancing the uptake of renewable energy.

The Honourable Mira returned to Belize today, 26th October 2023. All travel and accommodation expenses for the meeting were made possible through the support of ParlAmericas.

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