



# Parliamentary Front against hunger

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PFH is a network of members of congresses -from national, sub-national and regional levels around the Region- committed with the fight against hunger and the need to make food security a strategic issue of the legislative activity

## Why HFLAC Initiative promotes the PFH?

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The Hunger-Free Latin America and Caribbean Initiative has among its main objectives *to provide a sustainable institutional framework for food security.*

- Laws specifically related to food security
- Public organizations with the capacity to promote the Right to Food
- Public policies that include an adequate budget to ensure the funding of this institutional work

**To achieve its goals, it is necessary to place the right to food and the struggle against hunger at the top of the political and social agenda**

# The importance of the Congress Members

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Parliaments have the capacity:

- To make food security **bills**
- To approve the **public budget**
- To create new **institutions** and/or to adequate existing ones
- To influence governments in the **public policies** process

## Previous meetings of PFH

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**The PFH held two preparatory meetings, one of them in Santiago, for South America (June, 2009) and another one in Panama City for Central America, The Caribbean and Mexico (July, 2009)**

24 congress members of 11 countries and 4 supra-national legislatures participated in a workshop where a proposal for an Action Plan for the Parliamentary Front against Hunger was drafted

## Inter-parliamentary Conference

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- The **Inter-Parliamentary Conference about The Right To Food** took place in Panama City on September 3rd and 4th, 2009. It was hosted by the Latin American Parliament and FAO.
- The meeting had a **wide range of guests and speakers**, including members of International Organizations, Governments and CSO's.
- The Conference approved the **Action Plan** and officially launched the Parliamentary Front against Hunger for Latin America and the Caribbean.
- **65 parliamentarians from 19 countries** signed the Declaration.

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- The PFH is directed by the **Front's Work Group**, which is integrated by the commissions of Agriculture, Health and Human Rights of the **Latin American Parliament**, with the assistance of **The HFLAC Initiative** and **FAO**.
- The **objectives** include the effort to establish National Food Security Systems, South- South Cooperation, promotion of the Right to Food.

# First Forum Parliamentary Front against Hunger

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- The PFH is organizing the **First Forum of the Parliamentary Front against Hunger**, which will take place in Brazil. It will be hosted by the Legislative Assembly of Sao Paulo.
- The PFH Forum hopes to be a space of **dialogue between the members of PFH and civil society**.
- It will seek to **coordinate common strategies** for achieving food security in Latin America and the Caribbean.



**Thank you**