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NGO Senator Elected to Executive Committee of Parliamentarians for Global Action

April 24th, 2026. Following the close of the 46th Annual Forum and 46th Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for the Oceans (4th CAP-Oceans), in Mexico City, Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) convened its International Council to elect PGA's Executive Committee for the 2026-2027 term. The Senator representing Non-Governmental Organizations, the Hon. Janelle Chanona, was elected to serve as a Member of PGA's Executive Committee. In this role, Senator Chanona will join Members of Parliament from Suriname and Cameroon as a co-convenor in PGA's Human Rights and Environment Program.

PGA is a multi-party NGO network of legislators acting in their individual capacity to advocate for human rights, democracy, and the rule of law; peace and human security; gender equality and inclusion; protection of the environment; and justice in all its forms. The network includes over 1,000 active members of parliament in 150 countries where the parliament has true legitimacy and authority. PGA facilitates peer-to-peer learning among parliamentarians, fosters connections between parliamentarians and civil society, and builds bridges between domestic and international policymakers and stakeholders. PGA is governed by legislators, with technical and legal assistance from our secretariat, which is based in New York and has an office in The Hague.

"We are proud to welcome this extraordinary group of legislators to PGA's leadership," said Mónica Adame, Secretary-General of PGA. *"The diversity of this Executive Committee — representing government and opposition parties, all regions of the world, and both chambers of parliament — reflects the breadth of our global parliamentary movement. At a moment when democracy and international cooperation face serious headwinds, we are grateful for the commitment and leadership that each of these legislators brings to our network."*

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Hon. Chanona joins the Board just as the Hon. Valerie Woods, Speaker of the National Assembly (Belize) and others concludes their term as a Member of the Executive Committee. Senator Chanona looks forward to building on Speaker Woods' years of invaluable service with PGA in advancing human rights, gender equality, and environmental governance in this role. Learn more about our global parliamentary movement for an equitable, safe, sustainable, and democratic world at www.pgaction.org.

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About BNN

The Belize Network of NGOs (BNN) is a non-profit organization that seeks to be the unified voice of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in Belize, advocating for good governance to achieve sustainable human development. BNN was founded in 2017 alongside the establishment of the 13th Senator of Belize, who represents the interests of the NGO community in the national legislature. BNN aims to promote good governance through avenues such as advocacy, position statements, and representation of the NGO community through the 13th Senator and national committees.