

## About AGORA

Founded in 2008, AGORA is the world's only global platform dedicated to parliaments – bringing together legislatures and practitioners to share knowledge, spark innovation, and strengthen democratic institutions.

## AGORA e-learning Portal

AGORA offers a [free e-learning platform](#) with 20 courses to strengthen parliaments and governance worldwide. Courses are tailored for Members of Parliament, staff, and practitioners, and select courses are available in multiple languages (EN, FR, ES, AR, RU, PT).

Explore the courses: [learn.agora-parl.org](http://learn.agora-parl.org)



## Highlights Include

**Core Modules:** The Inter Pares e-learning package comprises six core courses, as well as a set of specialised courses, including gender and environmental protection and climate change.

- **Open Parliaments:** This course provides an understanding of transparency, accountability, and participation in parliaments, offers evidence-based insights, and presents actionable strategies for promoting openness in parliamentary work. Available in [English](#).
- **Effective Human Rights Engagement for Parliaments:** This course equips parliamentarians and parliamentary staff with the knowledge and skills to effectively engage with human rights issues and promote active human rights protection within their parliaments. Available in [English](#).
- **Youth Participation: Pathways for Parliaments:** This course helps learners understand youth participation, explore existing models, and envision how it can be integrated across key parliamentary functions. Available in [English](#).
- **\*Representation:** This course helps learners understand societal changes affecting representation, the role of modern parliaments, the core processes of representation, and equips them to evaluate best practices and reflect on their own parliamentary practices. Available in [English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#), [العربية](#).
- **\*Parliamentary Oversight:** This course provides a comprehensive understanding of parliamentary oversight, including its theory, tools, practice, political implications, and illustrative case studies from Europe and beyond. Available in [English](#).
- **\*Comparative Law-making:** This course examines contemporary law-making in democracies, covering its relationship with other parliamentary functions, historical and modern procedures, and comparative practices across different jurisdictions. Available in [English](#).
- **\*Legislative Drafting:** This course explores the legislative drafting process, tracing how policy concepts evolve into laws and the regulatory outcomes they aim to achieve. Available in [English](#).
- **\*The Role of Parliament in the Budgeting Process:** This course provides an overview of the budget process, the role of parliaments at each stage, current budgeting trends, and illustrative case studies of parliamentary practices. Available in [English](#), [Español](#), [Français](#), [العربية](#).
- **\*The Role of Parliamentary Committees:** This course explores the role of parliamentary committees, international practices and procedures, and equips learners to critically assess committee systems within their own country context. Available in [English](#).
- **\*Climate Change and Environmental Protection:** This course examines why and how parliaments engage on climate change, covering legal frameworks, parliamentary actions, climate budgeting and finance, and illustrated with case studies from Europe and beyond. Available in [English](#).
- **\*The Role of Parliament in Achieving Gender Equality:** This course enables learners to understand gender-sensitive parliamentary norms, identify key decision-makers, assess best practices from other contexts, and design and advocate for gender-sensitive changes in their own parliaments. Available in [English](#).
- **\*Técnica Legislativa:** This course, structured in seven modules, examines the origin and evolution of legislative drafting, types of legislative norms, the role of drafting in parliamentary law-making, and the principles and rules governing law content, structure, legal language, and integration into the legal system. Available in [Spanish](#) only.
- **Parliaments in Practice: An Introduction:** This course is designed for legislators who are new to parliament, and for parliamentary staff, practitioners, donors, civil society organisations and others who want to learn about how parliament works. Available in [English](#), [Français](#), [العربية](#), [Русский](#), [Português](#).

# AGORA eLearning Portal for Parliamentary Development

## Course Registration

To register for the AGORA e-learning portal:

- Visit the website: Go to [learn.agora-parl.org](http://learn.agora-parl.org).
- On the login page: Find and click "Create new account."
- Fill in the details: Only username, password, and an email are required.
- Submit the Form after completing a CAPTCHA.
- Check your email for a confirmation link and click to activate your account. If necessary, check SPAM. .If you have any issues write: [info@agora-parl.org](mailto:info@agora-parl.org)

*Once registered you will have access to all e-learning content.*



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### Pro-PALOP-TL-SAL Courses:

Designed by Pro-PALOP-TL-SAL, the following nine Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) address topics that are related to public financial management. They are aimed at strengthening the capacities of Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs), Parliaments, Ministries of Finance and civil society organizations (CSOs).

- **Public Financial Management: Parliaments, Supreme Audit Institutions and Civil Society:** This MOOC explores how parliaments, Supreme Audit Institutions, and civil society oversee public finances, covering the budget cycle, financial management, audit functions, and their interplay in PALOP-TL countries. Available in: [English](#), [Português](#).
- **Open Budgets: Parliament, Supreme Audit Institutions and Civil Society:** This MOOC examines how parliaments and civil society can strengthen transparency and accountability in public finance management by engaging in the budget process and promoting open, participatory, and responsibly formulated public budgets. Available in: [English](#), [Português](#).
- **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Parliaments and Budgets:** This MOOC examines how parliaments, Supreme Audit Institutions, and civil society can build the capacities needed to promote inclusive, transparent, and accountable public budgets that support effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Available in [English](#).
- **Parliaments, Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) and the Oversight of Extractive Industries:** This MOOC explores how parliaments, SAIs, and civil society can strengthen transparency, accountability, and risk management in overseeing extractive industries, equipping oversight actors with best practices and tools for responsible natural resource governance. Available in [English](#).
- **Parliaments and ICT:** This MOOC examines how ICTs can enhance parliamentary transparency, accessibility, and accountability while enabling citizen engagement, and provides strategies for parliaments to use these tools effectively and responsibly. Available in [English](#).
- **Gender responsive budgeting:** This MOOC introduces Gender-responsive budgeting as a tool for enhancing parliamentary oversight and social monitoring of public expenditures, focusing on promoting gender equality in budgets and sustainable development planning. Available in: [English](#), [Português](#).
- **Public Financial Management (PFM) response to the socioeconomic impact of COVID19 & major disruptive events:** This course features video lectures from experts on the socioeconomic impact of COVID-19 and major disruptive events, and the PFM responses to them. Available in [English](#).
- **Effective Budget Oversight:** This course covers the Pro PALOP-TL Supreme Audit Institutions context, the phases of the budget cycle and related toolkit, how to apply Public Financial Control criteria, and the monitoring of the State Budget Execution by civil society organizations. Available in [Portuguese](#) only.
- **Indústrias Extrativas & Grandes Obras Públicas Controlo Externo nos PALOP-TL (Extractive Industries & Major Public Works:** External Oversight in the PALOP-TL): This e-learning course on the Extractive Industries and Major Public Works Roundtable, developed under the EU-funded Pro PALOP-TL ISC project and now available in Portuguese, equips PALOP and Timor-Leste parliaments, Supreme Audit Institutions, and civil society with skills for effective public finance oversight. Available in [Portuguese](#) only.

*\*This course offers a certificate.*

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