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WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE 2026 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S LEGISLATIVE AGENDA?

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This **LEGA Perspectives** aims to analyze the legislative agenda approved by the National Assembly in Venezuela for the year 2026.

A New National Assembly

The National Assembly installed on January 5, 2026, is the body elected in 2025. Consequently, this marks the first year of the five-year constitutional period corresponding to this Parliament.

National Assembly Board of Directors

In the **Official Gazette No. 43.288** of January 5, 2026, the Agreement was published electing:

- **President:** Deputy Jorge Rodríguez Gómez
- **First Vice President:** Deputy Pedro Infante Aparicio
- **Second Vice President:** Deputy Grecia Colmenares Santander
- **Secretary:** María Alejandra Hernández
- **Sub-secretary:** José Omar Molina
(For the 2026-2027 term)

Representative to the Council of State

In the **Official Gazette No. 43.291** of January 8, 2026, Deputy **Francisco José Ameliach Orta** was designated as the National Assembly Representative to the Council of State for the 2026-2027 period.

The Announcement of the "8 Codes" to Reorganize the Legal System



On January 7, the President of the National Assembly presented a proposal to the plenary for **8 Codes** designed to reorganize the Venezuelan legal system. These 8 Codes are:

1. People's Penal Code (*Código Penal Popular*)
2. Social Code
3. Economic and Productive Commerce Code
4. Direct Democracy and Strengthening of People's Power Code
5. Civil Code
6. Ecological-Environmental Code
7. Integral Protection of Vulnerable Persons Code
8. Electoral Code

List of Laws Presented by the Acting President

During the same session, the Acting President presented a list of laws that, in her view, should be debated by Parliament this year:

- **Economic Area:** Mining Law; Law of the Foreign Trade Committee (to evaluate imports/exports); Law on Socio-economic Rights; and Industrial Property Law.
- **Science and Technology:** Artificial Intelligence Law; Natural Medicine Law; Digital Rights Law; and Cybersecurity Law.
- **Public Services:** National Electric System Law; Rational Use of Energy Law; and Telecommunications Law.
- **Peace and National Coexistence:** A law aimed at fostering awareness of "what peace, political, economic, and social tranquility, and coexistence mean for the country."

Priority Bill Projects

The National Assembly has prioritized the discussion of:

1. The Reform of the **Organic Hydrocarbons Law**.
2. The Law for the **Protection of Socio-economic Rights**.
3. The **Organic Law for the Acceleration and Optimization of Administrative Procedures** within the Public Administration.

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In recent days, the Assembly's attention has focused significantly on the draft **Law for Amnesty, Reconciliation, and National Reunion**.

The Approved Legislative Agenda for 2026-2027

The President of the National Assembly stated that the legislative agenda would be organized around five axes:

- (i) Achieving and consolidating peace.
- (ii) Seeking economic growth and national prosperity.
- (iii) Strengthening People's Power Plans (*Planes del Poder Popular*).
- (iv) Strengthening new modalities of economic action.
- (v) The defense of the Venezuelan people.

For this **LEGA Perspectives**, we have divided the agenda into the following thematic areas:

Economic

- Organic Law for the Protection of Socio-economic Rights
- Partial Reform Law of the Organic Hydrocarbons Law
- Organic Mining Law
- Industrial Property Law
- Telecommunications Law
- Law of the Export and Import Committee
- Law for the Reform of the Communal Economic System
- Fisheries Law

Public Administration

- Organic Law for the Acceleration and Optimization of Administrative Filings and Procedures
- National Electric System Law
- Partial Reform Law of the Statute of the Public Service of Investigative Police
- Partial Reform Law for the Protection and Defense of Cultural Heritage

Social Policies

- Natural Medicine Law
- Organic Law for Women's Equality

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- Law Creating the "Aristóbulo Istúriz" Decoration
- Law for the Integral Protection of Children and Adolescents on Social Networks
- Law to Prevent and Treat Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Law of the Social System for Books and Reading
- Law of the Venezuelan Red Cross
- José Félix Rivas Organic Youth Law
- Student Peaceful Coexistence Law
- Dance Law
- Special Law for the Commune Bank and "Zamorano" Savings Funds

Security and Environment

- Cybersecurity Law
- Digital Rights Law
- Artificial Intelligence Law
- Reform Law of the Integral Waste Management Law
- Anti-Climate Change Law
- Rational Use of Energy Law

The Variability of the Legislative Agenda

The legislative agenda approved at the start of each period is never a static snapshot. It represents what the National Assembly explicitly intends to address. However, this list may vary throughout the year due to:

- Bills from the previous legislative period still under discussion or pending enactment.
- Bills included in the agenda that are ultimately not discussed.
- Unforeseen (*sobrevenidos*) bills that are introduced but not discussed.
- Unforeseen bills that are discussed but not passed.
- Unforeseen bills that are both discussed and enacted.



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