



IV Seminar on Democracy and Good Governance  
For Young Leaders of the Américas

**General Objectives:**

- Presentation and analysis of the federal government system and political thought of the United States.
- Presentation on the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County government structure.
- Brief review of the importance of citizen participation in the defining of public policy.

**AGENDA\***

**Monday, February 8, 2016**

**Morning:**

Miami Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel – Watson Meeting Room, Second Floor

9:00am - 12:30pm

- Welcome
- General Overview of the US, State of Florida and Miami-Dade County Governments
- General Overview of American Political Thought
- Discussion about important Public Policies

**Dr. Allan Rosenbaum**

**Dr. Terry Murphy**

**Mr. David Rivera**

**Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta**

**Mr. Jeisson Rodriguez**

*Coffee break at 10:30 am*

12:30pm - 1:30pm      Lunch – Marriott Hotel

1:45pm                      Meet in Marriott Hotel Lobby and Transfer to FIU

**Afternoon:**

Florida International University (FIU)

2:30pm - 4:30pm      Seminar participants will give presentations on the current state of governance and democratic institutions in their respective countries.

6:30pm - 8:30pm      Welcome Reception



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**Tuesday, February 9, 2016**

**Morning:**

Stephen P. Clark Government Center

8:30am – 9:30am Meeting with the Hon. Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County Commissioner

*Visit to the Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources with the objective of analyzing the role of local government in the promotion of economic development given the geographic position of Miami-Dade County with respect to Latin America and the world.*

**Adam Peters**, Business Development Specialist

10:00am – 11:00am Presentation - Economic Development and International Trade Division

11:15am – 12:15pm Meeting with County officials.

12:30pm – 1:30 pm Lunch at *Bayside*

**Afternoon:**

*Presentation on citizen initiatives for improving transportation in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Government and guided tour of transportation facilities.*

**Charles Scurr**, Director Miami-Dade County Citizens Independent Transportation Trust

2:00pm Stephen P. Clark Center- Presentation on Urban Transportation Issues

2:30pm Tour of Main Offices of Miami-Dade Transit-MDT (NOTE: This is a restricted area which requires a group visit)

3:00pm-3:30pm Guided tour of Downtown Miami on Miami Metro mover

*Visit to the Port of Miami and presentation on its importance for the economy of the State of Florida and the Port's role in international trade.*

**Richard de Villiers**, Miami-Dade County Seaport Deputy Director

**Juan Karla**, Director Designate, Port of Miami

3:45pm - 5:00pm Presentation on topics related to the importance of ports as economic development agents.

5:00pm Return to hotel.



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**Visit To the Florida State Capital, TALLAHASSEE:**

- *Observe how public policy is developed in the Florida Legislature*
- *Visit to several commissions to observe how they operate*
- *Informal meetings with State Legislators*
- *Informal meetings with lobbyists in order to understand their role in the designing and implementation of public policy.*

**Wednesday, February 10, 2016**

Tallahassee, Florida

**Morning:**

7:00am                      Leave the Marriott Biscayne Bay Hotel for the Miami International Airport

- Visit the State of Florida Congress

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

Tallahassee, Florida

- Presentation on Florida State Government
- Presentation on the structure and procedures of the Florida Legislature.
- Informal meetings with State Legislators.

**Friday, February 12, 2016**

**Morning:**                      Travel to Miami

**Afternoon:**                      Return to home countries.

*\*Agenda subject to change.*