



Miami-Dade County
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Invite You To The:

XXV Inter-American Conference of
Mayors and Local Authorities

Building the Communities
of Tomorrow:
*Economic Development,
Resilience and Sustainability*



June 17 - 20, 2019
Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel
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The Conference is an excellent annual forum where representatives of local, regional and national governments, NGOs, various international and multilateral organizations and all of those interested in local government issues gather to share experiences, information and best practices. The event also discusses public policy and common goals which can aid in the strengthening of local and regional governments, help to promote decentralization in the region, and encourage stronger citizen participation.

BACKGROUND

The Conference has been organized for 23 years in Miami and has become one of the most important gatherings of local leaders from throughout the hemisphere. Efficient local, regional and national governments are of extreme importance for economic development, guaranteeing effective public service delivery, protecting the environment, and the strengthening of democracy. Sustainable, smart, efficient and transparent local governments today, more than ever, must contribute to the building of more equal and just societies.

The Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities:

Selected Major Accomplishments

- 1 Providing a continuing opportunity for government officials from throughout the hemisphere to share ideas about building democratic local governments that are responsive to their citizens and highly effective in terms of local service delivery. As a former Mayor of Asuncion, Paraguay commented to the Miami Herald, "The conference is like a great supermarket of ideas for local government officials."
- 2 The conference has played a very important role in bringing together Latin America's local government leaders and the leaders of major international development organizations. A former President of the Inter-American Bank, publicly noted that it was through the conference that he first came to fully recognize the possibilities for, and the importance of, the IDB working with local government officials. Similarly, senior officials from the World Bank, the OAS, USAID and the US government, often for the first time, met and interacted with the region's local government leaders at the Conference.
- 3 The Conference has played an important role in assisting and supporting the building of national associations and organizations to support and advance the development of local government in Latin America.
- 4 The first time that a Hemispheric Presidential Summit formally addressed the importance of local government, (in April 2001), for the future development of Latin America resulted from the work of the Institute and Latin American local government leaders brought together by the Conference.
- 5 For the past fifteen years, at each Conference, five municipal best practices have been recognized at a special plenary session. Information regarding these various municipal innovations has resulted in numerous similar program initiatives by various municipalities throughout the hemisphere.



Best Innovative Practices

Continuing an initiative launched in 2004, the XXV Conference will again recognize some of the most innovative practices implemented in the hemisphere. In a special plenary session, up to five outstanding best practices, which will be competitively selected, will be presented.

If your local government has implemented, or is implementing, an innovative practice, please send your proposal no later than *April 30, 2019* in order to be considered. For more information, requirements and conditions, please visit the conference website www.mayorsconference.com

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Date and Place: June 17 - 20, 2019 at the Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel Miami, FL

Sponsorship: Miami-Dade County Government, and the Institute for Public Management & Community Service, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, of Florida International University.

Hotel Information

Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel
1601 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132
Each participant is responsible for his/her own lodging and travel.

Single or double room special rate \$179 + 13% taxes. Book before June 2nd in order to receive the special rate. Please visit the conference's webpage for more details on making your reservation.

Registration Fees

US\$400 for non-US public sector and nonprofit organizations (\$450 after June 7).

US\$400 for US public sector and nonprofit and international organizations.

US\$650 for private sector organizations. Fee includes two receptions, luncheon, conference material and certificate of participation.

Principal Sponsoring Organization

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Registration

Register online at: www.mayorsconference.com by **June 12, 2019**.

For more details you may contact us at: (305) 348-1271 or ipmcs@fiu.edu

If you need a personalized invitation letter, please request it at the conference's website: www.mayorsconference.com



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