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Invite You To The:

XXIV **Inter-American Conference of
Mayors and Local Authorities**

**"Building Better Communities,
from Economic Development to Sustainability"**

June 11 - 14, 2018

Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel
Miami, Florida
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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 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.



OBJECTIVES

Local and regional governments in Latin America, as well as in other regions of the world, have invested a great deal of effort, resources and dedication over many decades to finally gain recognition that local issues are global issues. Local and regional governments have actively participated and contributed significantly to development issues at the global level, advocating a comprehensive agenda that takes into account citizens' needs and that addresses the problems of inequity, inequality, local development, protection of natural resources, and poverty that affect so many regions of our planet.

The United Nations 2030 Agenda recognizes the fundamental part that regions and cities must play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and seeks to give them a dominant and privileged role in achieving them.

Challenges such as job creation, constant migration to large cities from rural areas, sustainable economic development, use of technology in management, protection of the environment, poverty reduction, urban development and city planning, service delivery, as well as support for decentralization and citizen participation remain areas where regional and local governments in the hemisphere have valuable experiences

that need to be shared and recognized. At the same time, only close collaboration and cooperation among municipal, regional and national leaders will help alleviate the problems still facing our region.

The Conference seeks to offer local and regional authorities the opportunity to exchange experiences and practices that enable them to be key actors in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

A series of extraordinary plenary sessions are being organized in conjunction with the World Bank where attendees will have the opportunity to participate actively.





Best Innovative Practices

Continuing an initiative launched in 2004, the XXIV 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, 2018 in order to be considered. For more information, requirements and conditions, please visit the conference website www.conferenciadealcaldes.com

About the Conference

Date and Place: June 11 - 14, 2018 at the Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel Miami, FL

Sponsorship: Miami-Dade County Government, the World Bank, 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 \$169 + 13% taxes. Book before May 28th in order to receive the special rate. Please visit the conference's webpage for more details on making your reservation.

Registration Fees

US\$350, for non-US public sector and nonprofit organizations (\$400 after June 7). US\$450 for US public sector and nonprofit and international organizations. US\$550 for private sector organizations. Fee includes two luncheons, receptions, conference material and certificate of participation.

Registration

Register online at: www.mayorsconference.com by June 7, 2018.

For more details you may contact us at:
(305) 348-1271 Fax: (305) 348-1273 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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International Conference on Gender, Subnational Governments and Public Policies

This year, in collaboration and with the support of the Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations of Local Governments (FLACMA), we will be hosting the International Conference on Gender, Subnational Governments and Public Policies.

June 14 to 15, 2018

Hilton Downtown Miami Hotel

Registration Fee: US\$100



Participants of the XXIV Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities wishing to participate in this event will have a 50% discount on enrollment (at the Gender Conference.) Be sure to choose the two events at the time of registration to access this benefit.



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