

**“Creating a Secure, Prosperous and Democratic Hemisphere: The Role of Local Governments”**  
**Eighth Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities**  
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**CONFERENCE AGENDA\***  
**(Conference Agenda Subject to Change)**

**Monday, June 10**

3:00pm - 6:00pm Conference Registration at Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Office: Orchid “A”  
7:30pm - 9:00pm Welcoming Reception at Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Room: Jasmine

**Tuesday, June 11**

7:00am – 12:00pm Registration  
Office: Orchid “A”  
9:00am - 9:45am **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**  
Room: Regency Ballroom  
Mr. Allan Rosenbaum, Director, IPMCS, Florida International University  
Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, Deputy Director, IPMCS, Florida International University  
Mr. Ronald Berkman, Dean, College of Health & Urban Affairs, Florida International University  
Mr. J. Anthony Ojeda, Jr., Director of Protocol, Intern. Trade & Commerce, Miami-Dade County  
Hon. Manny Diaz, Mayor of Miami  
Hon. Javier Souto, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County  
Hon. Alex Penelas, Mayor of Miami-Dade County  
9:45am – 10:30am **Creating a Secure, Prosperous and Democratic Hemisphere: The Role of Local Governments**  
Room: Regency Ballroom  
**Keynote Speaker:** Ambassador Otto J. Reich, Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs, United States Department of State  
10:30am - 10:45am Break  
10:45am - 12:00pm **Building a Prosperous Hemisphere: The Role of Local Governments**  
Room: Regency Ballroom  
**Keynote Speaker:** Mr. Carlos Ferdinand – Secretary of the Inter-American Development Bank  
12:00pm - 1:30pm Luncheon – Sponsored by Cotecnica, CA., Venezuela  
*“La Bonanza”: the Possible Change. Transforming a Dump Site into a Sanitary Landfill.* Mr. Rafael Schwartz, Executive President, Cotecnica Inversiones, CA  
Room: Jasmine  
2:00pm - 3:30pm **Deepening Democracy in the Hemisphere: The Role of Local Governments**  
Room: Regency Ballroom  
Mr. Jorge Arrizurieta, US Alternate Executive Director, Inter-American Development Bank  
Hon. Miguel R. Pastor Mejia, Mayor of Tegucigalpa, Honduras  
Hon. Enrique Riera, Mayor of Asunción, Paraguay  
3:30pm - 4:00pm Break  
4:00pm – 5:30pm **Ensuring Community Security: The Role of Local Governments in Providing Public Safety, and Responding to Disaster and Terrorism**

Room: Regency Ballroom

Chairperson: Mr. Victor J. Flecha, Director, Comunidad y Planeamiento (COPLANEA), Paraguay

Mr. Steve Shiver, County Manager, Miami-Dade County

Hon. Evelia Aparicio de Esquivel, Mayor of David, Panama; President of the Municipal Association of Panama (AMUPA) and President of the Federation of Municipalities of the Central American Isthmus (FEMICA/IULA)

Hon. Luis Perez, Mayor of Medellin, Colombia

5:30pm – 7:00pm

**From the Traditional Municipality to the Electronic Municipality: Step by Step (sponsored by Microsoft) - Session in Spanish. No Translation Provided -**

Room: Regency Ballroom

### **Wednesday, June 12**

#### **8:30am - 10:30am Local Governments and Community Entrepreneurialism**

Room: Regency Ballroom

Facilitators: Ms. Linda Borst-Kolko, Vice-President for Programs and Miriam Brandao, Representative for Nicaragua, Inter-American Foundation

Hon. Melvin Antonio Romero Angulo, Mayor of Boaco, Nicaragua

Mr. Marcos Antonio Hernandez Esquivel, Executive Director, Fundacion Leon 2000, Nicaragua

Ms. Eda A. Jiménez Lopez, Business Owner, Leon, Nicaragua

Ms. Jenny Reyes Alcantara, Executive Director, Fundacion Jose Nieborowski, Boaco, Nicaragua

Mr. Miguel Alfonso Gonzalez Solórzano, Borrada President, Centro de Promocion del Desarrollo Local (CEPRODEL), Nicaragua

Hon. Luis Felipe Loza Escobar, Mayor of Quezalguaque, Leon, Nicaragua

Mr. Carlos Francisco Caceres Martinez, General Manager, Corporación de Desarrollo Economico Local (CODELSA), Telica, Nicaragua

Mr. Julio Henry Zapata Suarez, Farmer, Beneficiary of CODELSA, Telica, Nicaragua

10:30am - 11:00am Break

11:00am - 12:30pm

#### **National Governments and Local Governments: Strategic Partners**

Room: Regency Ballroom

Mr. Adolfo Franco, Assistant Administrator for Latin America & the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

Hon. Juan Carlos Navarro, Mayor, Panama City, Panama

Mr. Jaime Aparicio, Director of the Office of Summit Follow-Up, Organization of American States

2:00pm - 3:30pm

#### **Two Concurrent Mini Plenaries:**

##### **1. “A” Investing in Municipal Development**

Room: Regency Ballroom

Chairperson: Silvio Ovelar, Governor of Caaguazu, Paraguay

Mr. Alberto Cogut, Executive Director, Astris Finance, Washington, DC

Hon. Jorge Santini, Mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico

Hon. Hector Silva, Mayor of San Salvador, El Salvador

Mr. Jose Chibbaro, Municipal Development Coordinator for Mexico, Dominican Republic and Central America, Inter-American Development Bank

##### **2. “B” Gender and Social Equity in Local Governments**

Room: Orchid B,C,D

Ms. Anne Marie Blackman, Senior Specialist, Unit for the Promotion of Democracy, Organization of American States

Mr. Igor Koryakov, Program Officer, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), Stockholm, Sweden

Ms. Suzanne Salichs, Regional Coordinator, Team Metro Melrose, Miami-Dade County, USA

3:30pm - 4:00pm

4:00pm - 5:30pm

Break

#### **Two Concurrent Mini Plenaries:**

##### **1. “C” Incentives for Good Governance**

Room: Regency Ballroom

Chairperson: Ms. Norma Caplan, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Hon. Valentin Castro Sanchez, Mayor of San Martin, El Salvador,

President of ISDEM

Mr. Steve Hochman, Moodys, New York, USA

Ms. Carmen Staniak, Universidad del Salvador, Argentina

Mr. Bill Johnson, Assistant County Manager, Miami-Dade County, USA

**2. “D” International Trade and Local Economic Development**

Room: Orchid B,C,D

Facilitator: Jill Wheeler, Representative for Mexico, Inter-American Foundation

Mr. Ernesto Lo Carrasco, City Manager/Planning Director of Iquique, Chile

Mr. Juan Kuryla, Assistant to the Port Director, Miami-Dade County, USA

Hon. Hector M. Figueroa Plascencia, Mayor of Cuquio, Jalisco, Mexico

Mr. Ricardo de la Torre Hernandez, General Director, Accion Ciudadana para la Educación, la Democracia y el Desarrollo (ACCEDDE), Mexico

Mr. Ignacio Gonzalez Hernandez, Coordinator of Local Development, Accion Ciudadana para la Educación, la Democracia y el Desarrollo (ACCEDDE), Mexico

Mr. Fidel Mora Mercado, President, Integradora Agropecuaria Unidos de Jalisco, Mexico

8:00pm - 10:00pm **Reception at Vizcaya Palace**

**Thursday, June 13**

9:00am - 10:30am **Education and Training for the Strengthening of Local Governments**

Room: Regency Ballroom

Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Principal Adviser and Program Director of Governance Systems and Institutions, DESA/United Nations

Mr. Allan Rosenbaum, Director, IPMCS, Florida International

University

Presentation of the Program “Cordillera, mi Pais en el Pais”, Governorship of Cordillera, Paraguay

10:30am – 11:00am

Break

11:00am – 12:30pm

**The International Community and the Building of a Secure, Prosperous and Democratic Hemisphere**

Room: Regency Ballroom

Ms. Elizabeth Spehar, Director, Division for the Promotion of Democracy, Organization of American States (OAS)

Hon. Fritz Garcia-Gallont, Mayor of Guatemala City, Guatemala

Ms. Patricia Duran de Jager, Executive Director, FEMICA/IULA

12:30pm - 2:00pm Luncheon – Sponsored by Visa International

“VISA Payment Solutions for Governments”. Mr. Rafael de la Vega, Vice President for Commercial Solutions. Latin America and Caribbean Region

Room: Jasmine

2:00pm - 2:45pm

**Closing Session**

Room: Regency Ballroom

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