

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

And

## FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Invite You To The:

### Ninth Inter-American Conference of Mayors And Local Authorities

*The New Municipality: Meeting the Needs  
of All Citizens through Collaborative  
Governance*

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**June 24 - 26, 2003**  
**Renaissance Miami Hotel**  
**Miami, Florida**  
**USA**

The government of Miami-Dade County and Florida International University invite you to be a part of the *Ninth Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities* which will focus upon *“The New Municipality: Meeting the Needs of All Citizens through Collaborative Governance”*. The Conference provides a forum for representatives of local, regional and national governments, NGOs, various international and donor organizations and all of those interested in the strengthening of local governments to share experiences, information and practices and to discuss common goals for the promotion of democratic local governance.

**Background:** As the largest gathering of local leaders from throughout the hemisphere to occur each year, the Conference continues to build upon the success of the previous eight conferences. Throughout the region effective local governance has become key to the economic and physical well being of citizens. However, the task of effective governance can not be achieved without collaborative governance and the commitment of all social sectors, private, non governmental and public, to the development of their communities. The Conference will explore the importance of establishing a new vision and how to accomplish it in collaboration will all sectors of society keeping in mind that the final goal is to solve the urgent problems affecting our communities.

### ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

**Title:** *“The New Municipality: Meeting the Needs of All Citizens through Collaborative Governance”*, the Ninth Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities.

**When:** **June 24 - 26, 2003** at the Renaissance Miami Biscayne Bay Hotel in Miami, FL. (Opening Reception - evening of June 23, 2003).

**Participants:** The Conference is annually attended by mayors, governors, legislators and other elected representatives of, as well as senior executive officials from, the local, regional and national governments of the Americas. Other attendees include academicians and interested parties from the private sector and non-governmental organizations and major international and donor agencies. Attendees also include representatives of the media and the leadership of major municipal associations.

**Sponsorship:** Miami-Dade County Government and the Institute for Public Management & Community Service of the School of Policy & Management of the College of Health and Urban Affairs of Florida International University.

### OBJECTIVES

Our hemisphere continues to witness very dramatic events that keep raising questions and concerns about the future in terms of issues of poverty alleviation, democracy and security. Faced with the economic, social and political crisis of our hemisphere, strengthening local governments and their effectiveness in the delivery of services become more than ever an issue of fundamental relevance.

The IX Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities will discuss these issues in depth stressing the importance of working towards building consensus, dialogue and negotiation among and between all the sectors of society. Attention will be given to how to collaborate in the creation of a new vision of local governance and how to make it come to fruition working with all the many different groups of society?

The Conference will examine the issues of corporate social responsibility and the key role that local governments can play in promoting collaborative projects.

As in previous years, the Conference will also address topics related to urban public infrastructure, transparency, best practices, effectiveness in the budget process, project design and evaluation among others.

### [Training Workshops](#)

Besides the themes already mentioned, the IX Conference will include three concurrent training workshops in which attendees will have the opportunity to actively participate.

They will include:

- 1) Local Economic Development: organized by senior officials from the International Labor Organization and based on the Spanish and Italian model of local economic development.
- 2) Collaborative Governance and Public-Private Cooperation: corporate social responsibility and collaborative efforts in the general framework of local development.
- 3) Conflict Resolution and Deliberative Processes: will discuss issues of how to build consensus, citizen participation, and conflict resolution at the local level.

The final agenda is being set with the assistance of mayors from the hemisphere, representatives of Municipal Associations from the Americas, as well as various cooperating international organizations such as IULA/CELCADEL, FEMICA, the Inter-American Foundation, USAID, the IDB, the OAS and other national groups.

### [Obtaining a USA entry visa is your responsibility. Do it as soon as possible.](#)

Each participant is responsible for his/her own lodging and travel. For a hotel reservation, please call the Renaissance Hotel directly at (305) 374-0000 before June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003.

### [Sponsoring Organization](#)

Hon. Alex Penelas, *Mayor*  
*Miami-Dade County*  
Hon. Javier D. Souto, *Commissioner*  
*Board of County Commissioners*  
*Chair, Organizing Committee*  
Mr. J.A. Ojeda, Jr., *Director*

### [Conference Organizers](#)

Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, *Director*  
Cristina A. Rodríguez-Acosta, *Assist. Director*  
Institute for Public Management and  
Community Service  
College of Health and Urban Affairs  
Florida International University

### [Registration and Fees](#)

Mail, fax or e-mail Conference Registration Form **before June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003** to:  
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Miami, FL 33199 – USA  
Phone: (305) 348-1271 Fax: (305) 348-1273  
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US\$220 for non-US public sector and nonprofit organizations (US\$275 on site registration). US\$300 for US public sector and nonprofit and international organizations. US\$500 for private sector organizations. Fee includes two luncheons and two evening receptions.

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