

*“Local Government and Democratic Development: New Approaches for a Changing Hemisphere”*

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**CONFERENCE AGENDA\***

**Monday, June 19**

3:00pm - 6:00 pm Conference Registration at Radisson Biscayne Bay Hotel  
Foyer Area – Ballroom Level

7:30pm - 9:00pm **Welcoming Reception at Radisson Biscayne Bay Hotel**  
Foyer Area – Ballroom Level

**Tuesday, June 20**

7:30am – 12:00pm Registration - Foyer Area – Ballroom Level

9:00am - 9:45am **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**  
Room: Symphony I-II Mr. Allan Rosenbaum, Director, Institute for Public Management & Community Service, Florida International University, USA  
Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, Assistant Director, Institute for Public Management & Community Service, Florida International University, USA  
Hon. Senator Javier Souto, Commissioner, Miami-Dade County

9:45am – 10:30am **Keynote Address**  
Room: Symphony I-II Hon. Adolfo Franco, Assistant Director for Latin America & the Caribbean, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), USA

10:30am - 11:00am Break

11:00am – 12:30pm **Democratic Development: Furthering the Decentralization Process to Strengthen Local Governments**  
Room: Symphony I-II Hon. Enrique Riera Escudero, Mayor, Municipality of Asuncion, Paraguay  
Ms. Marta Oyhanarte, Undersecretary for Institutional Reform and the Strengthening of Democracy, Argentina  
Hon. Marisol MCreia, Mayor, Municipality of San Carlos, Nicaragua

12:30pm - 2:00pm Luncheon at hotel  
Room: Symphony III-IV

2:00pm - 3:30pm **Municipal, National and Private Sector Cooperation: Reducing Inequality, Promoting Development**  
Room: Symphony I-II Hon. Hamilton Green, Mayor, Municipality of Georgetown, Guyana  
Mr. Andy Scott, Manager, Economic Development Team, London Borough of Southwark, England; OECD LEED Program Partner  
Mr. Diego Carrion, Secretary for Territorial Planning, Municipality of Quito, Ecuador

3:30pm - 4:00pm Break

4:00pm – 5:30pm **Local Governance and Decentralization in the International Arena**  
Room: Symphony I-II Hon. David Rivera, State Representative, State of Florida, USA  
Mr. Jose Brakarz, Senior Urban Development Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank  
Mr. Victor J. Flecha, President, COPLANEA, Paraguay

## **Wednesday, June 21**

- 8:00am – 12:00pm Registration - Foyer Area – Ballroom Level
- 8:45am – 9:30am  
Room: Symphony I-II **Plenary: Presentation and Methodology of Workshops**  
**Sponsored by the Inter-American Foundation**  
**Introduction to the Workshops:** Mr. Ramon Daubon, Vice President for Programs, Inter-American Foundation, USA  
**Welcome:** Amb. Larry Palmer, President, Inter-American Foundation, USA
- 9:30am - 12:30pm **Concurrent Workshops:**
- Room: Symphony I-II **1. Workshop I: Citizens as Agents of Change**  
Moderator: Mr. Phil Walsh, Inter-American Foundation, USA  
Mr. Jaime Bolaños Cacho Guzman, Oaxaca Community Foundation, Mexico  
Ms. Juliana Cassilha Andrigueto, Holcim Institute, Brazil  
Hon. Julio Pinto Ruiz, Mayor, Municipality of Paysandú, Uruguay  
Ms. Rosario Gonzalez, Association of Milk Producers, Paysandú, Uruguay
- Room: Concerto “A” **2. Workshop II: Governance of Transnational Communities**  
Moderator: Ms. Juanita Roca, Inter-American Foundation, USA and Ms. Marnie Schilken, Inter-American Foundation, USA  
Mr. Jose Manuel Figueroa Molina, Migrants Organization, Acajutla, El Salvador  
Mr. Ovidio Ortega, Organization of Migrants from Acajutla in Los Angeles, El Salvador  
Mr. Jesus Aguilar, Director, CARECEN International, El Salvador
- Room: Concerto “B” **3. Workshop III: Technology for Development and Democracy**  
Moderator: Ms. Gabriela Boyer, Inter-American Foundation, USA and Ms. Heidi Smith, Inter-American Foundation, USA  
Mr. Yacine Khelladi, Dominican Republic
- Room: Concerto “C” **4. Workshop IV: Deliberation Simulation**  
Moderator: Mr. Ramon Daubon, Vice President for Programs, Inter-American Foundation, USA  
Mr. Gachi Tapia, Democratic Change Foundation, Argentina  
Mr. Santiago Gallichio, Inter-American Network for Democracy, Argentina
- 12:30pm – 2:00pm Luncheon  
Room: Symphony III-IV **Special Presentation:** Mr. Armando Fana, Regional Director, Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD), USA
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm **Concurrent Workshops:**
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- 5:00pm – 5:45pm **Conclusions**

Room: Symphony I-II      **Special Presentation: Hon. John Maisto, US Permanent Representative, Organization of American States (OAS)**

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

**Thursday, June 22**

8:30am - 10:00am      **Presentation of Best Innovative Practices**

Room: Symphony I-II      Moderators: Mr. Victor J. Flecha, President, COPLANEA, Paraguay & Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, Assistant Director, Institute for Public Management & Community Service, Florida International University, USA

“Legislative Information System”, Province of Tierra del Fuego, Argentina

Mr. Roberto Gonzalez Cubillos, Director for Planning & Management, Municipality of Madrid, Colombia – “Regional Development for the Management of the Sobachoque Basin”

Hon. Allan Ramos, Mayor, Municipality of Puerto Cortes, Honduras – “Decentralization of Public Services: Reform Process of Water and Sanitation Services”

Hon. Enzo Cardozo, Governor, Department of Caaguazu, Paraguay – “The International Book Fair: Caaguazu Reads”

Hon. Cesar Dario Gonzalez Arribaplasta, Mayor, Municipality of Lince, Peru – “Alarm Systems for Neighborhood Safety”

10:00am – 10:15am      Break

10:15am – 11:00am      **Special Presentation: Mr. Jan Boyer, US Alternate Executive Director, Inter-American Development Bank – To be Confirmed**

11:00am -12:30pm      Concurrent Panels

Room: Symphony I-II      **Panel I: Strengthening Civil Society, Private Sector and Municipal Government Collaboration**

Mr. Lew Attardo, Statewide Program Manager, Florida Small Business Development Centre, University of West Florida, USA; OECD LEED Program Partner

Mr. Philip Montmorency, London Development Agency, England; OECD LEED Program Partner

Hon. Alberto Perez, Representative, Autonomous City of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Room: Concerto “A”      **Panel II: Effective Communication for Local Governments**

Mr. Javier Maza, Director, Maza & Associates, Peru

Mr. Mario Alberto Rodriguez Aguilar, Government Consultant, Mexico

Ms. Mercedes Bello, President, Institute for Political Communication, USA

Room: Concerto “B”      **Panel III: Municipal Government and Effective Water Management**

Mr. Michael McClain, Director, Global Water for Sustainability Program – Professor, Environmental Studies Department, FIU, USA

Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, Deputy Director, Global Water for Sustainability Program, USA

Mr. Carles Ibañez, Director, Unit for Aquatic Ecosystems, Institute for Research and Technology, Cataluña, Spain

Room: Concerto “C”      **Panel IV: Partnering for Power: Community Based Recycling in Brazil, Colombia and Venezuela**

Moderator: Gabriela Boyer, Inter-American Foundation, USA

Ms. Adriana Mota, Nova Pesquisa e Assessoria em Educaçao, Brazil

Ms. Nohra Padilla, Executive Director, Association of Recycling Cooperatives of Bogota, Colombia

Ms. Beatriz Febres Cordero, Director for Corporate Relations, Papyrus Foundation, Venezuela

12:30pm – 1:00pm      **Closing Session**

Room: Symphony I-II      **Survey Results**

**\*Agenda subject to change**