

*“Building the Competitive Municipality: National, Regional and Local Collaboration
for Economic Development”*

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CONFERENCE AGENDA*

Monday, June 11

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

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

Tuesday, June 12

7:30am – 12:00pm Registration
Foyer Area

9:00am - 9:45am **Welcome and Introductory Remarks**
Symphony I&II Ms. Cristina A. Rodriguez-Acosta, Deputy Director, Institute for Public Management &
Community Service, Florida International University, USA
Mr. Allan Rosenbaum, Director, Institute for Public Management & Community Service,
Florida International University, USA
Hon. Juan Carlos Bermudez, Mayor of City of Doral, Florida, USA
Hon. Bruno Barreiro, Commissioner and Chairman of Miami-Dade County Commission,
Miami-Dade County, USA

9:45am – 10:30am **Keynote Address**
Symphony I&II Hon. Larry Palmer, President, Inter-American Foundation
Former US Ambassador to Honduras

10:30am - 11:00am Break

11:00am – 12:30pm **The Role of Local, Regional and National Governments in the Promotion of Local
Economic Development: the Need for Collaboration**
Symphony I&II Hon. Nicolas Curi Vergara, Mayor of Cartagena de Indias, Colombia
Mr. Sergio Arredondo, Executive Director, National Federation of Municipalities of
Mexico (FENAMM), Mexico
Mr. Jan E. Boyer, United States Alternate Executive Director, Inter-American
Development Bank (IDB)

12:30pm - 2:00pm Luncheon at the hotel – Sponsored by Greenberg Traurig, P.A.
Symphony III&IV **Special Presentation by Hon. Ambler Moss**
Of Counsel, Greenberg Traurig and Professor of International Studies, Univ. of Miami,
Former Ambassador to Panama

2:00pm - 3:30pm Symphony I&II	Creating the Competitive Municipality: The Role of National, Regional and Local Governments Hon. Paco Moncayo Gallegos, Mayor of Quito, Ecuador Hon. Don Slesnick, Mayor of Coral Gables, Florida, USA Mr. Victor Jacinto Flecha, Director, Cooperation & Development (COPLANEA), Paraguay
3:30pm - 3:45pm	Break
3:45pm – 5:00pm Symphony I&II	Decentralization, Competitiveness and Economic Development: Its Interrelation and Importance Dr. Edward Murray, Associate Director, Metropolitan Center, Florida International University, USA Mr. Ramon Daubon, Vice President for External Affairs, Inter-American Foundation, USA Hon. Carlos Miranda, Mayor of Comayagua, Honduras – President of the Honduran Association of Municipalities
5:00pm – 6:00pm Symphony I&II	Special Session for Municipal Council Members

Wednesday, June 13

8:00am – 12:00pm	Registration Foyer Area
9:00am – 9:30am	Presentation and Methodology of Workshops Sponsored by the Inter-American Foundation
9:30am - 12:30pm Symphony I&II	Plenary: Building the Competitive Municipality: Comparisons between the United States and Latin America. Challenges, Key Elements and Contributions to Development Mr. Ramon Daubon, Vice President of External Affairs, Inter-American Foundation, USA Ms. Maria Noel, Manager, Renewal Community, Chattanooga, Tennessee, USA Ms. Renata de Camargo Nascimento, Institutional Foundation for Entrepreneurial Citizenship, Brazil Mr. Otto V. Banks, Under Secretary for Economic Development, US Housing and Urban Department, USA Mr. David Martinez, Special Advisor to the Presidential Commission for Local Development, Guatemala Mr. Mario Andres Meoni, Mayor of Junin, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina
12:30pm – 2:00pm Symphony III&IV	Luncheon at hotel – Sponsored by the Inter-American Foundation Presentation of Survey Results: Mr. Ignacio Irarrazaval, Catholic University, Chile
2:00pm - 5:00pm Symphony I&II Concerto B Concerto C Concerto D	Concurrent Workshops: 1. Workshop I: Political Culture Ms. Gachi Tapia, Democratic Change Foundation, Argentina Mr. Pablo Lummerman, Democratic Change Foundation, Argentina Ms. Eliana Spadone, Democratic Change Foundation, Argentina Ms. Janet Murdok, Partners for Democratic Change, USA
Symphony I&II Concerto B Concerto C Concerto D	2. Workshop II: Municipal Structure and Incentives Mr. Rubens Barbery, Center for Participation and Sustainable Human Development, Bolivia Mr. Carlos Molina, Center for Participation and Sustainable Human Development, Bolivia

Mr. Manuel Sanchez, Caceres Region, Extremadura, Spain

Mr. Vladimir Ameller Terrazas, La Paz, Bolivia

Symphony I&II

Workshops Conclusions and Perspectives – Inter-American Foundation

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Reception at Vizcaya Palace – Transportation provided from Radisson Hotel

Thursday, June 14

9:00am - 10:30am

Symphony I&II

Presentation of Best Innovative Practices

Hon. Fernando Díaz Alvarez , Mayor of the Municipality of Bovril, Argentina

Hon. Eduardo Cerda Lescano, Mayor of the Municipality of Cabildo, Chile

Hon. Luz Myriam Ramirez Cadavid , Mayor of the Municipality of La Celia, Colombia

Hon. Gildardo Santofimio Cardozo, Mayor of the Municipality of Santa Maria, Colombia

Hon. Maria Luisa Lemus de Carranza, Councilmember of the Municipality of Apopa, El Salvador

10:30am – 10:45am

Break

10:45am – 12:00pm

Symphony I&II

Concurrent Panels

Panel I: Recycling for a Better Life: Community Initiatives for Social Wellbeing – Organized by the Inter-American Foundation

Ms. Gabriela Boyer, Inter-American Foundation, USA

Ms. Norah Padilla, Corona Foundation, Colombia

Ms. Adriana Mota, NOVA, Brazil

Mr. Martin Medina, Independent Consultant, USA

Concerto B

Panel II: Municipal Government and Effective Water Management

Ms. Elizabeth Anderson, Deputy Director, GLOWS Project, Florida International University, USA

Mr. Pablo Lloret, Fund for Water Protection, Ecuador

Mr. Carlos Morales, World Wildlife Foundation-Central America

Mr. Michael McClain, Director, GLOWS Project, Florida International University, USA

Concerto C

Panel III: Citizens Controls as an Instrument for Local Competitiveness. The Argentine Case

Ms. Marta Oyhanarte, Undersecretary for Institutional Reform and the Strengthening of Democracy, Minister' Chief of Staff Cabinet, Argentina

Ms. Noemi Pulido, Cooperation Coordinator, Institutional Reform and the Strengthening of Democracy Division, Ministers' Chief of Staff Cabinet, Argentina

Hon. Juan Carlos Bambrilla, Mayor of Crespo, Province of Entre Rios, Argentina

Hon. Mario Meoni, Mayor of Junin, Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Ms. Matilde Grobocopatel, Executive Director, Los Grobbos Foundation, Argentina

Mr. Walter Cueto, Director for Studies on Institutional Innovation for Democratic Governance, National University of Cuyo, Argentina

Concerto D

Panel IV: Strategies for Political Communication and Participation

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

Ms. Suzanne Salick, Team Metro, Miami-Dade County, USA

Hon. Blas Lanzoni, Mayor of Ñemby, Paraguay

Mr. Javier Maza, Consultant, Maza Communications, USA

Mr. Eduardo Achach, President, MegaDirect, Mexico-Argentina

Mr. Mario Rodriguez Aguilar, Creatividad & Marketing, Mexico

12:00pm – 12:30pm

Symphony I&II

Closing Session

***Agenda subject to change**