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# XVIII Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities + Mayors Forum on Climate Change™

*“A New Local Agenda: Democracy, Economic  
Development, and Environmental Sustainability”*

June 18- 21, 2012  
Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel  
Miami, Florida – USA

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**THE GOVERNMENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE XVIII INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF MAYORS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHICH WILL FOCUS UPON "A NEW LOCAL AGENDA: DEMOCRACY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY."**

**The Conference provides an excellent forum for representatives of local, regional and national governments, NGOs, various international and multilateral organizations and all of those interested in local government issues to share experiences; information and best practices; discuss public policy and common goals which can aid in the development of local government and help to promote decentralization in the region.**

**Background:** As the largest gathering of local leaders from throughout the hemisphere to occur each year, the Conference continues to build upon the many successes of the seventeen previous conferences. Efficient local, regional and national governments are of extreme importance for economic development, guaranteeing public service delivery and the strengthening of democracy. Governments cannot be

efficient without solid and transparent intergovernmental relations. Efficient and transparent local governments today, more than ever, must contribute to building more equal and just societies.

**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 academics and interested parties from the private sector, non-governmental organizations and major international and multilateral agencies. Attendees also include representatives of the media and the leadership of major municipal associations. Last year's Conference was attended by more than 550 participants - representing almost every country of the Hemisphere.

### **ABOUT THE CONFERENCE**

**Title: "A New Local Agenda: Democracy, Economic Development and Environmental Sustainability,"** the Eighteenth Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities.

**When: June 18 - 21, 2012** at the Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel Miami, FL. (Opening Reception - evening of June 18, 2012 at the hotel).

**Sponsorship:** Miami-Dade County Government, the World Bank and the Institute for Public Management & Community Service, School of International and Public Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences of Florida International University.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The year 2012 will bring about new challenges to the world economy and our hemisphere will not be unaffected by the complexities involved in job creation, sustainable and equitable economic development, poverty

reduction, strengthening of democracy in terms of participation and rights for all, decentralization of services and resources and the urgent need for sustainable environmental management to help alleviate climate change. All of these challenges require effective leadership from all levels of government in all of the Latin American countries. Extreme cooperation and collaboration between municipal, regional and national leaders is essential in order to solve the economic problems of our hemisphere.

The Conference will evaluate the importance of intergovernmental relations as well as examine issues of strengthening civil society; expanding participation and democracy; reducing poverty and inequality; improving urban infrastructure and natural resource management among other topics. The conference will provide attendees with an unparalleled opportunity for sharing new tools and techniques for addressing the problems facing communities and local governments today.

A number of special plenary sessions are being organized in conjunction with the World Bank during which attendees will have the opportunity to actively participate. Each panel will analyze specific examples from Latin America in order to better understand the difficulties faced by local leaders in establishing operational partnerships for local development.



Climate change is probably the most important challenge that the mayors of Latin America will have. At Rio +20 and before the COP18 (UNFCCC), the XVIII Conference in Miami will address in the "Mayors Forum on Climate Change" the debate on how to develop effective climate policy within each municipality. This challenge demands response, cooperation, trust and public policy decision making to achieve a radical transformation of our economies based on nonrenewable natural resources. The mayors of the Hemisphere have the unique opportunity to lead a new model of global change that will promote clean energy economies with a low-carbon target, and also increase access to financing for infrastructure and sustainability programs for their local governments. These sessions are being organized in cooperation with the GlobalCrisis Foundation.

### **BEST INNOVATIVE PRACTICES**

Continuing an initiative launched in 2004, the XVIII Conference will again recognize some of the most innovative practices implemented in the hemisphere. In a special plenary session, four outstanding best practices, which have been competitively selected, will be presented.

If you believe that your local government has implemented, or is implementing, an innovative practice for the benefit of your community, please submit a brief summary of no more than



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3 pages (double space, font size 12 - more than that will not be considered. No tables, charts or annexes) explaining the type of project, the difficulties and successes of its implementation, as well as clearly stating the benefits to your community. Send by e-mail no later than April 30, 2012 to [lagierc@fiu.edu](mailto:lagierc@fiu.edu). The Organizing Committee will select as winners four best practices. Those selected will be notified in May 2012.

### HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel  
1601 Biscayne Blvd.

Each participant is responsible for his/her own lodging and travel. Single or double room special rate \$129 + 13% taxes. For a hotel reservation, please call the Hilton Downtown Hotel directly at (305) 374-0000 before **June 4**. You may also book online <http://bit.ly/hiltonhotel>

### PRINCIPAL SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

Hon. Carlos Gimenez, *Mayor*  
*Miami-Dade County*

Hon. Javier D. Souto, *Commissioner*  
*Miami-Dade County, Board of County*  
*Commissioners*  
*Chair, Organizing Committee*

### CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

Dr. Allan Rosenbaum, *Director*  
Cristina A. Rodríguez-Acosta, *Deputy Director*  
Institute for Public Management  
and Community Service  
School of International and Public Affairs  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Florida International University

### REGISTRATION AND FEES

Mail, fax or e-mail Conference Registration Form **by June 14, 2012** to:

Institute for Public Management – FIU  
11200 S.W. 8th Street – PCA 270 A  
Miami, FL 33199 – USA  
Phone: (305) 348-1271 Fax: (305) 348-1273  
E-mail: [ipmcs@fiu.edu](mailto:ipmcs@fiu.edu)  
[www.ipmcs.fiu.edu](http://www.ipmcs.fiu.edu)

US\$300 for non-US public sector and nonprofit organizations (\$350 after June 14). US\$400 for US public sector and nonprofit and international organizations. US\$500 for private sector organizations. Fee includes two luncheons, Monday evening welcome reception, conference material and certificate of participation.

For more information, please visit [www.ipmcs.fiu.edu](http://www.ipmcs.fiu.edu)



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**Conference Registration Form** (Please type or print clearly)

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Municipality/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (include area code): \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have a US entry visa? Yes  NO  (please see below)

**Please note that registering for the Conference DOES NOT grant you a US entry visa.** Applicants for visitor visas must show that they qualify under provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Each participant is responsible for obtaining a US entry visa according to the requirements of your local US Consulate. **Neither Florida International University nor Miami-Dade County can sponsor or help you in obtaining a visa.**

If your plans change and you will not be able to attend the Conference, please notify us as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### Conference Registration Fees:

- US\$300 for non-US public sector and nonprofit organizations (after June 14, \$350)
- US\$400 for US public sector and nonprofit and international organizations.
- US\$500 for private sector organizations.

Cash or money order payable in US dollars to: **Florida International University** (Sorry no credit cards or personal checks)

Registration fee includes two luncheons and welcoming reception, certificate, simultaneous translation and organizational costs.

**Please mail, fax or e-mail the Registration Form no later than June 14, 2012 to:**

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Miami, FI 33199  
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#### Hotel Information:

Conference Hotel: Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel,  
1601 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, FL.

Please make your reservation directly with the hotel before **June 4, 2012**. The special rate being offered for Conference participants is US\$129.00 (single or double occupancy) + 13% taxes. **Participants must contact the hotel directly to make arrangements** @ (305) 374-0000. You may also book online at <http://bit.ly/hiltonhotel>

#### Additional Information

American Airlines is the official airline of the Conference. Please contact [ipmcs@fiu.edu](mailto:ipmcs@fiu.edu) for more information.



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