

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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The government of Miami-Dade County and Florida International University invite you to participate in the XXIII Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities which will focus upon

“Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: The Role of Cities and Regions.”



The Conference is an excellent annual forum where representatives of local, regional and national governments, NGOs, various international and multilateral organizations and all of those interested in local government issues gather to share experiences, information and



best practices. The event also discusses public policy and common goals which can aid in the strengthening of local and regional governments, help to promote decentralization in the region, and encourage stronger citizen participation

BACKGROUND

The Conference has been organized for 21 years in Miami and has become one of the largest gatherings of local leaders from throughout the hemisphere. 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. Smart, efficient and transparent local governments today, more than ever, must contribute to the building of more equal and just societies.



PARTICIPANTS

The Conference is annually attended by mayors, commissioners, governors, legislators and other elected representatives, 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 600 participants - representing almost every country of the Hemisphere.



Title

"Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals: The Role of Cities and Regions," the Twenty-third Inter-American Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities.

When

June 12 - 15, 2017 at the Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel Miami, FL. (Opening Reception - evening of June 12 at the hotel).

Sponsorship

Miami-Dade County Government, the World Bank, the Center for Democracy and Good Governance, and the Institute for Public Management & Community Service, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, of Florida International University.



OBJECTIVES

Local and regional governments in Latin America, as well as in other regions of the world, have invested a great deal of effort, resources and dedication over many decades to finally gain recognition that local issues are global issues. Local and regional governments have actively participated and contributed significantly to development issues at the global level, advocating a comprehensive agenda that takes into account citizens' needs and that addresses the problems of inequity, inequality, local development, protection of natural resources, and poverty that affect so many regions of our planet.

The recently adopted United Nations 2030 Agenda recognizes the fundamental role that regions and cities must play in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, and seeks to give them a dominant and privileged role in achieving them. Today more than ever, cities and regions are called to lead the profound changes that are necessary for a more equitable and just world. Challenges such as job creation, constant migration to large cities from rural areas, sustainable economic development, use of technology in management, protection of the environment, poverty reduction, urban development and city planning, service delivery, as well as support for decentralization and citizen participation remain areas where regional and local governments in the hemisphere have valuable experiences that need to be shared and recognized. At the same time, only close collaboration and cooperation among municipal, regional and national leaders will help alleviate the problems still facing our region.



The Conference seeks to offer local and regional authorities the opportunity to exchange experiences and practices that enable them to be key actors in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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, leadership and management sustainability, and use of natural resources among other topics.

The importance of intermediate cities and their growing role in solving these challenges will be addressed in specially dedicated sessions. The Conference will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to share new tools and techniques to address the issues facing communities and local and regional governments for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

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



BEST INNOVATIVE PRACTICES

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

If your local government has implemented, or is implementing, an innovative practice, please send a summary via e-mail no later than April 30, 2017 to lagierc@fiu.edu. The Organizing Committee will select the best practices. Those selected will be notified in May 2017. For more information, requirements and conditions, please visit the conference website www.mayorsconference.com.



HOTEL INFORMATION

Hilton Miami Downtown Hotel
1601 Biscayne Blvd. Miami, FL 33132

Each participant is responsible for his/her own lodging and travel.

Single or double room special rate \$169 + 13% taxes. Book before June 3rd in order to receive the special rate. Please visit the conference's webpage for more details on making your reservation.

PRINCIPAL SPONSORING ORGANIZATION

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Miami-Dade County, Board of County Commissioners
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REGISTRATION

Register online at: www.mayorsconference.com by June 7, 2017.
For more details you may contact us at: (305) 348-1271 Fax: (305)
348-1273 or ipmcs@fiu.edu

If you need a personalized invitation letter, please request it at
the conference's website.

FEES

US\$350 for non-US public sector and nonprofit organizations (\$400
after June 7). US\$450 for US public sector and nonprofit and international organizations.
US\$550 for private sector organizations. Fee includes two luncheons, receptions, conference
material and certificate of participation.

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