



**26<sup>TH</sup>**

# **INTER-AMERICAN**



**CONFERENCE OF MAYORS  
AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

**FEBRUARY 22-23, 2024**

MIAMI, FLORIDA

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**DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA**  
MAYOR  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

February 16, 2024

Honorable Mayors and Local Authorities Officials,

As Mayor of Miami-Dade County, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 26<sup>th</sup> InterAmerican Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities on February 22-23, 2024. We are honored to host this vital event that brings us together to share, learn, and collaborate for the betterment of our communities.

Our County is thrilled to provide a platform for insightful discussions, meaningful connections, and stronger ties between Latin American and the Caribbean region. Our diverse culture and vibrant economy make us the perfect backdrop for conversations on topics ranging from sustainable development, transportation, infrastructure, and economic growth.

We look forward to the exchange of innovative ideas and the opportunity to reinforce our bonds across borders. Your presence here is a step towards a collective future filled with promise and prosperity.

Thank you for joining us in Miami-Dade County. Let's make this conference a milestone for collaboration and progress.

Sincerely,

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Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor, Miami-Dade County



**DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA**  
ALCALDESA  
CONDADO DE MIAMI-DADE

16 de febrero del 2024

Honorables alcaldes, funcionarios y autoridades locales:

Como Alcaldesa del Condado de Miami-Dade, me complace darles la bienvenida a la 26ª Conferencia Interamericana de Alcaldes y Autoridades Locales que se celebrará los días 22 y 23 de febrero del 2024. Nos honra ser los anfitriones de este vital encuentro en el que podremos compartir, aprender y colaborar para contribuir a la mejora de nuestras comunidades.

Estamos encantados de que nuestro Condado sirva como plataforma para conversaciones esclarecedoras, valiosas conexiones y la consolidación de los vínculos entre los países de la región de América Latina y el Caribe. Nuestra diversidad cultural y la vitalidad de nuestra economía nos hacen el marco perfecto para conversaciones sobre diversos temas, como el desarrollo sostenible, el transporte, la infraestructura y el crecimiento económico.

Esperamos con interés el intercambio de ideas innovadoras y la oportunidad de reforzar nuestros lazos más allá de las fronteras. Su presencia aquí representa un paso hacia un futuro colectivo lleno de promesas y prosperidad.

Gracias por asistir a este encuentro con nosotros en el Condado de Miami-Dade. Hagamos de esta conferencia un hito de la colaboración y el progreso.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniella Levine Cava".

Daniella Levine Cava  
Alcaldesa, Condado de Miami-Dade



OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
DISTRICT 1



THE HONORABLE  
*Oliver Gilbert*

February 22, 2024

Dear Esteemed Participants,

Welcome to Miami-Dade County!

As Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners and the International Trade Consortium (ITC), it is my honor to welcome you to the 26th InterAmerican Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities here in our vibrant County!

This conference marks a significant occasion for us to convene, share insights, and collaboratively address the challenges and opportunities that our communities face. Organized by the ITC, Miami-Dade County is proud to host this gathering, which promises to be a fruitful platform for dialogue, exchange of best practices, and fostering partnerships across the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Our County, with its unique blend of cultures, economic vitality, and commitment to innovation, is thrilled to share our experiences and, as importantly, learn from yours. We believe that by coming together, we can build stronger, more resilient communities and create a positive impact that transcends our borders.

We look forward to two days of engaging discussions, meaningful connections, and laying the groundwork for future collaborations. Your presence and participation are key to the success of this conference, and we welcome you to our beautiful County.

Sincerely,

Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
Chairman  
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners &  
International Trade Consortium (ITC)

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JUNTA DE COMISIONADOS DEL CONDADO  
DISTRITO 1



EL HONORABLE

*Oliver Gilbert*

22 de febrero del 2024

Estimados participantes:

¡Bienvenidos al Condado de Miami-Dade!

Como Presidente de la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Miami-Dade y del Consorcio de Comercio Internacional (ITC, sigla en inglés), me honra darles la bienvenida a la 26ª Conferencia Interamericana de Alcaldes y Autoridades Locales, aquí en nuestro dinámico Condado.

Esta conferencia representa una magnífica oportunidad de reunirnos, intercambiar ideas y colaborar para abordar los retos y oportunidades que afrontan nuestras comunidades. El Condado de Miami-Dade se enorgullece de acoger esta reunión organizada por el ITC, que promete ser una plataforma fructífera para el diálogo, el intercambio de mejores prácticas y el fomento de las alianzas en toda la región de América Latina y el Caribe.

Nuestro Condado, con su especial combinación de culturas, vitalidad económica y compromiso con la innovación, está encantado de compartir sus experiencias y, lo que es igual de importante, de aprender de las experiencias de ustedes. Consideramos que al estar unidos podremos construir comunidades más fuertes y resilientes y tener un impacto positivo que trascienda nuestras fronteras.

Esperamos con ansias estos dos días de interesantes discusiones y valiosas conexiones, donde podremos sentar las bases para futuras colaboraciones. Su presencia y su participación son decisivas para el éxito de esta conferencia, por lo que les deseamos una magnífica estancia en nuestro hermoso Condado.

Atentamente,

Oliver G. Gilbert, III  
Presidente  
Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Miami-Dade  
y Consorcio de Comercio Internacional (ITC)

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**KEVIN MARINO CABRERA**  
COMMISSIONER  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

February 14, 2024

Dear Esteemed Participants,

As we eagerly anticipate the InterAmerican Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities scheduled for February 22-23, 2024, in Miami, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to you for confirming your attendance. Your participation underscores the collective commitment to building stronger communities across the Latin American and Caribbean region.

Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium (ITC) is privileged to host this conference. We are preparing to ensure that our time together is both productive and memorable, with a program designed to address the pressing issues of our time. The agenda will explore a wide range of topics crucial to our shared goals of sustainable development, economic growth, and enhancing the quality of life for the people we serve.

Once again, thank you for committing to be part of this significant event. Together, we stand to make a profound impact on the future of our regions and the lives of those we serve.

Sincerely,

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Kevin Marino Cabrera  
Miami-Dade County Commissioner  
Vice Chairman, International Trade Consortium (ITC)



**KEVIN MARINO CABRERA**  
COMMISSIONER  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

14 de febrero del 2024

Estimados participantes:

Mientras esperamos ansiosamente la Conferencia Interamericana de Alcaldes y Autoridades Locales que se celebrará en Miami los días 22 y 23 de febrero del 2024, deseo expresarles mi más sincero agradecimiento por haber confirmado su asistencia. Su participación pone de relieve el compromiso colectivo de construir comunidades más fuertes en toda la región de América Latina y el Caribe.

El Consorcio de Comercio Internacional (ITC, sigla en inglés) del Condado de Miami-Dade tiene el privilegio de ser el anfitrión de esta conferencia. Nos estamos preparando para asegurarnos de que nuestro encuentro sea a la vez productivo y memorable, con un programa diseñado para tratar las cuestiones urgentes de nuestros tiempos. En la agenda abordaremos una amplia gama de temas cruciales en relación con los objetivos que todos compartimos de desarrollo sostenible, crecimiento económico y mejora de la calidad de vida de las personas a las que servimos.

Una vez más, gracias por comprometerse a ser parte de este importante evento. Juntos, podemos dejar una profunda huella en el futuro de nuestras regiones y en las vidas de aquellos a quienes servimos.

Atentamente,

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Kevin Marino Cabrera  
Comisionado del Condado de Miami-Dade  
Vicepresidente del Consorcio de Comercio Internacional (ITC)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

*Dress code: Business*

- 8:00 – 9:30 AM      **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**  
**Venue:** Sheraton Miami Airport Hotel - 3900 NW 21 Street, Miami, FL  
**Phone:** (+1) 305-870-8155
- 9:30 – 10:10 AM      **OPENING CEREMONY**  
*Mistress of Ceremony:*  
**Jacqueline Del Cristo**, Managing Partner, DF Lawyers  
*Speakers:*  
**The Honorable Daniella Levine Cava**, Mayor, Miami-Dade County  
**The Honorable Oliver G. Gilbert, III**, Chairman, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners; and International Trade Consortium  
**Special Recognition to Former Miami-Dade County Commissioner Javier D. Souto**, Founder of the InterAmerican Mayors Conference
- 10:10 – 10:30 AM      **SISTER CITIES AGREEMENT SIGNING CEREMONY**  
**Between Miami-Dade County and Paramaribo, Suriname**
- 10:30 – 10:45 AM      **KEYNOTE SPEECH**  
**Onboarding and Implementing Good Governance in the 21st Century**  
*Speaker:*  
**Dr. Frank Mora**, US Ambassador to the Organization of American States
- 10:45 – 11:00 AM      **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:00 – 12:00 PM      **PANEL DISCUSSION 1: BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**  
*Moderator:*  
**Ilona Vega Jaramillo**, Vice President, International Economic Development, Miami-Dade Beacon Council  
*Speakers:*  
**Alice Ancona**, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, World Trade Center Miami  
**Hernando Gómez**, Representing Miami-Dade Beacon Council  
**Joe Chi**, President, CAMACOL  
**Brittanie Bassant**, President & CEO, Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce  
**Cleyton Laurindo**, President, União das Entidades de Sinop, Brazil
- 12:10 – 12:40 PM      **PANEL DISCUSSION 2: NAVIGATING PERSISTENT CHALLENGES IN MUNICIPAL GOVERNANCE: IMPACTS ON QUALITY OF LIFE**  
*Moderator:*  
**Patricia Gomez**, Interim Chief Resilience Officer, Miami-Dade Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources  
*Speakers:*  
**The Honorable Juan Carlos Bermudez**, Commissioner, District 12, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
**Brenda Betancourt**, President, Calle 8 Inter-American Chamber of Commerce  
**The Honorable Oscar Rodriguez Quinonez**, Mayor, Asuncion, Paraguay
- 12:40 – 2:15 PM      **NETWORKING LUNCH**  
*Hosted by:* **Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium**  
*Keynote Speech:* **Generation of Revenue through Infrastructure**  
*Speaker:*  
**The Honorable Rodney Harris**, Mayor, City of Miami Gardens

2:30 – 3:15 PM **PANEL DISCUSSION 3: URBAN MOBILITY:  
TRANSPORTATION CHALLENGES AND INNOVATIONS  
IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE**

*Moderator:*

**Aileen Bouclé**, AICP, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

*Speakers:*

**The Honorable Esteban Bovo Jr.**, Mayor, City of Hialeah; Chairman, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization

**Carlos Sin**, Director, Program Management & Buildings + Places Line for Colombia, AECOM

**The Honorable Manuel de Jesus Jimenez Ortega**, Mayor, Santo Domingo del Este, Dominican Republic

**Bob Rodriguez**, CEO, NC Digy

3:30 – 4:15 PM **PANEL DISCUSSION 4: DISASTER PREPAREDNESS  
AND PLANNING: EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION AND  
COORDINATION DURING EMERGENCIES**

*Moderator:*

**The Honorable Eric Diaz-Padron**, Mayor, City of West Miami

*Speakers:*

**Pete Gomez**, Director, Department of Emergency Management, Miami-Dade County

**Maria V. Suhr**, Associate Regional Director, Office of Foreign Missions, U.S. Department of State

**Murray “Shawn” Powell**, Chief, Partner Integration Division, US Southern Command

END OF DAY 1

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024

*Dress code: Business*

8:30 – 9:30 AM **REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST**

**Venue:** PortMiami, Terminal J - 1120 Caribbean Way, Miami. FL 33132

**Phone:** 305-347-4800

9:40 – 9:45 AM **DAY 2 – CALL TO ORDER**

*Mistress of Ceremony:*

**Jacqueline Del Cristo**, Managing Partner, DF Lawyers

9:45 – 10:30 AM **PANEL DISCUSSION 1: TOURISM TRENDS – ECO-  
TOURISM AND THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVATION**

*Moderator:*

**Olga Ramudo**, Senior Vice President, Latin America and Florida, Express Travel

*Speakers:*

**Rolando Aedo**, Chief Operating Officer, Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau

**The Honorable Ginger Moxey**, Minister of the Grand Bahama, Bahamas; Caribbean Representative, Sister Cities International

**The Honorable Geanilda Vasquez**, Consul General, Consulate General of the Dominican Republic in Miami

**Dona Regis-Prosper**, Secretary General & CEO, Caribbean Tourism Organization

10:35 – 10:45 AM **CASE STUDY ON PUBLIC – PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP**

*Speaker:*

**The Honorable Max Jhonny Fernandez**, Mayor, Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

- 10:45 – 11:30 AM      **PANEL DISCUSSION 2: INVESTING IN SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE**
- Moderator*  
**Wendy Conforme**, CEO, PortMiami Tunnel
- Speakers:*  
**Richard de Villiers**, Chief of Staff to the Port Director, PortMiami  
**Ralph Cutie**, Director & CEO, Miami-Dade Aviation Department  
**The Honorable Dr. Armando Martínez Manríquez**, Mayor, Altamira, Mexico  
**Dr. Rafael Echevarne**, Director General, Airports Council International - Latin American & the Caribbean  
**Tatiana Gallego-Lizon**, Chief, Housing & Urban Development Division, Inter-American Development Bank  
**Wellington Andrade**, CEO, Mato Grosso Soyabean & Corn Growers Association, Brazil
- 11:30 – 11:45 AM      **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:45 – 12:30 PM      **PANEL DISCUSSION 3: CLIMATE CHANGE – THE RISING HEAT INDEX, NET ZERO INITIATIVES, SHORE POWER**
- Moderator:*  
**Lynette Cardoch, PhD**, Director, Resilience & Adaptation, Moffatt & Nichol
- Speakers:*  
**The Honorable Danielle Cohen Higgins**, Commissioner, District 8, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
**Karina Castillo**, Program Manager, Office of Resilience, Miami-Dade County  
**Becky Hope**, Assistant Director, PortMiami  
**Michele Burger**, Partner, LSN Partners
- 12:30 – 2:30 PM      **LUNCH AND CLOSING CEREMONY/PRESENTATION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITOR CERTIFICATES**
- Hosted by: AECOM*
- Speakers:*  
**The Honorable Danielle Cohen Higgins**, Commissioner, District 8, Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners  
**Gerard Philippeaux**, Commissioners (TBC) Interim Executive Director, Miami-Dade County International Trade Consortium  
**Presentation on Smart Cities** by Jaime Nino, Senior Vice President of Latin America, AECOM

END OF CONFERENCE

# ELECTED OFFICIAL SPEAKERS



THE HONORABLE  
**DANIELLA LEVINE CAVA**

Mayor  
Miami-Dade County



THE HONORABLE  
**OLIVER G. GILBERT, III**

Chairman  
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, and  
International Trade Consortium



THE HONORABLE  
**DANIELLE COHEN HIGGINS**

Commissioner, District 8  
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners



THE HONORABLE  
**JUAN CARLOS BERMUDEZ**

Commissioner, District 12  
Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners



THE HONORABLE  
**ESTEBAN BOVO JR.**

Mayor, City of Hialeah, and  
Chairman, Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization



THE HONORABLE  
**ERIC DIAZ-PADRON**

Mayor  
City of West Miami  
(ITC Board Member)



THE HONORABLE  
**RODNEY HARRIS**

Mayor  
City of Miami Gardens

# SPEAKERS



**THE HONORABLE  
JAVIER D. SOUTO**

Founder of the InterAmerican Mayors Conference  
Former Commissioner for District 10, Miami-Dade  
Board of County Commissioners



**THE HONORABLE  
DR. FRANK MORA**

U.S. Ambassador  
U.S. Mission to the Organization of American States



**ROLANDO AEDO**

Chief Operating Officer  
Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau



**JACQUELINE DEL CRISTO**

Managing Partner  
DF LAWYERS  
(ITC Board Member)



**JOE CHI**

President  
CAMACOL  
(ITC Board Member)



**ALICE ANCONA**

Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer  
World Trade Center Miami



**BRENDA BETANCOURT**

President  
Calle 8 Inter-American Chamber of Commerce  
(ITC Board Member)



**BRITTNIE BASSANT**

President & CEO  
Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce

# SPEAKERS



**ILONA VEGA JARAMILLO**

Vice President  
International Economic Development  
Miami-Dade Beacon Council



**HERNANDO GÓMEZ**

Chairman of the International Advisory Committee  
Miami-Dade Beacon Council



**AILEEN BOUCLÉ, AICP**

Executive Director  
Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization



**PATRICIA GOMEZ**

Interim Chief Resilience Officer  
Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources  
Miami-Dade County



**PETE GOMEZ**

Director  
Department of Emergency Management  
Miami-Dade County



**MARIA V. SUHR**

Associate Regional Director  
Office of Foreign Missions  
U.S. Department of State



**MURRAY "SHAWN" POWELL**

Chief of Partner Integration Division  
U.S. Southern Command



**OLGA RAMUDO**

Senior Vice President  
Express Travel  
(ITC Board Member)

# SPEAKERS



**WENDY CONFORME**

CEO  
PortMiami Tunnel



**HYDI WEBB**

Director & CEO  
PortMiami



**RALPH CUTIE**

Director & CEO  
Miami-Dade Aviation Department



**THE HONORABLE  
GEANILDA VASQUEZ**

Consul General  
Consulate General Dominican Republic in Miami



**GERARD PHILIPPEAUX**

Interim Executive Director  
Office of the International Trade Consortium  
Miami-Dade County



**MICHELE BURGER**

Partner  
LSN Partners  
(ITC Board Member)



**KARINA CASTILLO**

Program Manager  
Office of Resilience  
Miami-Dade County



**BECKY HOPE**

Assistant Director  
PortMiami

# SPEAKERS



**TATIANA GALLEGO-LIZON**

Chief of Housing & Urban Development  
Inter-American Development Bank



**RICHARD DE VILLIERS**

Chief of Staff to the Port Director  
PortMiami



THE HONORABLE  
**JOSE E. GERENA POLANCO**

Mayor  
Florida, Puerto Rico



**DONA REGIS-PROSPER**

Secretary General & CEO  
Caribbean Tourism Organization



THE HONORABLE  
**GINGER MOXEY**

Minister of Grand Bahama, Bahamas, and  
Caribbean Representative of Sister Cities International



THE HONORABLE  
**OSCAR RODRIGUEZ QUINONEZ**

Mayor  
Asuncion, Paraguay



THE HONORABLE  
**MAX JHONNY FERNANDEZ**

Mayor  
Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

# SPEAKERS



THE HONORABLE  
**DR. ARMANDO MARTÍNEZ MANRÍQUEZ**

Mayor  
Altamira, Mexico



**CLEYTON LAURINDO**

President  
União das Entidades de Sinop, Brazil



**CARLOS SIN**

Director  
Program Management & Buildings + Places Line for Colombia  
AECOM



**DR. RAFAEL ECHEVARNE**

Director General  
Airports Council International – Latin America and the  
Caribbean

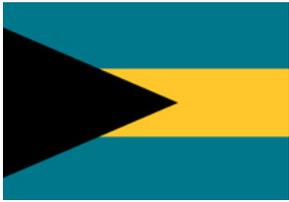


**WELLINGTON ANDRADE**

CEO  
Mato Grosso Soyabean & Corn Growers Association, Brazil

# PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

LISTA DE PAÍSES PARTICIPANTES



BAHAMAS



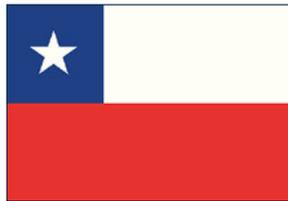
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REPUBLIC



EL SALVADOR



GUATEMALA



HAITI



HONDURAS



MEXICO



PARAGUAY



PERU



PUERTO RICO



SURINAME

# MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AT A GLANCE



Miami-Dade County is the seventh most populous county in the United States, home to a diverse community of nearly 3 million residents from more than 150 countries who communicate in 60 plus languages. As an immigrant-driven community, diversity and inclusion are at Miami's core. Over 60% of the population speak Spanish, solidifying our strong ties with Latin America. The County is the epicenter of the Western Hemisphere. The large Latin presence in Miami also makes us an ideal base for doing business with companies located anywhere from Guatemala and Belize to Argentina and Chile.

## LOCATION

Miami-Dade County's geographic location combined with the language skills and energy of its workforce makes it a perfect fit for a growing global community. Companies from throughout the US, Europe, Asia, and Africa have regional or global headquarters in Miami to penetrate the Americas market. Long known as the Gateway to Latin America, Miami is also a platform for Latin American businesses to enter the U.S. and other markets.

## CONNECTIVITY

The Miami-Dade Aviation Department (MDAD) is an agency of the Miami-Dade County government that manages airports. MDAD operates four general aviation airports and Miami International Airport (MIA), which ranks #1 in international freight and #2 in international passengers among U.S. Airports. MIA is America's busiest airport for international passengers and international freight, offers more flights to Latin America and the Caribbean than any other U.S. airport, and boasts a lineup of over 90 air carriers. Long known as the "Cruise Capital of the World", PortMiami is the preferred departure destination to Latin America, the Caribbean and beyond. As the "Cargo Gateway to the Americas" PortMiami is the closest U.S. deep-water port to the Panama Canal, a natural connecting point for the Caribbean and Latin American markets, as well as Europe and Asia. The County is served by an extensive network of roads and highways that connect major employment hubs with Miami International Airport and PortMiami. Miami-Dade County offers a variety of options for getting around, including one of the most advanced passenger rail systems in the country.

## BUSINESS CLIMATE

With its dynamic business climate, multilingual workforce, low taxes, exceptional quality of life and a local government deeply committed to supporting economic growth Miami-Dade is a natural choice for start-ups, mid-market companies and Fortune 500 leaders. The diverse technology infrastructure and business ecosystem made Miami the only US city to be recognized as a "Global City of the Future for Connectivity" in 2019. Miami is also a major center for Foreign Trade Zones (FTZs), allowing manufacturers overseas to park their merchandise in a duty-free FTZ and ship it to final customers in another country, thus avoiding any U.S. tariffs.

# THINGS TO DO IN MIAMI

The International Trade Consortium partners with the Greater Miami Convention and Visitors Bureau to promote awareness of Miami-Dade County as the premier destination first-class accommodations, world-class dining, culturally diverse attractions, endless shopping and miles of beautiful beaches and endless opportunities for fun outdoor activities.



## NEARBY ENTERTAINMENT

Looking for entertainment near Downtown Miami? Visit [www.miamiandmiamibeach.com](http://www.miamiandmiamibeach.com) nearby restaurants, clubs, performances, spas, and shopping options.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

- Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County
- Bayside
- Brickell City Centre
- Frost Science Museum
- Hard Rock Stadium
- HistoryMiami
- Jungle Island
- Little Haiti Cultural Complex
- Miami Design District
- Miami Art Museum
- Miami Children's Museum
- Midtown Miami Shops
- Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA)
- Perez Art Museum Miami
- Zoo Miami

## VISIT MIAMI BEACH

Miami Beach offers shopping, dining, nightclub and beach-going action year-round. See what's happening by visiting [www.miamibeachfl.gov/visit-miami-beach](http://www.miamibeachfl.gov/visit-miami-beach).

## WHERE DO LOCALS GO

Looking for a little local flavor? Escape, explore and discover the way locals do. Visit historical estates like Vizcaya Museum & Gardens or the Deering Estate at Cutler. Our white, sandy beaches are among the best in the world and our EcoAdventures are unparalleled. Wynwood Market Place and The Caribbean Market Place are a must visit!

## USING PUBLIC TRANSIT

If you are interested in using public transit at any time during your trip, Miami-Dade Transit's reloadable EASY Ticket\* can be purchased at Miami International Airport from the vending machine located in the bus waiting room on the ground level of Central Terminal E (arrivals), and at dozens of other locations throughout Miami-Dade County. Use the Trip Planner or Transit Tracker mobile phone app to get around with ease. Miami-Dade Transit's Visitor Guide has lots of ways to explore Miami using public transit.

# EL CONDADO DE MIAMI-DADE A GRANDES RASGOS



El Condado de Miami-Dade es el séptimo condado más poblado de Estados Unidos y alberga una comunidad diversa casi 3 millones de residentes de más de 150 países que se comunican en más de sesenta idiomas. Como comunidad impulsada por los inmigrantes, la diversidad y la inclusión son esenciales en Miami. Más del 60% de la población habla español, lo que solidifica nuestros fuertes vínculos con América Latina. El Condado es el epicentro del hemisferio occidental. La gran presencia latina en Miami también nos convierte en una base ideal para hacer negocios con empresas situadas en cualquier lugar, desde Guatemala y Belice hasta Argentina y Chile.

## UBICACIÓN

La ubicación geográfica del Condado de Miami-Dade, junto con los conocimientos lingüísticos y la energía de su fuerza laboral, lo convierten en un lugar perfecto para una comunidad global que crece cada vez más. Empresas de todos los Estados Unidos, Europa, Asia y África tienen en Miami sedes regionales o mundiales con el fin de penetrar en el mercado de las Américas. Conocida desde hace tiempo como la puerta de entrada a América Latina, Miami es también una plataforma para que las empresas latinoamericanas entren en los Estados Unidos y en otros mercados.

## CONECTIVIDAD

Tres aeropuertos internacionales cuentan con más de 2,000 vuelos diarios, siendo el Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami el número uno en los Estados Unidos en transporte internacional de carga y transporte internacional de pasajeros. Ofrece más vuelos a América Latina y el Caribe que cualquier otro aeropuerto estadounidense y operan en él más de cien compañías aéreas. PortMiami, conocido desde hace tiempo como la “Capital Mundial de los Cruceros”, es el punto de salida preferido hacia América Latina, el Caribe y más allá. En su calidad de “puerto de carga de las Américas”, PortMiami es en los Estados Unidos el puerto de aguas profundas más cercano al Canal de Panamá, un punto de conexión natural para los mercados del Caribe y América Latina, así como de Europa y Asia. El Condado posee una amplia red de carreteras y autopistas que conectan los principales centros de empleo con el Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami y PortMiami. El Condado de Miami-Dade ofrece una gran variedad de opciones para desplazarse y cuenta con uno de los sistemas de trenes de pasajeros más avanzados del país.

## ENTORNO PARA NEGOCIOS

Con su dinámico entorno de negocios, su fuerza laboral multilingüe, sus bajos impuestos, su excepcional calidad de vida y un gobierno local dedicado de lleno a apoyar el crecimiento económico, Miami-Dade es una opción natural para las nuevas empresas, las empresas intermedias y los líderes de Fortune 500. La diversidad de su infraestructura tecnológica y su ecosistema de negocios han hecho de Miami la única ciudad estadounidense que fue reconocida como “Ciudad Global del Futuro para la Conectividad” en 2019. Miami es también un importante centro de Zonas de Comercio Exterior (FTZ, sigla en inglés), lo que permite a los fabricantes de otros países colocar sus mercancías en una FTZ libre de impuestos y reenviarlas a los clientes finales en otro país, con lo que evitan cualquier arancel estadounidense.

# ACTIVIDADES EN MIAMI

El Consorcio de Comercio Internacional se asocia con la Oficina de Convenciones y Visitantes del Gran Miami para que el Condado de Miami-Dade se dé a conocer como un destino de primer nivel: alojamiento de primera clase, restaurantes de categoría mundial, atracciones culturalmente diversas, infinitas opciones de compras y muchos kilómetros de hermosas playas e innumerables oportunidades para realizar divertidas actividades al aire libre.



## ENTRETENIMIENTO CERCA DE USTED

¿Busca entretenimiento cerca del downtown de Miami? Utilice la guía DWNTWN de la ciudad para buscar restaurantes, clubes, espectáculos, lugares con spa y opciones de compras.

## PUNTOS DE INTERÉS

- Centro Adrienne Arsht para las Artes Escénicas
- Tiendas y restaurantes de Bayside
- Complejo Brickell City Centre
- Museo de Ciencias Frost
- Museo HistoryMiami
- Zoológico Jungle Island
- Distrito de Diseño de Miami (*Miami Design District*)
- Museo de Arte de Miami
- Museo para Niños de Miami
- Tiendas del Midtown de Miami
- Museo de Arte Pérez de Miami
- ZooMiami
- Deering Estate

## CONOZCA TODO SOBRE MIAMI BEACH

Miami Beach ofrece compras, restaurantes, clubes nocturnos y diversión en la playa durante todo el año. Miami Beach 411 es un sitio web comunitario que ofrece consejos, apoyo y las últimas noticias sobre Miami, Florida, y las ciudades cercanas. Esta información gratuita para los visitantes le permite buscar los próximos eventos y encontrar los mejores hoteles y restaurantes. Miami Beach 411 ofrece muchísimos consejos de viaje que le ayudarán a ahorrar y el sitio está organizado de manera que le haga más fácil su planificación para las vacaciones. Conozca lo que está pasando para su próxima visita en <http://miamibeach411.com/index.html>

## DÓNDE VA LA GENTE DE MIAMI

¿Busca un poco de sabor local? Escápese, explore y descubra al estilo de la gente de Miami. Visite propiedades históricas como el Museo y Jardines de Vizcaya o la propiedad Deering Estate en Cutler. Nuestras playas están catalogadas entre las mejores del mundo y nuestras famosas EcoAdventures no tienen comparación.

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# ITC

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM

## ABOUT US

The International Trade Consortium (ITC) promotes Miami-Dade County as a Global Gateway for bilateral trade and enhances access to economic development opportunities for local companies. Established in November 2002, our office is the lead liaison between the County and the Consular Corps of Miami and serves as a one-stop information and referral resource for international affairs and trade.

ITC works with a wide range of partners, including foreign diplomatic and trade offices, bi-national chambers of commerce and county, state and federal government agencies, and economic development agencies, along with the Miami International Airport and PortMiami. We plan the County's official outbound business development missions, support inbound trade missions, and manage the Sister Cities program of Miami-Dade County.

## ITC SERVICES

**International Business Development Missions and Shows:** International outbound missions consist of meeting with high-level government officials and economic development agencies to promote Miami-Dade County's role as a "Global Gateway" and the "Gateway to the Americas" for international trade.

**Inbound Trade Missions:** Foreign inbound trade missions are diplomatic reciprocal visits made by cities visited by Miami-Dade County. The ITC is the one stop center for incoming trade missions looking to do business in Miami-Dade County.

**Calendar of Events:** Listing of events hosted by the ITC and strategic business partners promoting bilateral trade.

**Business Trade Alerts Newsletter:** Miami-Dade County's latest trade alerts, international affairs, and consular corps news.

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY IS A GLOBAL TRADE HUB

- GDP: \$151.9 billion
- Population: 2.8 million residents
- \$11 billion annual budget
- Operates Miami International Airport & PortMiami
- Growing tech + innovation ecosystem
- 4<sup>th</sup> largest Consular Corps in the US
- 73 consulates in South Florida
- 29 binational chambers
- 14 foreign trade offices
- 1400+ multinational corporations in South Florida, 72% in Miami-Dade County

## ITC BOARD MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

The ITC Board of Directors is made up of 14 member organizations from public and private sectors of economic development agencies in the community and 17 directors appointed by the Mayor and County Commission that advise on matters related to Miami-Dade County's international trade.

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## ACERCA DEL ITC

El Consorcio de Comercio Internacional (ITC, sigla en inglés) promueve al Condado de Miami-Dade como puerta de entrada mundial para el comercio bilateral y proporciona a las empresas locales un mayor acceso a las oportunidades de desarrollo económico. Nuestra oficina, que se estableció en noviembre del 2002, es el enlace principal entre el Condado y el Cuerpo Consular de Miami y sirve como coordinadora unificada de información y referencias sobre asuntos mundiales y comercio internacional.

El ITC trabaja con una amplia gama de socios, incluidas las oficinas diplomáticas y comerciales extranjeras, las cámaras de comercio binacionales y los organismos gubernamentales del Condado, estatales y federales, así como las agencias de desarrollo económico, junto con el Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami y PortMiami. Planificamos las misiones oficiales de desarrollo empresarial enviadas por el Condado al exterior, prestamos apoyo a las misiones comerciales visitantes y administramos el Programa de Ciudades Hermanas del Condado de Miami-Dade.

## SERVICIOS DEL ITC

**Misiones y exposiciones internacionales de desarrollo empresarial:** las misiones internacionales enviadas por el Condado consisten en reunirse con funcionarios gubernamentales de alto nivel y agencias de desarrollo económico con el fin de promover el papel del Condado de Miami-Dade como "puerta de entrada mundial" y "Puerta de las Américas" para el comercio internacional.

**Misiones comerciales visitantes:** las misiones comerciales que vienen del extranjero consisten en visitas diplomáticas recíprocas realizadas por las ciudades que han recibido visitas oficiales del Condado de Miami-Dade. El ITC es la entidad coordinadora a la que deben acudir las misiones comerciales visitantes que buscan oportunidades de negocio en el Condado de Miami-Dade.

**Calendario de eventos:** enumeración de eventos organizados por el ITC y sus socios estratégicos de negocio y para promover el comercio bilateral.

**Boletín de alertas comerciales y de negocios:** trae las últimas novedades del Condado de Miami-Dade en cuanto a alertas comerciales y noticias sobre asuntos internacionales y del cuerpo consular.

## EL CONDADO DE MIAMI-DADE ES UN CENTRO MUNDIAL DE COMERCIO

- PIB: \$151,900 millones
- Población: 2.8 millones de habitantes
- Presupuesto anual de \$11,000 millones
- Opera el Aeropuerto Internacional de Miami y PortMiami
- Un ecosistema creciente de tecnología e innovación
- El 4º cuerpo consular más grande de los EE. UU.
- 73 consulados en el sur de la Florida
- 29 cámaras binacionales
- 14 oficinas de comercio exterior
- Más de 1,400 corporaciones multinacionales en el sur de la Florida, 72% de ellas en el Condado de Miami-Dade

## ORGANIZACIONES QUE INTEGRAN LA JUNTA DEL ITC

La Junta de Directores del ITC está compuesta por 14 organizaciones en representación del sector público, el sector privado y agencias de desarrollo económico de la comunidad, y por 17 directores designados por la Alcaldesa y la Comisión del Condado, que ofrecen asesoramiento en cuestiones relacionadas con el comercio internacional del Condado de Miami-Dade.

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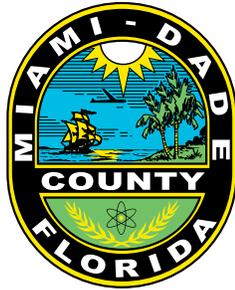


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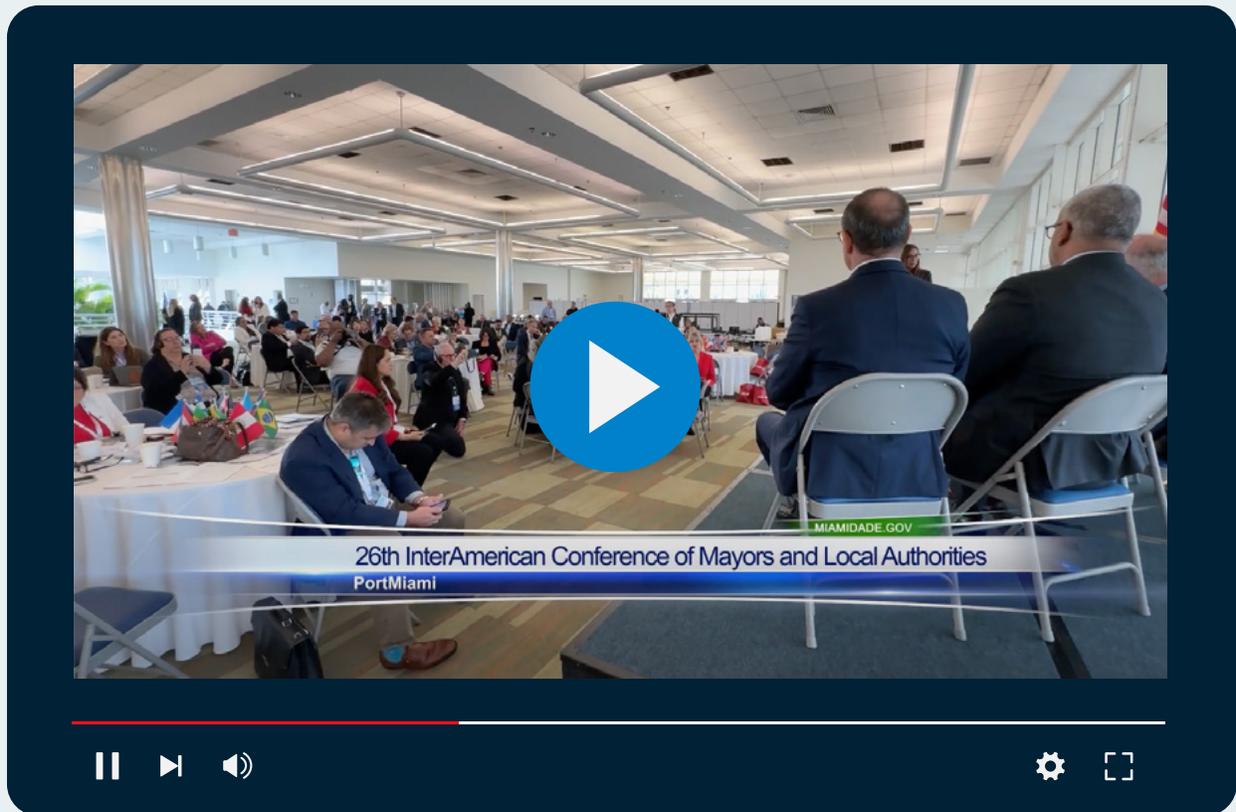


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# SUMMARY

The recently concluded 2024 InterAmerican Conference of Mayors and Local Authorities was a landmark event that brought together city leaders, local authorities, and experts from across the Latin American and Caribbean region in Miami-Dade County.

This annual gathering, known for its emphasis on fostering collaboration and sharing innovative solutions for urban governance, once again proved to be a fruitful platform for dialogue and exchange. During the two days, participants delved into a wide range of topics crucial for the sustainable development of cities and communities.

Over **200 foreign delegates and local community leaders** participated in the 26th edition of the conference. As a result, we welcomed a total of **27 cities** and **16 countries** from Latin American and the Caribbean, including key elected officials of **seven Sisters Cities of Miami-Dade County** — Asuncion, Paraguay; Bahamas; Iquique, Chile; Paramaribo, Suriname; San Jose, Costa Rica; Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia; and St. Kitts & Nevis.

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS

**Diverse Participation:** The conference saw an impressive turnout, with mayors, municipal officials, and industry experts from our County and participating countries engaging in rich discussions. The diversity of participants underscored the conference's role as a critical forum for addressing common challenges faced by cities in the region.

**Focused Panels:** Panel discussions covered pertinent themes such as climate resilience, economic development, smart city technologies, disaster management, and social inclusion. These discussions highlighted best practices and innovative approaches to urban management and governance.

**Networking Opportunities:** The conference facilitated numerous networking opportunities, allowing participants to forge new partnerships and strengthen existing ones. These connections are vital for the cross-border collaboration necessary to tackle the complex issues cities face today.

**Keynote Speeches:** Inspirational keynote speeches from leaders and experts provided valuable insights into successful strategies for urban development. Notably, discussions emphasized the importance of inclusive governance and community engagement in achieving sustainable growth.

The InterAmerican Conference of Mayors concluded on a high note, with participants leaving inspired and equipped with new ideas, partnerships, and strategies to implement in their communities. The event not only facilitated the exchange of invaluable insights but also reinforced the importance of collaboration across borders to enhance urban governance.

## TESTIMONIALS

Participating in the event was an experience that provided us with invaluable learning. Being with you made us better and helped illuminate our projects to build a better city for our friends and family. I sincerely hope that we can be together again in the near future. Here, in Sinop, you have a loyal friend to contribute to building a better and fairer world for everyone. Thanks!

**CLEYTON LAURINDO**

[UNESIN, Sinop, Brazil](#)

Congratulations to you and your team on a successful event.

**MICHELLE BURGER**

[Partner, LSN Partners & ITC Board Member](#)

It was my pleasure to attend, I look forward to future collaboration. Best regards,

**DONA REGIS-PROSPER**

[Secretary General & CEO, Caribbean Tourism Organization, Barbados, W.I.](#)

Applause to the staff of ITC for organizing such a significant opportunity for our community and our hemispheric neighbors!

**LYNARE ROBBINS**

[ITC Board Member](#)

It was truly inspiring to exchange ideas with fellow panelists and engage with leaders from across the Americas. Collaborating on strategies to foster economic development and enhance business prospects was both enlightening and rewarding. Together, we reaffirmed Miami-Dade County's position as a hub for innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaboration.

**BRITNIE BASSANT**

[PRESIDENT & CEO, MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE](#)

# RESUMEN

La recién concluida Conferencia Interamericana de Alcaldes y Autoridades Locales del 2024 fue un evento histórico que reunió en el Condado de Miami-Dade a líderes municipales, autoridades locales y expertos de toda la región de América Latina y el Caribe.

Este encuentro anual, conocido por su énfasis en fomentar la colaboración y compartir soluciones innovadoras en materia de gobernanza urbana, demostró una vez más ser una fructífera plataforma de diálogo e intercambio. Durante los dos días, los participantes debatieron sobre una amplia gama de temas cruciales para el desarrollo sostenible de sus ciudades y comunidades.

Más de **200 delegados extranjeros y líderes comunitarios locales** participaron en la 26ª edición de la conferencia. Como resultado, recibimos a representantes de un total de **27 ciudades y 16 países** de América Latina y el Caribe, incluidos importantes funcionarios electos de **siete Ciudades Hermanas del Condado de Miami-Dade**: Asunción, Paraguay; Bahamas, Iquique, Chile; Paramaribo, Surinam; San José, Costa Rica; Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia; y Saint Kitts y Nevis.

## ASPECTOS DESTACADOS

**Participación diversa:** la conferencia contó con una impresionante asistencia de alcaldes, funcionarios municipales y expertos del sector de nuestro Condado y de los países participantes, que sostuvieron enriquecedores debates. La diversidad de los participantes puso de relieve el papel de la conferencia como foro fundamental para abordar los retos comunes que enfrentan las ciudades de la región.

**Mesas redondas sobre temas específicos:** las mesas redondas trataron temas pertinentes como la resiliencia climática, el desarrollo económico, las tecnologías para ciudades inteligentes, la gestión de catástrofes y la inclusión social. En estos debates se destacaron las mejores prácticas y los enfoques innovadores sobre la gestión y la gobernanza urbanas.

**Oportunidades para establecer contactos:** la conferencia facilitó numerosas oportunidades para establecer contactos, lo que permitió a los participantes forjar nuevas alianzas y fortalecer las ya existentes. Estas conexiones son vitales para la colaboración transfronteriza necesaria a la hora de abordar los complejos problemas que enfrentan las ciudades hoy en día.

**Discursos de fondo:** los inspiradores discursos de líderes y expertos aportaron valiosas ideas sobre estrategias exitosas para el desarrollo urbano. En particular, en los debates se enfatizó la importancia de la gobernanza inclusiva y la participación de la comunidad para lograr un crecimiento sostenible.

La Conferencia Interamericana de Alcaldes concluyó por todo lo alto, pues los participantes recibieron inspiración y se fueron con nuevas ideas, alianzas y estrategias que podrán aplicar en sus comunidades. El evento no solo facilitó el intercambio de valiosas ideas, sino que también reforzó la importancia de la colaboración transfronteriza para mejorar la gobernanza urbana.

## TESTIMONIOS

La participación en el evento fue una experiencia que nos aportó lecciones inestimables. Compartir con ustedes nos hizo mejores y nos ayudó a iluminar nuestros proyectos para construir una ciudad mejor para nuestros amigos y familiares. Espero sinceramente que podamos reencontrarnos en un futuro próximo. Aquí, en Sinop, tienen un amigo fiel para contribuir a la construcción de un mundo mejor y más justo para todos. ¡Muchas gracias!

**CLEYTON LAURINDO**

UNESIN, Sinop, Brazil

Felicitaciones a ustedes y a su equipo por el éxito del evento.

**MICHELLE BURGER**

Socia de LSN Partners y miembro de la Junta del ITC

Ha sido un placer participar, espero poder colaborar en el futuro. Saludos cordiales,

**DONA REGIS-PROSPER**

Secretaria General y Directora General, Organización de Turismo del Caribe, Barbados, W.I.

¡Aplausos para el personal del ITC por organizar este encuentro que ha sido una oportunidad tan importante para nuestra comunidad y nuestros vecinos del hemisferio!

**LYNARE ROBBINS**

Miembro de la Junta del ITC

Fue realmente inspirador intercambiar ideas con otros panelistas y relacionarnos con líderes de todas las Américas. Ha sido esclarecedor y gratificante colaborar en estrategias para fomentar el desarrollo económico y mejorar las perspectivas de negocios. Juntos, hemos reafirmado que el Condado de Miami-Dade es un centro de innovación, espíritu emprendedor y colaboración.

**BRITTNIE BASSANT**

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