

3rd GLOBAL SUMMIT

FOR MAYORS AND LEADER FROM AFRICA
CALI - CARTAGENA COLOMBIA 2013
Linking the African diaspora to social prosperity

September 12th - 16th
Cali, Colombia

September 17th - 18th
Cartagena, Colombia



Subtopics:

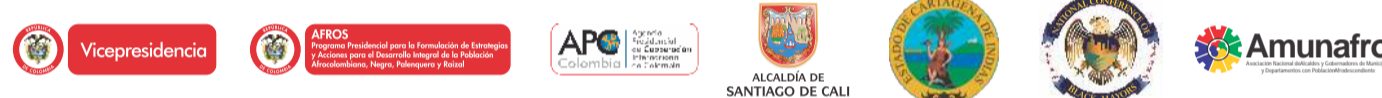
1. Public Policy and Social Inclusion of Africans and people of African descent.
2. Governability and Political Participation of Africans and people of African descent.
3. Economic Development of Africans and people of African descent.
4. Environment and Development of Africans and people of African descent.
5. Cultural, Artistic and Athletic Development of Africans and people of African descent.
6. International Trade.
7. Education and Communication for the Development of Africans and people of African descent.

Throughout the Summit, there will be lectures, panels and workshops. These activities will provide the leaders with an opportunity to raise discussion points and reach specific conclusions.

International networking among mayors will benefit the African Diaspora. They mayors will share experiences, information and knowledge to improve political and leadership practices. They will discuss common goals to strengthen local governments and promote decentralization in the hemisphere.

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Santiago de Cali

Objective: To advance political dialogue and international cooperation for the economic development of Africa and its Diaspora.

Central Theme: Economic Development with Social Inclusion.

Background:

The National Council of Black Mayors of the United States of America (NCBM) promotes global meetings for mayors from Africa and of African descent. The first one took place in Nigeria (4th World Summit of Mayors International Conference, from the 25th of February to the 3rd of March of 2011); the second one in Senegal (World Summit of Mayors of Africa and its Diaspora, from the 15th to the 19th of December of 2011).

In 2011, the Government of Colombia endorsed the initiative of the NCBM to host the Third Summit with the aim of continuing and strengthening relations between leaders of African descent, and to consolidate joint work on themes such as housing, education, health, gender equality, water, agricultural development, economy, tourism, trade, good governance and public confidence in government leaders.

Preparation for the Summit is coordinated with the National Government of the Republic of Colombia through the Vice-presidency and the Presidential Afrocolombian Program; it is supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministries of Culture, Interior and Foreign Trade, the Leadership of the Association of Mayors and Governors of Municipalities and Departments with population of African descent (AMUNAFRO) and the Municipality of Cali.

These world summits promote cooperation between municipalities, in such a way that all develop and achieve a high level of well-being. The aim is to improve the quality of life in rural and urban areas, based on the principle, "think globally and act locally."



Opportunity for all

The Summit seeks to frame a common agenda for the next ten years, contributing to the empowerment of millions of people of African descent, the twinning of cities and the development of commercial, tourism, cultural and business initiatives. It is an opportunity to reaffirm that aside from competing for growth and tourist attraction, cities also know how to cooperate and work collectively in pursuit of the loftiest human goals.

At this summit, leaders will discuss and reflect on global issues affecting the global population of African descent and will address and make recommendations on fundamental solutions that will materialize as collective benefits.



Cartagena

Leaders of the world

More than five hundred (500) local mayors and leaders and from Africa or of African descent will be part of the Summit. Mayors from Africa, the United States, the Caribbean and Latin America will participate in this great event. The president of Brazil Ms. Dilma Rousseff and five African presidents have already announced their willingness to participate.

Bilateral meetings will be set up with mayors from the United States and with the presidents of Associations of Mayors of delegations from Africa, Central America and the Caribbean, in order to strengthen the African Diaspora in the world. We seek to help overcome the social disadvantages which limit people of African descent in Colombia and other countries.

The Summit will serve as a platform to discuss the most current topics. In Nigeria, the meeting focused on leadership strategies to solve development problems. The last summit, in Dakar, Senegal, focused on HIV in urban areas, the prevention strategies and the need to end the stigma and discrimination against people with this disease.

