

CNC Convenes Biennial Conference, June 11-12, in Nation's Capital

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Washington, DC – The Cuban American National Council (CNC) will convene its 17th Biennial National Conference in the Nation's Capital on June 11-12, 2014, at the Mayflower Renaissance Hotel. The theme is "Latinos and the Americas: Engagement and Opportunity." Topics will explore the state of immigration reform, global medical tourism, U.S. policy and trade with the Americas, and the role and impact of women leaders. Register for the conference at www.cnc.org. Follow the conference on Twitter at #CNC2014. The full conference agenda is at <http://bit.ly/1oSRxwz>.

"The topics at this year's CNC conference are timely and relevant to the U.S. and international community," said CNC President Sonia Lopez. "This is a critical time to draw attention to these issues here and abroad."

CNC will acknowledge Individuals with awards of recognition for their leadership, achievements, and contributions to the Hispanic community. Women game changers from corporate America and the international community will give their perspectives about leadership and making a difference. Notable guest speakers and presenters at the conference plenaries include:

Immigration Perspectives: Challenges & Opportunities

Doris Meissner, Senior Fellow and Director, U.S. Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute **Frank Sharry**, Founder and Executive Director of America's Voice **Arturo Vargas**, Executive Director, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund

The Impact of Women Leadership: Game Changers

Gloria Rodriguez, President and CEO, Comunicad

Monica Gil, Senior Vice President and General Manager, Multicultural Growth and Strategy, Nielsen **Grace Lieblein**, Vice President, Global Product Development, Purchasing and Supply Chain, GM **Laura Maristany**, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund

Hispanics Help Shape US Policy and Trade with the Americas

Fernando Peña, International Trade Attorney, U.S. Customs and Border Protection **Arturo Estopiñan**, Chief of Staff, Office of Congresswomen Ileana Ros-Lehtinen **Ambassador Simon Ferro**, Former U.S. Ambassador to Panama, Shareholder, Gunster Yoakley, P.A. **Ambassador Neil Parsan, DVM, MBA, CACM, RFC**, U.S. Ambassador of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago and Mexico, and Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the Organization of American States **Ambassador David Nelson**, Former U.S. Ambassador to Uruguay, Senior Manager, Global Government Affairs & Policy for the Americas, General Electric

Global Medical Tourism: A Hispanic American Perspective

Joxel Garcia, MD, Director, District of Columbia Department of Health **Liana Patricia Padilla Muñoz, MD**, Global Medical Compliance Officer, GMSA Medical, GM **Mario Mendez, MD**, Corporate Global Health Chief Medical Officer, Baptist Health South Florida **Eneida O. Roldan, MD, MPH, MBA**, Associate Dean, International Affairs, Associate Professor, Department of Pathology, Course Director, Professional Strand, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine, Florida International University

The CNC awards are given to individuals who have made a significant contribution in the Hispanic community. CNC award recipients include:

Café con Leche Award: Arturo Estopinan, Chief of Staff, Office of Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen **Lifetime Achievement Award:** Ron Blackburn Moreno, President/CEO, ASPIRA **Public Service Award:** Ana Colomar O'Brien, Chief of Protocol, Organization for the American States **Community Service Award:** Felice Gorordo, CEO, Clear Path Immigration

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Established in 1972, the Cuban American National Council (CNC) is a non-profit organization providing human services to persons in need from all racial and ethnic groups. CNC assists individuals to become self-reliant and builds bridges among America's diverse communities. CNC serves approximately 12,000 people every year with a variety of programs including education, early childhood development, career orientation and work preparation for youth, employment and housing counselling, among others. For more information about CNC visit www.cnc.org.

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