

NORTH AMERICAN MAYORS SUMMIT
Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico
June 6 – 8, 2019

Context

- At the initiative of Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard, an unprecedented **First North American Mayors Summit** will be held, with the aim of promoting city-to-city dialogue while sending a positive message of local collaboration in North America.

Objectives and main messages

- **To consolidate the First Cooperation Network of North American Cities, strengthening and strengthening the cooperation and twinning relationships between the cities of the region.**
- **To contribute, from a city's perspective, to positioning North America as the most competitive and dynamic region in the world.**
- To together find **solutions, best practices, and regional cooperation formulas**, with a community scope on issues such as: **border cooperation, mobility, tourism, urban sustainability, digital governance, citizen security and trade.**
- **To identify USMCA benefits at the local level.**
- **Integration, economic complementarity, mutual respect, shared responsibility, and the development of their respective communities are fundamental values on which cooperation between the cities of Mexico, the United States and Canada are based.**
- **To consolidate the First Cooperation Network of North American Cities, strengthening cooperation and sisterhood relations among the cities of the region.**

Numbers to consider

- At present, and for the first time, **Mexico is the most important trade partner to the United States.** There is no other market to which the United States exports more than Mexico, and conversely, the American marketplace is the main destination of Mexican goods and services. **Mexico and the United States trade over a million dollars every minute, and over 600 billion each year.** This means Mexico's exports to the United States are 3.1 times larger than those of Brazil, Russia, India, and South Africa put together.
- The 3,000+ kilometer long border is crossed each day by **over 1 million people**, and 437 thousand vehicles, through 58 border crossings.
- Our 2-thousand-mile-long border zone is home to a **binational community of more than 14 million people in 10 states.**
- **The North American region has consolidated a paradigm of joint production that is expressed in the integration of global value chains.** Thanks to free trade, **interregional trade increased 258%**, between 1994 and 2018. For example: Mexico, Canada and the US are leaders in automotive supply chains: The three countries together provide approximately 22% of global automotive exports .
- **To 31 US states, Mexico is their first, second or third trade partner.** Mexico is the main destination for exports from California, Arizona y Texas.
- **From a local scope, Mexico and the United States are already presenting themselves as a single region against international markets.** For instance, the Sonora-Arizona Megaregion offers companies the leverage of its shared resources, with a 5.5 million workforce in 1,860 companies building 1,488 vehicles every.
- **Out of around 1,000 sisterhood agreements** signed by Mexico's local governments in the last two decades, **US cities account for 40%, with cooperation on education, culture and the environment.**



- In Mexico, cities have more than 150 cooperation projects involving 736 local, national and international institutions, highlighting that 78% are technical cooperation projects, **with a 35% focus on cooperation with the United States** on urban development, energy, public safety, and the environment.
- **Cooperation between Mexico and Canada has an important local component.** For example, both countries maintain since 1974 a very successful labor mobility formula through the Seasonal Agricultural Worker Program. The number of Mexican laborers traveling to Canada each year has increased steadily to more than 25 thousand in 2017 and 2018, involving the bulk of the Canadian provinces.

Expected attendance 200-250 people

- Mexican Mayors
- US Mayors
- Canada Mayors
- Secretaries of State
- Local Officials
- Academic Experts
- Private Sector Representatives

Mexico's President, Andrés Manuel López Obrador, will participate in the Summit, on June 7, from 13:00 to 15:00 hours

Venue Grand Velas Los Cabos Hotel

- **June 6** Welcoming Cocktail 19:30 hrs.
- **June 7** Working sessions 9:30 a 17:30 hrs.
- **June 8** Working sessions 9:00 a 13:00 hrs.