



## FIRST MANIFESTO OF JOINT COLLABORATION OF THE MAYORS OF NORTH AMERICA TO PROMOTE THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR CITIES AND THE CONSOLIDATION OF A COMPETITIVE AND ECONOMICALLY INTEGRATED NORTH AMERICAN REGION

At the First North American Mayors Summit, held in the city of Los Cabos, Baja California Sur, Mexico, June 6, 7 and 8, 2019, mayors of cities in Mexico, United States, and Canada held discussions and shared knowledge on important matters of mutual interest. Some of the issues addressed included migration, cross-border cooperation, trade and investment, climate change, mobility and urban sustainability, digital government, inclusive cities, citizen security, and tourism.

This First North American Mayors Summit is based on the current context we face:

- More than 80% of the population of North America currently lives in cities. This number is expected to grow even more in the coming years.
- In North America, as in the rest of the world, local governments increasingly play a vital role in meeting the needs of their city's inhabitants. Local government is best positioned to effectively identify and respond to these needs in a timely manner, enacting public policy that has a direct impact on their residents.
- Given that fundamental problems and challenges are identified in cities, the solutions and strategies conceived, discussed, and implemented also represent a logical and advantageous perspective for reflecting on the most pressing issues, such as cooperation, shared development, integration, and interdependence.

Recognizing the importance of the First North American Mayors Summit as an unprecedented opportunity to initiate a dialogue between Mexican, U.S., and Canadian Mayors that will reinforce trilateral cooperation between cities;

Recognizing the potential of this event to activate, strengthen, and sustain a shared vision of the relationships to be developed between the cities of our three nations;

Highlighting that the First North American Mayors Summit has contributed to strengthening, reactivating, and providing a vision of shared benefit, knowledge, and development of the relations between the cities of Mexico, Canada, and the United States;

Highlighting the need to consolidate North America as an economically integrated and efficient region that can face the technological, logistical and productivity challenges, through the implementation of a Free Trade Agreement between our three countries;

We, as the elected leaders of the government closest to the people and responsible for the local implementation of the leading global policies, declare that:



1. The North American Mayors Summit has provided us with an unprecedented opportunity for dialogue and allowed us to identify common problems, solutions, best practices, and cooperation strategies from a city-based perspective on issues such as cross-border economic development, trade, innovation, migration, human rights, public safety, economic integration and complementarity, mobility, and tourism. The mayors of North America share the commitment to continue promoting a bond between the people and the communities of the cities of our three countries.
2. Our cities are committed to continuing the promotion of citizen participation, knowledge exchange, dialogue, cooperation, and relations between all cities of our countries, to foster local development and thus improve the lives of our residents.
3. Our cities affirm their willingness to work together for sustainable urban development and the promotion of inclusive, open, and prosperous societies that advance the well-being of their citizens.
4. We will work closely to support the development of smart, creative, and digital cities that foster civic innovation, thus creating increased exchanges between the communities of our countries.
5. We are committed to actively working together with the international community, to provide local solutions to the world's most pressing problems today. These range from climate change, resilient cities, urban development, and technological innovation, through mobility, human rights and commitment to migrant communities, and youth leadership, sports, and culture.
6. We agree that our cities and countries will be stronger if we face the great economic challenges of the 21st century together. Integration, economic complementarity, mutual respect, shared responsibility, and the development of our respective communities are fundamental values on which cooperation between the cities of North America is based.
7. The cities that participated in the First North American Mayors Summit reaffirm their commitment to free and fair trade as a key driver of economic growth and development. Trade is a cornerstone of North American integration, critical to future competitiveness of the region. We thus oppose the unilateral imposition of tariffs. We therefore commit to promote further economic connections among our residents.
8. We express our willingness to continue working together on a common agenda for local development and to meet periodically in this effort. In the next few months, we will develop the operational structure of the North American Cities Network.
9. We commit ourselves to meet annually, and the Second North American Mayors Summit will be held in the United States in 2020.
10. The mayors of Mexico, the United States, and Canada wish to express our gratitude to the City of Los Cabos, the President of Mexico, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors for their invaluable support in the planning and leadership of the First North American Mayors Summit.

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