



## Ping Pong to Kung Fu: The Power of Sports Diplomacy – Thursday, August 2

- Participants:
  - Elva Adams, Olympic Athlete and Referee; VP Business Development Officer, Wells Fargo Business Banking
  - Suhail Arastu, Part-time Yoga Instructor, Division I Collegiate Gymnast
  - Len Olender, Senior Consultant, Viandengroup
- How can Sister Cities get involved in sports diplomacy?
  - Arastu: Sports are a common denominator among people and can be used by Sister Cities to promote diplomacy
  - Adams: Sister Cities can act as the channels to collaborate on travels and funding for Olympic athletes.
    - She suggests establishing a collaborative training program between Sister Cities
  - Olender: Sister Cities can be used as a theme for sports programs that focus on domestic development, such as those working to get kids off the streets away from trouble and into something productive