



**Sister Cities National Conference**  
Houston, Texas  
July 17-19, 2019

“**Cities Mean Business**” correlates with SCI Mission: to be the Global Resource for International Cities. This conference will:

Help SCI relationships spark **business opportunities**  
Provide practical **networking** and **collaboration** tools  
Integrate Global Citizenship with **NxtGen and Young Professionals**  
**Model success** in Africa, China, Germany, Japan and Mexico  
Attendance Goal: 700

**Wednesday, July 17**

7:30am Registration  
8:00am Africa Summit Begins (offsite, All Day)  
8:00am US-China Mayor’s Summit Begins (All Day)  
6:00pm Global Leaders Circle and VIP Reception  
*Optional City and Attraction Tours Organized by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party*

**Thursday, July 18**

7:30am Registration and Continental Breakfast  
9:15am Opening Flag Ceremony  
11:00am Board Candidates Forum  
12:00pm Lunch

**Tracks Begin**

1) Business and Diplomacy 2) Culture is Business 3) Unique Cities

1:30pm (T1) Online Gaming, (T2) Music Diplomacy, (T3) Port/Coastal Cities  
2:30pm (T4) Diplomacy Through Sports, (T5) The Business of Art (Dance/Folk/Digital),  
(T6) Innovation Through Adversity/Resilience  
3:30pm Annual Board Meeting and Election of Officers  
5:30pm Mayor’s City Welcome Reception (offsite)

**Friday, July 19**

7:30am Registration and Breakfast  
8:00am Diplomatic Briefings (Plenary)  
9:00am Global Awareness Tea Regional Presentations

**Tracks Begin**

1) Sister Cities How-To's 2) Mayors How-To's 3) Partnership How-To's

10:45am (F1) Fast Track – How To, (F2) Women Mean Business, (F3) Fast Track -  
Partnerships  
11:30am Lunch (Keynote: Marie Royce)  
1:00pm (F4) Human Trafficking in MY Town?, (F5) New NLC Partnerships, (F6)  
Partnering with Rotary  
2:00pm (F7) The ABC's of SCI  
2:30pm (F9) US-Mexico Mini Summit (to 5:30pm)  
2:30pm (F10) US-Germany Mini Summit (to 5:30pm)  
3:00pm (F8) Working with Your Consulate  
4:00pm Youth Leadership Summit Final Simulation  
6:00pm Conference Cocktail Reception  
7:00pm Annual Awards Dinner and Gala

**Saturday, July 20**

9:00am Board of Directors Meeting