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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY



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Greetings!

As Mayor of Miami-Dade County and on behalf of our 2.7 million residents, I am happy to welcome you to the 20th Annual AfrICANDO 2018 U.S. - Africa Trade and Investment Symposium.

Miami-Dade County continues to promote trade with Africa, reaching milestones in expanding our partnerships into key markets. In fact, Ethiopian Airlines recently launched two weekly freighter flights between the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa and Miami, creating the first-ever cargo-only route between the African continent and Miami International Airport (MIA). Further, Moroccan national carrier Royal Air Maroc will launch the first-ever Miami-Casablanca route next year, giving MIA its first passenger flights to Africa since the year 2000 and Florida's only nonstop service to the continent.

Miami-Dade County is home to people from over 156 countries who communicate in more than 64 languages. Diversity is one of the hallmarks that define us. This event is a wonderful addition to our multifaceted programming.

If you are visiting, I encourage you to take advantage of our world-class beaches, hotels, restaurants, shopping, attractions, arts and culture, sports and recreation. I wish all of the organizers and attendees much success and an enjoyable experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos A. Gimenez".

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