



# INTER-AMERICAN FORUM

Putting people at the center  
of the global economy

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The Inter-American Forum is a leadership and public policy project dedicated to promoting a dynamic pro-community, pro-equity economic and trade policy agenda at the international, hemispheric and community level. It is a unique “space” designed to ask and answer urgent and fundamental questions like:

- What are the dimensions of trade/economic policy that are simultaneously pro-community and pro-business and that strengthen social equity and democracy?
- What market-based incentives would move such an agenda forward? Non-market incentives?
- How would the trade and economic policy-making landscape be different if the issues of those with the most precarious links to opportunity and society were at the center of the policy agenda?
- How can public and private investors/donors better target their resources to create incentives for prioritizing and implementing pro-equity, pro-community initiatives?
- How can progressive business, government and civic sector leaders practice the kind of transformational leadership necessary to create more prosperity AND equity?

## Mission

To promote a dynamic, pro-community, pro-equity leadership and policy agenda at the international, hemispheric and community level.

## Objectives

- To impact multiple levels of economic policy and influence economic integration
- To develop a critical mass of networks and leaders prepared to identify and initiate strategic action on critical international/community issues
- To be a catalyst for increasing the development, dissemination and use of new/alternative insights, policy options, capacity building tools and knowledge resources.

## Theory of Change

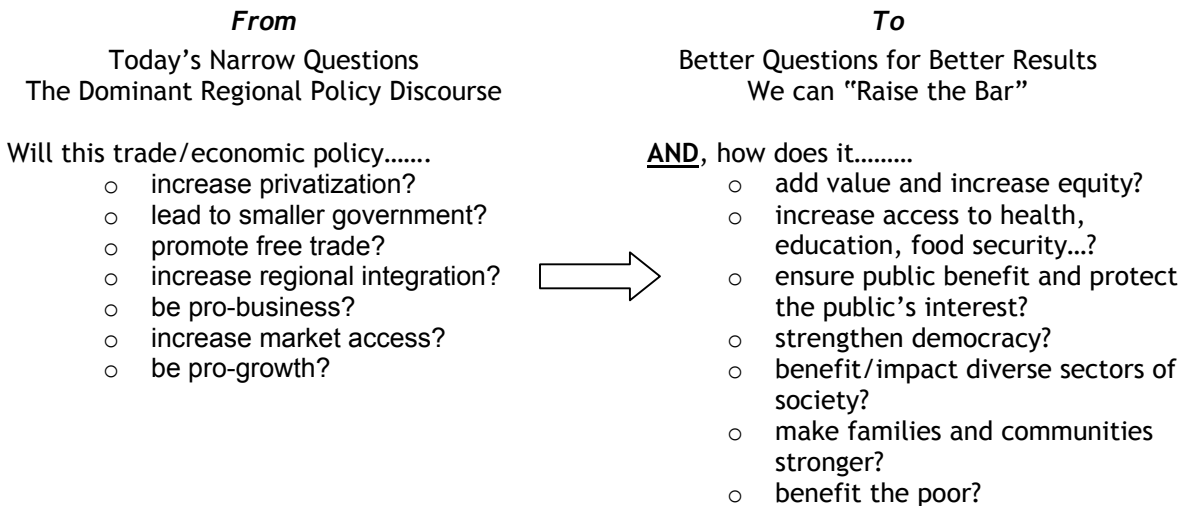
- *Markets and public institutions respond to alternatives, incentives and consequences* - both can work in more ethical and sustainable ways when a) provided with better information about the impact of actions taken and not taken, b) presented with clear alternatives and incentives to change and c) there are adequate accountability, monitoring and reward systems.
- *Pro-equity/pro-community public policy is possible* - when those who influence and/or are impacted by policy are informed by sound analysis of issues, impacts and opportunities.
- *New networks are essential for innovation, change and accountability* - new regional coalitions of citizens, organizations and movements must be engaged in order to ensure accountability in public decision-making.

This work will require a completely different vision of what modern communities and regions can be. It will require new models of leadership and a critical mass of action-oriented “visioneers” who understand both the art of community building and the science of international and regional economic policy formulation and development.



Strengthening the capacity of people and communities to survive and thrive in an inter-connected world requires processes that create rewards and incentives that ensure economic benefit and access to opportunity across socio-economic spectrum.

Moving such a complex and ambitious agenda forward will require new, multi-issue, cross-border, cross-sector networks of people capable of transforming systems and institutions without counterproductive conflict. It also necessitates a fundamental understanding of the differences between efficiency and equity and a fundamental shift in today's narrow policy discourse.



**Strategic Focus**

The Inter-American Forum's strategic focus is the nexus of economic and equity issues. The work will focus on high-potential issues, such as:

- Value-added economic development
- Technology and the "new economy"
- Wealth creation across the socio-economic spectrum
- Leadership and leadership development
- Regional policy development, incentive and accountability systems
- Business and community strategic alliances
- Leadership and globalization
- Growth and development linked to the elimination of poverty
- Pro-community privatization and direct foreign investment protocols
- Expanding access to education, health, food security and opportunity
- Strengthening citizen and civic sector action

**Program Components**

The program components are designed to support and promote proactive leadership, create new networks and generate knowledge tools to support a steady stream of policy innovation and strategic action at the hemispheric and community level. Current and planned program components include:

- Quarterly Leadership Summits & Targeted Leadership Initiatives
- Inter-American Bridge Builder Fellowship Program
- South Florida Project
- Economic Innovations Initiative
- Roundtable on Globalization & Communities
- Global Network on Regional Economic Integration and Social Equity
- Globalizing Civil Society Project
- Leadership and Globalization Workshops



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## **How You Can Support the Inter-American Forum**

- ✓ Refer or introduce us to prospective partners, funders and “kindred spirits” in your network
- ✓ Co-convene/co-sponsor a meeting/roundtable on key issues
- ✓ Share related information on resources, meetings and research with us
- ✓ Offer your thoughts and suggestions for enhancing this project
- ✓ Recommend related work that we can support and promote
- ✓ Suggest individuals to participate in program activities
- ✓ Keep in touch!

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