

## Multicultural Institute Celebrates Diversity of New York City

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**New York, NY** – New York City’s premiere multicultural communications organization will host a timely celebration of the Big Apple’s diversity at a June 9 reception at the Princeton Club of New York. The Institute for Multicultural Communications, Cooperation and Development, Inc. (IFMCCADI) is hosting this timely event to recognize that, more than at any other time, New Yorkers must come together to bridge differences and find common cause.

“Public discourse has coarsened, hate crimes and hate speech have spiked, and antagonisms have been bared,” said IFMCCADI founder Ismael Betancourt. “We must come together in solidarity to celebrate the diversity that made New York City what it is. At the same time we need to use civic engagement to transform communities while building a new cultural democracy for America,” added Betancourt.

Reception attendees will hear brief remarks by leaders from a cross-section of organizations and causes. Scheduled to speak are:

Mehnaz M. Afridi, Ph.D. Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Director of the Holocaust, Genocide and Interfaith Education Center, Manhattan College

Edward Cox, Attorney at Law, Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler, and founder, Student Sponsor Partners, which provides mentoring to inner-city students

Ambassador Nassir Abdulaziz Al-Nasser, United National Alliance of Civilizations

Torian A. Richardson, Chairman of the Board, GlobalMinded, which helps build a diverse talent pipeline of first-generation-to-college students

Rev. Carmen Hernández, President, NYC LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce

John Wang, Founder and President, Asian American Business Development Council

For nearly three decades, IFMCCADI has organized forums, conferences and other events to bridge divides in New York City and elsewhere. In 2004, it gained consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Recently, it:

- Οργανιζεδ α 3–δαψ χονφερενχε ον Πυερτο Ριχαν σελφ–δετερμινατιον ανδ τηε δεβτ χριστισ αλονγ ωιτη τηε θοην θαψ Χολλεγε οφ Χριμιναλ θυστιχε Χεντερ φορ Ιντερνατιοναλ Ηυμαν Ριγητσ (χονφερενχε παπερσ ωιλλ βε ινχλυδεδ α βook);
- Οργανιζεδ αν ιμμιγρατιον ρεφορμ φορυμ ιν Βροοκλψν το ινφορμ παρεντσ, τεαχηερσ ανδ αδμινιστρατορσ αβουτ ρεχεντ ιμμιγρατιον πολιχιεσ ανδ αχτιονσ;
- Λαυνηχεδ τηε Βρονξ Τρανσφορματιον Προφεχτ το γενερατε τρανσφορματιον μοδελσ ανδ αππλψ τηεμ το στηερ χομμυνιτιεσ;
- Ηελδ ρεγυλαρ λεχτυρεσ ανδ πανελσ ον διωερσιτυ, ηυμαν ριγητσ, δεμογραπηιχσ, ινεθυιταβλε ινχαρχερατιον ανδ στηερ ισσυεσ;

- Αππλιεδ το τηε Υνιτεδ Νατιονσ Δεπαρτμεντ οφ Ινφορματιον φορ αχχεσσ το ιμπορταντ ινφορματιον ανδ δεχισιονσ οφ λοχαλ ανδ ιντερνατιοναλ λεαδερσ, εναβλιγγ ιτ το σηαρε ινφορματιον ωιτη τηε χομμυνιτιεσ ωιτη ωηιχη ιτ ωορκσ;
- Αδδρεσσεδ τηε ΥΝ Χομμισσιον ον Δε-χολονιζατιον ωιτη ρεσπεχτ το τηε στατυσ οφ Πυερτο Ριχο.

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