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SECRETARY RAFAEL PACCHIANO ALAMÁN RATIFIES MEXICO'S COMMITMENT AT THE SECOND CLIMATE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

- Mexico's Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT) and the governments of Ontario and Quebec have signed a joint declaration to strengthen regional cooperation on climate change and carbon markets.



Secretary Rafael Pacchiano opened the Second Climate Summit of the Americas in Guadalajara, accompanied by State Governor Aristóteles Sandoval, Ambassador Patricia Espinosa, Executive Secretary for the UN Convention on Climate Change, Project Lead of the Governors Climate & Forests Task Force, William Boyd, and State of Jalisco's Secretary for the Environment and Land Development, Magdalena Ruiz.

The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources reiterated Mexico's commitment to effective and timely implementation of the Paris Agreement in order to prevent an increase in global temperatures above 1.5 °C and stressed that the international community needs to act with a sense of urgency to achieve this objective.

"It gives me great pleasure that representatives of subnational governments are participating at this Summit, because it is at the local level where the best opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions will occur. This means that we need to work in a coordinated fashion to move toward our goal," added Secretary Pacchiano.

Secretary Pacchiano mentioned that to promote a more efficient and sustainable economy in Mexico, the establishment of a price on carbon is being promoted with various international partners. In addition, alliances are being formalized with other jurisdictions to promote greater investment in clean

energies. The Secretary highlighted the cooperation programs with the governments of California, Quebec and Ontario, which share their experiences in carbon markets.

The meeting brought together leaders of national and subnational governments from 15 countries, with the direct participation of 350 international representatives in 12 thematic work sessions on climate legislation, forests, innovation, climate finance and international cooperation, and adaptation and mitigation strategies. It is worth noting that the meeting took place in parallel with the Annual Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force (GCF).

In the context of the summit, Secretary Pacchiano signed a joint declaration with his counterparts from the provinces of Quebec and Ontario, Ministers David Heurtelet and Glen Murray, respectively, aimed at strengthening cooperation on climate change. In this declaration, the signatories expressed interest in enhancing collaboration on the development of joint activities related to carbon markets and increasing cooperation for development, and the deployment of and access to clean technologies.

Secretary Pacchiano also met with the Director and Representative of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Leo Heileman, with whom he discussed collaboration opportunities for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Millennium Development Goals.

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JALISCO AND ONTARIO IN PARTNERSHIP TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

The Government of the Mexican state of Jalisco and the Province of Ontario will be establishing exchanges and understandings on integrated water management, reforestation, social innovation and technology transfer, following the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the Second Climate Summit of the Americas.

"We recognize Ontario's progress as a place that has taken a lead in technology, in advances in agribusiness, especially in collaboration with innovation institutes, with universities that have already welcomed us," stated Jalisco's Governor, Aristóteles Sandoval.

At the signing, Governor Sandoval celebrated the relationship established between Jalisco and Ontario to give priority to a green agenda, and also recognized the progress made on environmental issues by the Canadian province, while Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne expressed her appreciation for the opportunity to work together, which will give the two governments the chance to



collaborate to the benefit of the quality of life of their citizens.

Source: Press—State of Jalisco

HOT AND SPICY FOOD FESTIVAL 2016

The 19th edition of the Hot & Spicy Food Festival at Harbourfront Centre in Toronto opened on August 19. Mexico was a special guest and was represented by the chef Mauricio Espinosa.

The event featured a series of competitions between guest chefs who were scored by an invited audience. Espinosa, who hails from Tuxtla Gutiérrez in the state of Chiapas, participated in the "Southern Barbecue Competition" in the "North Orchard", supported by the cooking team from Santo Pecado Mexican Catering, led by the Mexican sub-chef Paola Solorzano.

The team of Mexican chefs prepared a delicious dish of pork ribs smothered in chili peppers native to the Oaxaca region, most notably the "chilcuacle", an endangered species, prepared with maguey leaves and hoja santa. The ribs were coated in a sweet and sour sauce made with Oaxacan black chili pepper, presented on a corn dough base on a bed of smoked nopales with star anise.



During the show, many of the guests recognized the richness and originality of Mexican cuisine, and especially the versatility of the Mexican chef. Mauricio Espinosa completed his culinary studies at Colegio Euroamerica and several diploma courses at the Culinary Institute of America in San Antonio, Texas, including restaurant and hotel management and avant-garde cuisine.

Paola Solorzano Carillo, a Mexico City native who has lived in Toronto for the past ten years, completed the chef program at George Brown College and obtained a diploma in culinary arts, specializing in clinical nutrition. For the past two years she has been directing Santo Pecado, which is dedicated to promoting authentic Mexican culinary culture in Ontario.

MEXICO PAVILION AT THE INCENTIVE WORKS FAIR



The MexYCan Association of Manitoba Inc. took part in the Folklorama Festival 2016, which was held in August in the city of Winnipeg, Manitoba.

The association set up a pavilion under the banner "Mariachi and Tequila: The Heart of Mexico", located in the Convention Centre, and opened its doors to more than 12,000 spectators who came to admire an extensive program of cultural activities.

Those attending enjoyed performances by the folk ballet group "El Mazatleco", accompanied by the music of Mariachi Continental, both groups originally from Mazatlán in the Mexican state of Sinaloa. Other

performers included Jorge Requena from the group Mariachi Ghost and Ana Karen López.

There was also an exhibition of the works of José Luis Malo and Verónica Jiménez, two artists who had travelled from Zapopan, Jalisco to take part, as well as exhibitions on the tequila preparation process and the origins of mariachi.

Present at the event was the Honorary Consul of Mexico in Manitoba, James Downey.

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A WALKING DREAM OF MEXICO
JULY 28— OCT 16 -THE PORT LANDS, TORONTO-



MEXICO PAVILION AT THE INCENTIVE WORKS FAIR

On Tuesday, August 16, the Incentive Works tourism fair (2016 edition) opened at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre in the city of Toronto.

Consul General Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo and the Director in Canada of the Mexico Tourism Board (MTB), Rodrigo Esponda, opened the Mexico Pavilion, which was set up by the MTB.

Incentive Works is considered the biggest business fair in Canada dedicated to the tourist industry, and in particular, to travel incentives and special events. More than 2,000 travel agents and tour operators from different parts of the world took part in this edition, with more than 700 companies that offer tourist services for the organization of international conferences, business meetings and packages for company personnel.

As in all other recent years, Mexico had a large number of representatives from hotels and associated tourist service providers, including prestigious hotels and meeting service managers from the Mayan Riviera, Los Cabos, Puerto Vallarta and Cancún.



2017 MEXICAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

On behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) invites foreign citizens who are interested in studying for a specialization, master's degree or doctorate, conducting graduate or postdoctoral research, or taking part in an undergraduate or graduate-level academic mobility program, to participate in the 2017 Mexican Government Scholarship Program for International Students.

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