



PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS

Spring 2019 Professional Fellows Congress Fact Sheet

The **Professional Fellows Congress** is the three-day capstone event of the Professional Fellows Program. The Congress is designed to promote: active engagement between Fellows from participating countries; highlight Fellows' professional achievements; support planning around Fellows' follow-on projects; provide opportunities for Fellows to reflect on how their U.S. experiences can translate into actionable projects in their home communities and workplaces; and offer Fellows exposure to speakers and workshops that further professional competencies.

When: The Spring 2019 Professional Fellows Congress will commence on Tuesday, May 28 and run through Thursday, May 30, 2019.

Where: The Professional Fellows Congress will take place at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, DC. The hotel is located at 1001 16th Street NW, conveniently located near restaurants, shops and the White House. The hotel is easily accessible to three different Metro Stations: Farragut North (Red Line), Farragut West (Blue & Orange Lines), and McPherson Square (Blue & Orange Lines).

Who: Approximately 280 Fellows from 60 different countries will be participating in the Spring 2019 Professional Fellows Congress. The Fellows are emerging leaders in the fields of civic engagement, economic empowerment, environmental sustainability, and governance and society. U.S. private and public sector leaders and representatives of 15 U.S. Professional Fellows Program implementing partners will be also be participating in the Congress.

After participation in the Professional Fellows Congress, Fellows responded that...

- 91% felt skills and knowledge gained at Congress would be useful in application of their follow-on projects
- 93% were able to network with new contacts with similar professional interests
- 83% established relationships with peer coaches they are likely to keep in touch with
- 95% felt skills gained through workshops at the Congress would be helpful in professional careers

What to expect: The Spring 2019 Professional Fellows Congress will feature sessions on key thematic interests, leadership development, and alumni engagement initiatives. There will also be opportunities to network with Professional Fellows Program Alumni Impact Award

recipients and U.S. Department of State representatives. Fellows are encouraged to follow the 2019 Professional Fellows Congress app for Congress-related updates and announcements!

The Professional Fellows Program is a professional exchange program funded by the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs](#) and managed by ECA's Office of Citizen Exchanges. Every year, approximately 50,000 foreign and American participants take part in a wide range of exchange programs funded by ECA.

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