



## **Bodega and Small Business Innovation Summit**

**Innovation • Technology • Leadership • Community**

Thursday, June 4, 2026

City Island, The Bronx, New York

# OFFICIAL PROGRAM AGENDA

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

## **REGISTRATION & NETWORKING**

- Guest Registration
- Welcome Reception
- Networking Session
- Business Introductions
- Sponsor & Exhibitor Visits

**5:00 PM – 5:05 PM**

## **OPENING REMARKS**

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

**FRANCISCO MARTE JR.**

**5:05 PM – 5:10 PM**

## **WELCOME ADDRESS**

**FRANCISCO MARTE**

President, Bodega & Small Business Group (BSBG)

**5:10 PM – 5:15 PM**

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Presented by: **FRANCISCO MARTE**

Special Guest: **KENNY MINAYA**

NYC Small Business Commissioner

**5:15 PM – 5:20 PM**

## **INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS**

Presented by: **FRANCISCO MARTE**

**5:20 PM – 5:25 PM**

## **PUBLIC SAFETY & GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION**

Presented by: **CARLOS COLLADO**

Fred Kreizman

Lieutenant Kelly Minaya

Captain Papa Vlasopulo

Vanessa L. Gibson – Bronx Borough President

Shanae Williams – Westchester County Legislator Representing Yonkers

**5:25 PM – 5:35 PM**

## **SPECIAL GUEST ADDRESS**

Presented by: **FRANCISCO MARTE JR.**

**THE HONORABLE MIKE SPANO**

Mayor of Yonkers

**5:35 PM – 5:40 PM**

## **DOMINICAN CONSULATE REPRESENTATIVE**

Presented by: **CARLOS COLLADO**

Representing the Consulate General of the Dominican Republic in New York

**DR. JESÚS VÁSQUEZ**

Remarks Delivered By:

**AMAURY GERMÁN REYES CAPELLÁN**

Vice Consul

Consulate General of the Dominican Republic in New York

**5:40 PM – 5:45 PM**

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Presented by: **CARLOS COLLADO**

**COUNCIL MEMBER PIERINA SÁNCHEZ**

District 14

**5:45 PM – 5:50 PM**

## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Presented by: **FRANCISCO MARTE JR.**  
**COUNCIL MEMBER OSWALD FELIZ**  
District 15

**5:50 PM – 6:00 PM**

### **TRANSITION TO INNOVATION PANELS**

Presented by: **CARLOS COLLADO**  
Introduction of: **OZZIE CORTES**  
Moderator – Innovation & Technology Panels

**6:00 PM – 6:30 PM**

### **PANEL I – THE FUTURE OF SMALL BUSINESS & AI**

Moderator: **OZZIE CORTES**  
Riya Goel • Milbert Bentham • Samira Okudo • Thomas Ortega • Steven Yavnosky

**6:30 PM – 7:00 PM**

### **PANEL II – INNOVATION, TECHNOLOGY & BUSINESS GROWTH**

Moderator: **OZZIE CORTES**  
Eduardo Velasco • Andrés Ureña • Charles Barnett • Arabel Alva • Jean Michel Lif

**7:00 PM – 7:10 PM**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Moderator: **OZZIE CORTES**  
Recognition of Panelists, Sponsors and Partners

**7:10 PM – 7:20 PM**

### **CLOSING REMARKS**

**FRANCISCO MARTE**  
President, Bodega & Small Business Group (BSBG)

**7:20 PM – 8:00 PM**

### **EXECUTIVE NETWORKING SESSION**

- Business Connections
- Partnership Opportunities
- Investor & Entrepreneur Networking

### **EVENT ADJOURNMENT**

**Together We Innovate. Together We Grow.**