

JAIME PUMAREJO

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- Executive Director of Breathe Cities, a global initiative of the Clean Air Fund, Bloomberg Philanthropies, and C40

Jaime Pumarejo Heins, recipient of the 2023 Inter-American Dialogue Leadership for the Americas Award is a distinguished leader celebrated for his transformative impact on Barranquilla, Colombia. Pumarejo served as minister of Housing, Territories, and Urban Development for Colombia during the Juan Manuel Santos administration. Mayor of Barranquilla from 2020 to 2023, he earned national recognition for steering the city through the COVID crisis and establishing it as a model for sustainable and inclusive urban development. This led him to be chosen as one of the OECD´s Champions Mayor's for Inclusive Growth, while also receiving WRI´s Ross Center Prize for Cities and the OAS Award on Innovation in Effective Public Management. Part of his legacy is to turn Barranquilla into the first city in the region with 100% bilingual public education in partnership with the British Council, a model now being replicated across Colombia.

Some of Pumarejo's achievements include reclaiming a degraded and forgotten mangrove forest, re-greening the city, implementing solar and wind powered infrastructure and fostering international collaborations for ambitious projects. He was honored as the Best Mayor in Colombia for the 2020-2023 period by the NGO Colombia Líder, and finished his term with the highest approval rating among Colombia's main capital cities. As a co-founder of the BiodiverCities network of Latin America and the Caribbean, Pumarejo has demonstrated his commitment to regional environmental conservation and sustainable urban planning, earning him the 2024 Award for Urban Leadership from the University of Pennsylvania Institute for Urban Research.

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He has an international executive MBA from IE Business School in Madrid, and a bachelor's of science in management & management of information systems from Purdue University.

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Mayor Pumarejo tailors each presentation to the needs of his audience and is not limited to the topics listed below. Please ask us about any subject that interests you:

- Leadership
- Sustainable development
- Effective Transformation
- How to unite people around shared dreams
- How to build collective trust
- Migration issues / Tackling the migration crisis
- International cooperation and financing
- Inclusive development
- Crisis management
- Local leadership and the role of cities
- Urban sustainability and urban ecosystems

CONDICIONES

- **Travels from:** Barranquilla, Colombia
- **Fee Range:** Please Inquire
