



**Dear Municipal Leaders and Advocates of Strong Civic Coexistence,**

It is our great pleasure to invite you to save the date and participate in the **11th Innovation Summit for Local Governments and the Private Sector**. This event is scheduled to take place from **August 23 to 25 in San Juan, Puerto Rico**, in celebration of its 11th anniversary.

This international gathering represents a high-level platform aimed at strengthening institutional capacities, promoting territorial innovation, and advancing sustainable economic development models through the exchange of experiences, knowledge, and best practices among local governments, the private sector, academia, and international organizations.

The 2026 edition holds particular significance, as it will be the last time the Summit is held in Puerto Rico before beginning a new phase of international expansion. The Summit will continue in the Dominican Republic in 2027, Colombia in 2028, and Panama in 2029, as part of a broader regional expansion strategy.

We are honored to announce that, for the 2026 edition of *Experiencia Puerto Rico*, we will have the participation of the **United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)** as a strategic partner in the development of the program content. This collaboration significantly elevates the level of the event by incorporating a global perspective aligned with international best practices in local government innovation. The participation of UN DESA ensures a high-level focus on key topics such as digital transformation, sustainability, effective governance, and economic development, positioning Puerto Rico as a strategic hub for municipal dialogue and action in Latin America and the Caribbean.



Likewise, as in previous years, the event will include the participation of various regional and international organizations, including the **Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities, and Municipalist Associations (FLACMA)**, the **Confederation of Municipal Associations of Central America and the Caribbean (CAMCAYCA)**, and U.S.-based organizations such as the **National League of Cities (NLC) – US Mayoral Round Table** and the **National Latino Evangelical Coalition (NaLEC)**, among others. We also expect participation from private sector organizations such as the **Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce (CCPR)**.

The main host hotel for the event will be the **Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel & Casino**, located in the San Juan Convention District. Through the following link, you can make your reservation for your stay: <https://app.marriott.com/reslink?id=1774987767187&key=GRP&app=resvlink>. Additional participating hotels will be announced at the end of April. As in previous years, the event will be supported by the Municipality of San Juan, with Mayor **Miguel Romero Lugo** serving as host, reaffirming the city's commitment to hosting high-impact events.

The academic and technical agenda will address strategic pillars such as the knowledge economy, digital transformation of the productive sector, entrepreneurship and business innovation, technology transfer, attraction of investment in innovative sectors, the creative and cultural economy, green economy and sustainability, as well as smart, sports, and experiential tourism— all with a focus on the formulation of high-impact public policies and territorial strategies.

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It will be an honor to have your distinguished presence at this international gathering, conceived as a platform for strategic dialogue, cooperation, and the development of innovative solutions in service of our communities.

At the end of April, we will be sharing more detailed information about the official program and all the activities that will be part of this experience. The full itinerary, participating venues, and all planned initiatives designed to provide a unique experience will be announced soon.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact us via WhatsApp at the following numbers: **Jan Rosado** at 787-415-1912 or **Mickey Espada** at 787-238-8312. You may also reach us via email at: [experienciapuertorico@gmail.com](mailto:experienciapuertorico@gmail.com).

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