



EXPERIENCE PUERTO RICO 2026

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Preliminary Program





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GOVERNANCE
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SUMMIT 2025

E-PUERTO RICO

Sunday, August 23rd

@Muelle Panamericano, San Juan PR

Moderators

Liza García – Executive Director, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce

Ferdinand Pérez – Producer and host, Jugando Pelota Dura

6:00 pm - 7:40 pm | Welcome and Official Opening Ceremony

- **Welcome Remarks by the Mayor of San Juan**
- **Hon. Miguel Romero**
- **Hon. Jorge González Otero**, Mayor of Jayuya and President of the Puerto Rico Mayors Association
- **Hon. Gabriel Hernández**, Mayor of Camuy and President of the Puerto Rico Federation of Mayors
- **Kevin Kramer**, President of the National League of Cities (NLC)
- **Mike Land**, President of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- **Campo Elías Ramírez**, President of the Confederation of National Associations of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean (CAMCAYCA)
- **Cristian Zamora**, President of the Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities, and Associations of Local Governments (FLACMA)
- **Introduction of National Presidents of Local Government Associations**
- **Special Guests**

7:40 pm - 8:00 pm | Keynote Address

Governance in Today's World: Challenges for Effective Leadership.

- **Antonio Solá**, President, Leading with Common Sense Foundation

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm | Cultural, Gastronomic, and Musical Event.

Hosted by:

- **Municipality of San Juan**
- **San Juan Cruise Port**



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Monday, August 24th

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Liza García – Executive Director, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce

Ferdinand Pérez – Producer and host, Jugando Pelota Dura

8:00 am - 9:00 am | Breakfast

Presented by: (TBC)

9:00 am - 10:00 am | Panel Discussion

Countries Rise Through Their Municipalities

- National League of Cities (NLC)
- International City/County Management Association (ICMA)
- Confederation of National Associations of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean (CAMCAYCA)
- Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Local Government Associations (FLACMA)
- Moderator (TBC)

10:00 am - 11:30 pm | Governance in Local Governments

(The Implementation of Innovation Strategies and Sustainable Development Practices) Presented by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

- **Cristina Rodríguez-Acosta**, Interregional Advisor in Governance and Public Administration, DPIDG/UN DESA
- **Rita Grandinetti**, Director of PoliLabUNR
- **Patricio Lloret Cordero**, Director of Projects and Innovation, CLAD, Former Deputy Secretary of Open Government – Presidency of the Republic of Ecuador
- **Moderator (TBC)**

Section 1: Innovation and Digital Transformation for Public Service Delivery:

- Use of the Digital Government Self-Assessment Tool to identify entry points and opportunities for policy change.

Group Activity: Conducting a Situational Analysis: Assessment of Innovation and Digital Government Capabilities, with emphasis on individual capacities, organizational structures for coordination, governance from the national to the local level, and partnerships.



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11:30 am - 12:00 pm | Panel Discussion

Innovation and Technology

- Mayoral Round Table (TBC)

12:05 pm - 1:00 pm | Keynote Conference

Best Practices in Smart City Innovation

- México,
- Colombia,
- Argentina,
- Puerto Rico

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | Lunch

Communicating Your Brand to the World (Cutting-Edge Initiatives)

Presented by:

- Discover Puerto Rico
- Moderator (TBC)

International EXP PR 2026 Awards and Recognition Ceremony

2:00 pm - 2:40 pm | Panel Discussion

Tourism as a Tool for Economic Development

Presented by:

- Puerto Rico Tourism Company
- Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce
- Moderator (TBC)

2:40 pm - 3:00 pm | Panel Discussion

Best Practices in Private Sector Innovation

- Panelist (TBC)
- Panelist (TBC)
- Moderator (TBC)



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3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Governance in Local Governments

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- **Moderator (TBC)**

Section 2: Identification of Priorities and New Approaches for Inclusive Service Delivery, with a focus on:

- Innovation Labs and Digital Transformation at the Local Level
- Promotion of Digital Skills and Mindset Change
- Strengthening Institutional Coordination for Effective Public Service Delivery

4:30 pm – 4:45 pm | Networking & Coffee Break.

4:45 pm – 5:15 pm | Keynote Conference

Local Governments from the Legislator's Perspective

- TBC
- Moderator (TBC)

5:15 pm – 6:00 pm | Special Guest Remarks

Government of Puerto Rico and International Guest

- **Rosachely Rivera Santana**, Secretary of State of Puerto Rico
- **Hon. Verónica Magario**, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires (TBC)
- **Enrique Vargas del Villar**, Senator of the Republic representing the State of Mexico (TBC)

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | Cultural, Gastronomic, and Musical Activity

@Convention Center Terrace

Presented by:

- Puerto Rico Convention District (TBC)
- MCS (TBC)
- Moderator (TBC)



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Tuesday, August 25th

Moderators

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Ferdinand Pérez – Producer and host, Jugando Pelota Dura

8:00 am - 9:00 am | Breakfast @Coca Cola Music Hall

Presented by:

- (TBC)
- Moderator (TBC)

9:00 am - 11:00 am | Guided Excursions

@Sheraton Puerto Rico Resort & Casino Convention Center

(Previously Reserved for International Guests and Companions)

9:00 am - 11:00 am | Governance in Local Governments

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@Coca Cola Music Hall

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Session 3 – Development of a Roadmap and Action Plan for Innovation and Digital Government Transformation aimed at achieving the Sustainable Economic Development Goals at the local level

Group Activity: Creation of a Roadmap for Transformational Change and New Mindsets

11:00 am - 11:30 am | Awards and Certificate Presentation

@Coca Cola Music Hall

- **Moderator (TBC)**

11:00 am - 1:00 pm | Concurrent Meetings (By Invitation Only)

@Sheraton Puerto Rico Resort & Casino Convention Center

- **Hon. Jorge González Otero**, Mayor of Jayuya and President of the **Puerto Rico Mayors Association**
- **Hon. Gabriel Hernandez**, Mayor of Camuy and President of the **Federation of Mayors of Puerto Rico**
- **Campo Elías Ramírez**, Mayor of Girón, Santander (Colombia), Vice President of the Federación Colombiana de Municipios and regional leader linked to the **Confederación de Asociaciones Nacionales de Municipios de Centroamérica y el Caribe (CAMCAYCA)**.