



EXPERIENCE PUERTO RICO 2026

AUGUST 23-25 • SAN JUAN

PROGRAM



**VOY TURIS
TEANDO**



Sunday, August 23

Moderators



Liza García
Executive Director, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce



Ferdinand Pérez
Producer and Host, Jugando Pelota Dura



6:00 pm - 7:45 pm @Muelle Panamericano, San Juan PR

Welcome and Opening Ceremony



Hon. Miguel A. Romero Lugo
Mayor of San Juan
Capital City



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, National League of Cities (NLC)



Andy Pederson
Village Manager, Village of Bayside, Wisconsin, and President-Elect of the Executive Board of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA)



Alejo Umpiérrez Cabrera
Executive president Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations of Local Governments (FLACMA) and Mayor of Rocha, Uruguay



Campo Elías Ramírez
President of the Confederation of National Associations of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean (CAMCAYCA)



Pedro Richardson
Executive Director of the Dominican Federation of Municipal Districts and President of the Ibero-American Confederation of Green Municipalities



George Burciaga
Managing Partner, The U.S. Mayoral Roundtable



José Julio "Che" Aparicio
President, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce

Presidents of National Local Government Associations



Gualberto "Wally" Nuñez
Mayor of San Pedro Town, Ambergris Caye, Belize, and Secretary of the Belize Mayors' Association



Gabriela Jiménez
President of the Board of Directors of the National Union of Local Governments of Costa Rica (UNCL) and Mayor of San Ramón.



Sebastián Siero
President of the National Association of Municipal Mayors (ANAM) of Guatemala and Mayor of Santa Catarina Pinula



Juan Carlos Molina
President of the Association of Municipalities of Honduras (AMHON) and Mayor of Olanchito, Yoro



Miguel Batista
Current President of the Association of Mayors of Panama (ADALPA) and Mayor of the District of Pedasí.



Víctor Julián Sánchez Acosta
President of the Colombian Federation of Municipalities (FCM) and Mayor of Soacha, Cundinamarca



Noel Bernal
Deputy City Manager of Abilene, Texas, and Chair of the International Committee of the Local Government Hispanic Network (LGHN).



Víctor D'Aza
President of the Liga Municipal Dominicana



Lionsito José Sencilie
Mayor of the Municipality of Don Juan and President of the Federation of Municipal Districts (FEDODIM)



Nelson Núñez
Mayor of the Municipality of Santa Bárbara de Samaná and President of the Dominican Federation of Municipalities (FEDOMU)



Yissell Santana
President of the Dominican Union of Women Municipalists (UNMUNDO)



Elías Reynoso
President of the Dominican Association of Council Members (ASODORE)



Manuel De Regla Tejeda
Dominican Association of Council Members (ADOVA)

Sunday, August 23

🕒 7:45 pm - 8:00 pm @Muelle Panamericano, San Juan PR

Keynote Address

Governance in the Present Day: Challenges to Effective Leadership



Patricio Lloret Cordero, Esq

Director of Projects and Innovation, CLAD, and
Former Undersecretary of Open Government,
Presidency of the Republic of Ecuador

🕒 8:00 pm - 8:20 pm @Muelle Panamericano, San Juan PR

Experiencia Puerto Rico 2026 Awards Ceremony

🕒 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm @Muelle Panamericano, San Juan PR

Cultural, Culinary & Musical Experience

Presented by:



Lcdo. Norberto Negrón Díaz

Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Ports
Authority



**AUTORIDAD DE LOS
PUERTOS**

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Clarivette Díaz

Regional Director for Latin America
General Manager, San Juan Cruise Ports



Monday, August 24

Moderators



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Executive Director, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce



Ferdinand Pérez
Producer and Host, Jugando Pelota Dura

🕒 8:00 am - 9:00 am @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Breakfast

🕒 8:20 am - 8:40 am

Discussion Forum

Artificial Intelligence in Local Governments



Luis Fernando Rivera Alameda
CEO, Anexo Puerto Rico Rico

🕒 8:40 am - 8:55 am

Discussion Forum

Artificial Intelligence in Local Governments



Eng. Eduardo Arroyo
Grupo Masses

🕒 9:00 am - 10:00 am @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Discussion Forum

Nations Rise Through Their Municipalities



Moderator

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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)



Moderator

Sergio Arredondo
Secretary General, Latin American Federation of Cities, Municipalities and Associations of Local Governments (FLACMA)



Panelists

Cristina Rodríguez-Acosta
Interregional Advisor on Governance and Public Administration, DPIDG/UN DESA



Dr. Rita Grandinetti
Director of PoliLab (Public Policy Innovation Laboratory) and Full Professor at the National University of Rosario, Argentina



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

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

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

Monday, August 24

🕒 11:30 am - 12:20 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Discussion Forum

Innovation and Technology



Moderator

George Burciaga
Managing Partner, The U.S.
Mayoral Roundtable



Panelists

Leonardo Williams
Mayor of the City of Durham, North Carolina



Shawyn Patterson-Howard
Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon, New York



Rex Richardson
Mayor of the City of Long Beach, California



Jim Ross
Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas



Bryan K. Barnett
Mayor of Rochester Hills, Michigan

🕒 12:20 pm - 1:00 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Discussion Forum

Best Practices in Smart City Innovation



Moderator

Juan Carlos Molina
President of the Association of
Municipalities of Honduras (AMHON)



Panelists

Hon. Lorna Soto
Mayor of the Autonomous Municipality of Canóvanas



Hon. William E. Miranda
Mayor of the Autonomous Municipality of Caguas



Pablo Rovira, Esq.
Director of Economic Development
Municipality of San Juan

🕒 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Lunch



Moderator

Liza García
Executive Director, Puerto Rico Chamber
of Commerce

🕒 1:15 pm - 1:30pm Communicating Your Brand to the World
(Cutting-Edge Initiatives)



Jorge Pérez
Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Discover Puerto Rico

🕒 1:30 pm - 1:35 pm Best Practices in Innovation in
Osceola County, Florida, USA



Brandon Arrington
District 3 Commissioner and Chairman of the Osceola
County Board of County Commissioners, Florida

🕒 1:35 pm - 1:40 pm Special Message



Irving Yoel Rodríguez Torres
Secretary of Agriculture of Puerto Rico

🕒 1:40 pm - 2:00 pm Awards Ceremony

🕒 2:00 pm - 2:45 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Discussion Forum

*Entertainment, Sports, and Cultural Tourism
as a Tool for Economic Development*



Moderator

José Julio "Che" Aparicio
President, Puerto Rico Chamber
of Commerce



Panelists

Willianette Robles Cancel
Executive Director, Puerto Rico Tourism
Company



Jorge Pérez
Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Discover
Puerto Rico

Monday, August 24

🕒 2:45 pm - 3:30 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Discussion Forum

Best Practices in Private Sector Innovation



Moderator

Sebastián Siero

President of the National Association of Municipal Mayors (ANAM) of Guatemala

Panelists

Jonathan Malavé

Permits PRO – Digital Platform for Streamlining Citizen Permitting Services



Jorge Besú

Vice President of SMRT City "Municipal Innovation"



Alberto Lugo

President, Invid

"Application for Municipalities: Public Safety"



Patrick Miles,

Senior Project Leader, Innovation Services, Chick-fil-A, Inc. "Innovation Practices That Lead to Better Service and Higher Quality for Citizens"



🕒 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

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Section 2: Identifying Priorities and New Approaches for Inclusive Service

Delivery, with a Focus on:

Innovation labs and digital transformation at the local level

Promoting digital skills and mindset shifts Strengthening institutional coordination for effective public service delivery.

🕒 4:45 pm - 5:00 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Networking & Coffee Break

🕒 5:00 pm - 5:40 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Discussion Forum

Local Governments from the Legislator's Perspective



Moderator

Josian Santiago Rivera

At-Large Senator, Puerto Rico Senate, and Chair of the Senate Committee on Municipal Affairs

Panelists

Byron Amos

Councilmember, District 3, City of Atlanta, Georgia



Jorge Luis Herrera

Former President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Panama & President of the Panameñista Party



Axel "El Chino" Roque

Chairman of the Tourism and Central Region Committee Puerto Rico House of Representatives



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Special Guest Remarks

Government of Puerto Rico and International Guest



Moderator

Ronny Montero Cóbano

Mayor (District Mayor) of the Cóbano Municipal District Council

Panelists

Rosachely Rivera

Secretary of State of Puerto Rico



Hon. Verónica Magario

Vice Governor of the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina (TBC)



Gustavo Arturo Leal Maya

Representative of the Governor of the State of Querétaro, Mexico, Secretary of Finance of the Executive Branch of the State of Querétaro



Monday, August 24

 **6:00 pm - 8:30 pm** @Hotel Sheraton Puerto Rico Resort & Casino

Extraordinary Assembly



CAMARA DE COMERCIO
DE PUERTO RICO

By Invitation Only (For Chamber Members Only)

Chamber members will depart for the cultural activity.

 **8:00 pm - 10:00 pm** @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Cultural, Culinary & Musical Experience

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Mayor of San Juan
Capital City



Tuesday, August 25



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Directora Ejecutiva, Cámara de Comercio de Puerto Rico



Ferdinand Pérez
Productor y presentador, Jugando Pelota Dura

🕒 8:00 am - 9:00 am @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Breakfast

Presented by:



Moderator

Pedro Richardson
Executive Director, Dominican Federation of Municipal Districts (FEDODIM), and President of the Ibero-American Confederation of Green Municipalities



Alex Díaz
Mayor of San Francisco de Macorís

🕒 9:00 am - 10:30 am @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

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Session 3 – Developing a Roadmap and Action Plan for Digital Government Innovation and Transformation to Achieve Sustainable Economic Development Goals at the Local Level

Group Activity: Creating a Roadmap for Transformative Change and New Mindsets.

🕒 10:30 am - 11:30 am @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Discussion Forum



CAMARA DE COMERCIO
DE PUERTO RICO

Economic Freedom: The Key to Success in Your City



Moderator

Laysa Seguinot, Esq.
Owner of Ideas LLC and President of the Network of Women Entrepreneurs and Professionals of the Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce.



Panelists

Carlos J. Ríos Pierluisi, Esq.
Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Economic Development and Commerce (DDEC)



José "Che" Julio Aparicio
President, Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce



Hon. Miguel A. Romero Lugo
Mayor of San Juan, Puerto Rico's Capital City

🕒 11:30 am - 12:00 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall, San Juan PR

Awards & Certificate Presentation



11:30 am - 1:30 pm @Coca Cola Music Hall

General Assembly and Board of Directors



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NACIONALES DE MUNICIPIOS
DE CENTROAMÉRICA Y EL CARIBE



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President of the Confederation of National Associations of Municipalities of Central America and the Caribbean (CAMCAYCA)



Special Guests

Dr. Gregory Figueroa
GFS crew



Sergio Claux

Global Head of Partnerships para Forte Global.



Adán Larracilla Márquez

Executive Secretary of the Association of Capital Cities of Mexico (ACCM)



David Leyva Mendoza

General Director of Congregación Mariana Trinitaria



Mtro. Jaime Heredia Ángeles

Director of Liaison with States and Municipalities at INAFED, an institution of the Government of Mexico



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EXPERIENCIA PUERTO RICO AWARDS

Sunday, August 23 | 8:00–8:20 PM

Excellence, Leadership and Leadership

(Local and International)



Nelson Núñez

Mayor of the Municipality of Santa Bárbara de Samaná and President of the Dominican Federation of Municipalities (**FEDOMU**)



Clarence Anthony

CEO and Executive Director, National League of Cities (NLC), USA

Lunes 24, 1:45 – 2:00 PM

Innovation Best Practices

(Local and International)



Hon. Marlese Sifre Rodríguez

Mayor of Ponce, Puerto Rico



Hon. Jaime Alverio Ramos

Mayor of San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico



Hon. Alex Díaz

Mayor of San Francisco de Macorís, Dominican Republic



Hon. Miguel A. Romero Lugo

Mayor of San Juan, Capital City

Tuesday, August 25 | 11:30 AM–12:00 PM

Career and Legacy (International and Local)



Milagro Navas

Mayor of La Libertad Este, El Salvador



Antonio "Tony" Ortiz

District 2 Commissioner, City of Orlando, USA

Tuesday, August 25 | 11:30 AM–12:00 PM

Leadership and Excellence (International and Local)



George Burciaga

Director, U.S. Mayoral Roundtable



Reinaldo Reynoso

President, Dominican Association of Council Members (ASODORE)

National and International Organizations Presenting Experiencia Puerto Rico 2026



Partner Companies and Collaborating Agencies of Experiencia Puerto Rico 2026

