

REIMAGINA PUERTO RICO 2019 OVERVIEW

OUR VISION

Relmagina promotes a strong, equitable and prosperous Puerto Rico by helping rebuild the island on a more solid, fair and resilient foundation. We work to align recovery efforts by encouraging greater transparency and striving to tap a rich variety of approaches, visions and experiences in a coordinated effort to rebuild Puerto Rico.

WHO WE ARE

Relmagina Puerto Rico (Relmagina) is a locally-led nonprofit initiative that works toward the swift recovery and coordinated reconstruction of Puerto Rico. Relmagina seeks to tap the variety of approaches, visions and experiences that communities, private entities, NGOs and public institutions can bring forth in a coordinated effort to rebuild a stronger, fairer, more prosperous Puerto Rico.

Relmagina was created in January 2018, in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria and the throes of Puerto Rico's fiscal and economic crisis. Non-partisan and independent, Relmagina evolved from the Resilient Puerto Rico Advisory Commission and is currently a program of the Center for a New Economy.

OUR FOCUS

Relmagina works to help align recovery efforts and bring greater coordination and transparency to the process. As a first step towards creating a common blueprint and maximizing the use of recovery funds invested in the island, Relmagina convened a wide variety of voices to identify a broad but common focus for rebuilding efforts.

77 dialogue sessions **with 748** stakeholders identified **97** actionable recommendations **17** of which are immediate priorities

These are published in the Relmagina Puerto Rico Report and Six Sector Reports in reimaginapuertorico.org.

Relmagina currently works toward fostering implementation of these recommendations. It also promotes the following guiding principles in reconstruction efforts:



Maximize social well-being in all investments



Ensure transparency at all levels of policymaking



Establish equity and inclusiveness as a priority



Emphasize and foster coordination and collaboration

OUR LEADERSHIP

Relmagina Advisory Board:

Javier D. Ferrer, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of Popular, Inc. | **Kathryn Wylde**, President of New York City Partnership | **Mónica de la Torre**, President & CoFounder of Colibri Foundation of Puerto Rico | **Verónica Viso**, Director of Grupo VL, LLC

Founding Co-Chairs:

Ana María García-Blanco, Executive Director of the Instituto Nueva Escuela | **Carmen Concepción Rodríguez**, Director of the Graduate School of Planning, University of Puerto Rico | **Federico Stubbe Sr.**, President of PRISA Group | **Miguel A. Soto-Class**, Founder and President of the Center for a New Economy | **Richard Carrión**, Chairman of Popular, Inc.

OUR WORK

Implementing tools and multi-stakeholder coalitions to advance reforms and track progress of Puerto Rico's recovery.

A Two-Pronged Approach

Puerto Rico's successful recovery urgently requires reforms that foster a resilient and sustainable infrastructure. It also needs investments and best practices that maximize equity, inclusiveness, collaboration and social well-being. Relmagina is promoting the development of transparency tools and multi-stakeholder coalitions to involve the public in advancing reforms and tracking progress in Puerto Rico's recovery efforts.

Tracking Efforts

Measuring progress, fostering transparency and promoting community participation are crucial for a fair reconstruction process. Relmagina is:



— Developing tools to track projects, identify gaps and report on the progress of the island's reconstruction.



— Collaborating with relevant stakeholders to increase local capacity and assist in the implementation of Relmagina's recommendations.



— Serving as a conduit to connect projects with funders and implementers, promoting knowledge exchange, and fostering projects by NGOs and private entities.

Advancing Reforms

Collaborative initiatives are essential for much-needed critical infrastructure reforms. Relmagina is working with public and private entities, NGOs, communities and experts to advance the following reforms in key sectors:



— **Water** — Creating an integrated water management framework and on-the-ground initiatives that transform our communities' relationship with water.



— **Energy** — Developing an affordable, reliable and innovative energy system that reduces adverse impacts on human health and on the environment and that focuses on renewables, distributed generation, access and security.



— **Housing** — Addressing issues of land tenure, affordability, housing safety, risk reduction and land use management.

Relmagina Reconstruction Toolkit



— **RESURGE: Puerto Rico Reconstruction Platform:** A public online database that will map reconstruction projects, especially those performed by NGOs and private entities. This tool will allow better coordination, collaboration and knowledge-sharing among entities and communities and will enable connections between implementers and funders. This online tool will be accessible to the general public by the beginning of 2020.



— **Guide for Hurricane Resistant Homes on the Island:** Relmagina is collaborating with Habitat for Humanity, Puerto Rico Builders Association and Enterprise Community Partners to develop a digitally-accessible and printed guide on how to mitigate the impact of hurricanes and increase the resilience in the island's housing.



— **Storm Water Management Seminars:** These seminars aimed to identify the needs, experiences and opportunities at the municipal level in order to develop an island-wide integrated storm water management program. Created in collaboration with FEMA, EPA, the Puerto Rico Water and Environment Association (PRW&EA), and PR government agencies, they targeted municipal planning and public works offices. The seminars were offered in June 2019 in Caguas, Mayagüez, Ponce, and Arecibo.



— **Construcción Puerto Rico Portal:** A digital directory of construction industry resources created with the collaboration of the Puerto Rico Builders Association and the Associated General Contractors of Puerto Rico. The goal is to establish a platform where local companies and professionals can publicize services related to the reconstruction of Puerto Rico. <https://construccionpr.org/>



— **Resilient Community Hub Guide:** Created in collaboration with Resilient See, Mercy Corps, and Enterprise Community Partners, this guide will help communities in the process of identifying strategies to create resilient assets, spaces and systems that will allow continuous operations during emergencies. This guide is directed to community leaders and was published in October 2019.