

# Puerto Rico Engagement – August 1-6, 2019

The Worldwide Foundation and the Global Women's Leadership Network will visit Puerto Rico August 1-6, 2019, after the World Credit Union Conference, July 28-31, in The Bahamas. We have the unique opportunity learn about the history of this U.S. territory and engage with the Puerto Rico credit unions in their continuing work to rebuild their communities post Hurricane Maria.

It was credit unions that responded quickly following the hurricane, providing service to members within a week and generating significant loyalty.

There 115 state-chartered credit union with one-million members in Puerto Rico along with less than a dozen federally-chartered credit unions with 85,000 members. The engagement offers a chance to interact with some of those credit unions and regulators and continue the work that World Council started last year as American credit unions offered support with loan participations to build a stronger island credit union system. Here's what we have scheduled for this important engagement:



## Thursday, August 1

Arrival at the Marriott Resort-San Juan and Stellaris Casino, 1390 Ashford Avenue, San Juan (fly into Luis Muñoz Marín International Airport-SJU)

- Evening briefing and hotel dinner

## Friday, August 2

Morning: Sagrada Familia

- History and the Political and Economic Relationship Between Puerto Rico/U.S.
- Impact of 2017's Hurricane Maria
- Connecting with the Diaspora
- Break
- Mapping the Puerto Rico Cooperative Sector
- Strategic and Financial Review of the Credit Union Sector
- Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Certification
- Loan Participations
- Late Lunch

Afternoon/Evening:

- Sagrada Familia Corozal Branch Community Project
- Group Dinner

## Saturday, August 3

Morning:

- Visit to Cooperativa Jesus Obrero in nearby Guaynabo
  - Cooperative Community Service & Integration

- Solar Panel Electrical Sustainability Financing
- Saturday Agricultural/Handcrafts Market
- Lunch

Afternoon:

- Sagrada Familia Guaynabo Branch Entrepreneurship Incubator Program

Evening:

- Dinner at Hotel (Marriott)

### **Sunday, August 4**

- Cultural Activities in Old San Juan
- Dinner on your own

### **Monday, August 5**

Morning:

- Visit with the Regulator, Public Corporation for the Supervision and Insurance of Cooperatives of Puerto Rico (COSSEC) – Regulator’s Office
- Transport to Cooperativa Abraham Rosa
- Lunch

Afternoon:

- Workshop Exchange Experience & Best Practices in Disaster Response
  - Puerto Rico Experience
  - North Carolina
  - Florida
  - Texas
  - Southern California
  - Northern California

Evening;

- Wrap Up Group Dinner

### **Tuesday, August 6**

- Departure

Register today by sending an email to Laura Mihm at: [lmihm@woccu.org](mailto:lmihm@woccu.org). Worldwide Foundation pricing includes the program, ground transportation, most lunches/dinners and cultural activities. We are pricing this engagement at two levels:

- Worldwide Foundation Supporter Cost: \$1,800 (you must be a WF supporter to qualify for this rate; if unsure of your supporter status, contact Laura Mihm)
- Worldwide Foundation Non-Supporter Cost: \$2,200
- Companion Cost: \$1,000 (includes dinners, programs and cultural activities)

*\*\*Participants are responsible for hotel and airfare costs. Best rates are available at the Marriott Resort – San Juan and Stellaris Casino at: <http://marriottsanjuan.com/> or call 1-787-722-7000.*