Foundation for Puerto Rico receives acknowledgement from the Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Non-profit organizations present innovation efforts to over 50 global leaders during the visit of ACE 11.

(San Juan, Puerto Rico) – The local non-profit organization, Foundation for Puerto Rico (FPR), received today an acknowledgment from the Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship (ACE,) for its outstanding contribution in establishing global alliances and creating opportunities for economic development in the Americas.

The president of FPR, Annie Mayol, received the recognition from John Flemming, auxiliary secretary of the Economic Development Administration (EDA) in the Department of Commerce of the United States, and Linda Cruz-Carnall, EDA’s Regional Officer in Philadelphia, during ACE’s visit in Puerto Rico.

“Multisectoral collaboration is key to push the local economic development. We must continue combining efforts to accelerate the sustainable recovery and economic growth of the island through inclusive and strategic alliances that integrate our organizations and enterprises in global initiatives such as ACE 11,” Mayol said.

Close to 50 international leaders from 22 countries, exchanged knowledge with FPR and non-profit organizations that work from their space—the Colaboratorio—, with the purpose of joining ties of collaboration and economic development between merchants and local entities with the world. This encounter took place thanks to an effort from EDA and the International Trade Administration (ITA) at the Department of Commerce, in coordination with the Department of State of the U.S. and the Organization of American States (OAS.)

As part of the encounter, Jon Borschow, founder of FPR; Erika Medina, executive director of Endeavor Puerto Rico; and Migidalia Rosado, executive director of Puerto Rico Manufacturing Extension (PRIMEX) presented data, initiatives, efforts, and information necessary for Puerto Rico’s economic and corporate development.

FPR also organized an exchange session where each local organization had the chance to present its mission and impact in Puerto Rico to the global leaders that are a part of ACE to identify synergies and promote collaborations between them. The local entities presented to the group were Centro de Emprendedores, ConPRmetidos, Unidos por Puerto Rico, Inversión Cultural, and VisitRico.

ACE is a regional program of the OAS and the Inter-American Competitiveness Network (RIAC), which seeks to present successful examples of entrepreneurship, innovation, strategic investments, and public-private associations in a region or specific country that contribute to the economic development to a local, national, and regional level.

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