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Foundation for Puerto Rico Discusses Strengthening Reconstruction Efforts at the Concordia Summit of the Americas

Joins World Leaders for discussions on Sustainability and Economic Development During Concordia Americas Summit

BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA (May 14, 2019) – Foundation for Puerto Rico (FPR) President & COO, Annie Mayol joined Nate Mook, Executive Director, World Central Kitchen and Kevin Thurm, Chief Executive Officer, Clinton Foundation for the panel on Building Back Stronger: Disaster Response & Preparedness in the Caribbean during The Concordia Americas Summit in Bogotá, Colombia. During this session Annie presented the importance of multisectoral alliances for reconstruction efforts in Puerto Rico, before political, business and academic world leaders.

"I am honored to join this incredible group of leaders in sharing the best practices of community-led resilience strategies after a natural disaster. Also, bring to the discussion the challenges that small business owners face. And, how a multi-sectoral approach is especially critical to help them recover as quickly as possible and to retain jobs to boost community and economic development," said the foundation’s president.

The Summit of the Americas is the regional meeting of Concordia in Latin America, which addresses in an inclusive and integral way the problems that afflict the region. This year, the Summit provided an international platform that brought together political leaders and businessmen, academic experts and non-governmental representatives, with the aim of exploring a variety of topics. The summit addressed issues such as the immediate humanitarian, economic and political problems facing the Western hemisphere through the lens of cross-sectoral collaboration, to the role of the region as the next innovation centre Technology in the world.

Other panelists and summit attendees included: H.E. Iván Duque Márqués, President of the Republic of Colombia; Federico Gutiérrez Zuluaga, Mayor of Medellin; Alicia Arango Olmos, Former Ambassador of Colombia to the United Nations in Geneva; Alexander Acosta, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Labor; Amb. Juan Carlos Pinzón, Former Ambassador of Colombia to the US; Cordell Carter, executive director of the Aspen Institute; Debbie Wasserman, Florida state congressman; Rick Scott, Senator of the state of Florida; Robert Skinner, executive Director of the United Nations Office; Daniel Gonzales, program officer, Open Society Foundation; and Andrea Barrios, portfolio manager at the Rockefeller Foundation.

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