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APRIL 10th AGENDA

8:00 AM REGISTRATION

9:00 AM ROOM 202 "Introduction: David Begnaud and His Connection to Puerto Rico"

**"OPENING REMARKS
Puerto Rico Beyond María:
From Challenges to Once-in-a-Generation Opportunity"**

9:10 AM ROOM 202 Platform for Social Impact (PSI) welcomes you to the NEXA Summit

Eduardo Carrera & David Begnaud

9:20 AM ROOM 202 "Numbers Don't Lie: Data Deep Dive Remember, the solutions are right here in this room."

9:25 AM ROOM 202 "Numbers Don't Lie: Data Deep Dive Interactive Data Session"

9:50 AM ROOM 202 DATA DIVE WRAP UP: A Word Cloud

10:05 AM ROOM 202 "The World of Work has Changed"

Kristina Francis

10:15 AM ROOM 202 "ROAD MAP Presentation: Economic Opportunity & Access for Puerto Rico"

PSI's Eduardo Carrera introduces the road map for the island's economic mobility

10:30 AM ROOM 202 "ECONOMIC MOBILITY ROAD MAP REACTION PANEL with Mike Soto, Jack Gutt, Amanda Rivera Moderator: Mathieu Stevenson

11:00 AM ROOM 202 "Fireside Chat: Entrepreneurship in Puerto Rico - An Extreme Sport

Guest speakers: Ricardo Jimenez (investor and author of Crash Course) and Nichole Columna of Piezas Rush (engineer & native Puerto Rican entrepreneur)
Moderator: David Begnaud

11:55 AM NETWORKING LUNCH ROOMS 104 ABC 101 ABC

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

PILLAR 1 | Economic Opportunities are available: Economic Growth

1:00 PM ROOM 102 A "CEO Conversations: Navigating Growth, Challenges, and Talent for Impact"

Moderator: Roberto Bobby Garcia
Rafael Somoza QMC Telecom International
Antonio Ortiz CEO Connect Assistance

1:00 PM ROOM 102 B "Synergizing Capital: The Power of Blended Finance in Catalyzing Puerto Rico's Sectoral Growth"

Joan Larrea, Convergence CEO

1:00 PM ROOM 103 A "Empowering Progress: Unleashing the Government's Role in Fueling Puerto Rico's Economic Growth"

Manuel Cidre, Secretary of Department of Economic Development (DDEC)

- Humberto Mercader Pérez, Subsecretario
- Lcda. Jenny Mar Cañón Feliciano, Secretaria Auxiliar de Programas Federales y Directora de Conexión Laboral
- Lcdo. Carlos Fontán Meléndez, Director de la Oficina de Incentivos
- Lcdo. Carlos Ríos Pierluisi, Director Ejecutivo de PRIDCO
- Soraya Morón Vélez, Secretaria Auxiliar de Emprendimiento y Desarrollo de Negocios

1:00 PM ROOM 103 B "Quality Work, Quality Life: Shaping the Future of Employment in Puerto Rico"

Molly Blankenship, Director, Workforce and Regional Economies, Jobs for the Future

Panelists:

- Andrea Nicholls, Director, Better Builder Program
- Brandon Ona, Director of Business Services, Office of Workforce Development, Technical College System of Georgia

PILLAR 1 | Economic Opportunities are available: Quality of Jobs

2:00 PM ROOM 102 A "Endowments Unleashed: Fueling Impactful Change through Sustainable Funding"

Myrna Rivera, Founder & Senior Adviser, Consultiva Mathieu Stevenson

2:00 PM ROOM 102 B "Discover the transformative power of blended finance in Puerto Rico"

Moderator: Ramphis Castro PSI, Dennis Price Impact Alpha
Edgar Gomez Cintron, Max Trujillo, USDA State Director Puerto Rico

2:00 PM ROOM 102 C "Generations of Growth: Crafting Opportunity-Rich Neighborhoods for All"

Christina Plerhoples Stacy, PhD-Urban Institute, Barbara Rivera, Executive Director of Vimenti & Michael Blake, Atlas Group CEO, Alfredo Angueira, investor, entrepreneur and former Exec. Director of the Bronx Empowerment Zone

2:00 PM ROOM 103 A "The Talent Magnet: Crafting Puerto Rico's Future Through Strategic Attraction"

Moderator: Franco Mondo, VP Global Business Development BMA & Associates

Panelist:

- Bertil Chappuis, Co-Founder & CEO Xtillion
- Jason Borshow, Founder & CEO, Abarca Health
- Roberto Jimenez Director V2A

2:00 PM ROOM 103 B "Synergy for Change: Catalyzing Social Impact through Government and Capital Collaboration"

Dr. Lisette Nieves, CEO Fund for the City of NY

PILLAR 1 | Economic Opportunities are available: Self Employment

3:00 PM ROOM 102 A "Charting Success: Entrepreneurship as Engine of Economic Progress"

Nerma Albertorio, Executive Director, Project Makers
• Luz Calderon, Nuestro Sazon
• Aysha Munoz, Jireh Bijoux

3:00 PM ROOM 102 B "Crafting the Future: Blueprint for Quality Employment and Economic Mobility"

Moderator: Brayan Rosa, Executive Director Youth Development Institute
• Dr. Harold Toro, Associate Director of Research, IDJ
• Dr. Gustavo Bobonis, Co-Director Forward Society Lab, University of Toronto
• Sr. Alan Taveras Sepúlveda, Business Development Director, Invest Puerto Rico

3:00 PM ROOM 103 A "Skills of Tomorrow: Accelerating Economic Growth Through Digital Learning" Moderated by Colleen Malloy, Senior Business Development Manager, Coursera

- Jacob Opadeyi, Director, Guyana Online Learning Academy
- Dr. Allyson Leacock, Director, National Transformation Initiative "

3:00 PM ROOM 103 B "Diverse Dollars: Shaping an Inclusive Economy Through Strategic Capital Allocation"

- Belissa Rojas, Chief Impact Officer Fondation Gestion d'Actifs
- Juliana Hess, InsureTEK, Chief Impact Officer
- Stephanie Udler, Generations Founder & Fractional Sustainability Executive"

4:00 PM ROOM 202 NEXA:JOBS DAY 1 CLOSING David Begnaud

4:30 PM FOYER 202 NETWORKING See you at the Foyer!

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**9:00 AM
ROOM 202**

"A Morning Recap: Capturing the highlights of the day before and moving to the agenda of the day."

Ramphis Castro and Nancy Santiago

**9:05 AM
ROOM 202**

"The Impact of Investing in Women **Why this matters?"

Nathalie Molina Niño

**9:10 AM
ROOM 202**

"The Story of El Pretexto" Nathalie interviewing Crystal"

Nathalie Molina Niño with Crystal Díaz
& Laura Tirado, UVA

**9:20 AM
ROOM 202**

"The Good Jobs Road Map"

Brayan Rosa, Youth Development Institute

**9:35 AM
ROOM 202**

"Good Jobs Roadmap Rollout & Fireside Chat"

- Establish a shared understanding of "Good Jobs" or "Quality Jobs" and address any misconceptions.
- Present a compelling case for why PR's focus should prioritize the growth of quality jobs.
- Ignite enthusiasm and commitment towards building an economy that fosters prosperity for all."

Tameshia Bridges Mansfield, Jobs for the Future
and Brayan Rosa, Youth Development Institute

**10:05 AM
FOYER**

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**10:20 AM
ROOM 102 A**

"Strengthening Roots: Family Economic Mobility as the Keystone of Puerto Rico's Resurgence"

Moderated by Brayan Rosa, Executive Director, Youth Development Institute (IDJ)

- Marizaida Sánchez Cesáreo, CEO Grupo Nexus
- Amanda Rivera Flores, Principal & Founder Causa Strategies
- John Martinez, Vice President MDRC

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PILLAR 2 | Individuals, access and sustain

**10:20 AM
ROOM 102 B**

"Financing the Future: Pioneering Workforce Development Through Alternative Models"

Michael Grossman, Managing Director, Impact Investment Advisor

**10:20 AM
ROOM 103 A**

"Empowerment Through Employment: Innovating Workforce Development for Social Good"

Newton Sanon, CEO OIC Florida

**10:20 AM
ROOM 103 B**

"Igniting Opportunities for Local Businesses and Job Creation"

Gustavo Diaz Skoff, President BĀSED LLC

**11:20 AM
ROOM 102 A**

"Prosperity and Well-being: Integrating Mental Health into Economic Development"

- Mark Blackburn, CEO Vidalus
- Karen Martinez, Chair, Department of Psychiatry, UPR Medical Sciences Campus
- Tony Davis, Director of Community Outreach & Health Outreach & Education Federal Reserve Bank of New York

**11:20 AM
ROOM 102 B**

"Breaking Boundaries: Crafting Inclusive Pathways to Employment"

Moderated by Glorymar Rivera, Founder at The Meaningful Impact and IDJ Board Member

- Dr. Maria Echautegui, Chief Knowledge Officer, Youth Development Institute (IDJ)
- Ms. Carmen Cosme, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Puerto Rico One Stop Center
- Mr. Luis Quinones, Deputy Vice President, Adult Education and Workforce Development, UnidosUS

**11:20 AM
ROOM 103 B**

"Shaping Futures: The Power of Apprenticeships in Workforce Evolution"

Moderator: Jenny Mar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Federal Programs, Director of Workforce Development Program and Interim Director of the Energy Program at DDEC

- Christin Carrera
- Boston Scientific
- Cooper Vision
- PR Industry for the Blind

**12:00 PM
ROOMS 101 AB
& 104 ABC**

"Networking Lunch"

ROOM 202

"Pitch Lunch The innovator, the job creators, the heart of economic mobility" *Center Stage Presentations*

**1:40 PM
ROOM 202**

Investing in Tomorrow: The Transformative Power of Child Lens Investing"

Moderators Nancy Santiago and Ramphis Castro

- Cristina Shapiro, UNICEF Fund

**2:40 PM
ROOM 202**

"Moving into Action: Integrating Economic Mobility into the national agenda (Fiscal Notes) "

The Sign Up, Organizations, Corporations, Professional Organizations signing up to the National Agenda on JOBS

**3:15 PM
ROOM 202**

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Platform for Social Impact, See you on NEXA2025

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