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PUERTO RICO needs us to **keep thinking** ahead!

This year at **CNE**, our highly motivated and capable team has grown, and continues to work arduously to help Puerto Rico recover. With the support of people like you, we find ourselves immersed on some important projects and initiatives:



Significant federal attention to Puerto Rico underscores the need for an independent think tank in Washington, DC, focused on the island's best interests, that can help shape policy in the federal space. Led by Rossana Torres, the CNE Office in DC is the first non-partisan institution from Puerto Rico. The office will serve as a resource for knowledge and information, and channel its expertise through its distinguished analysis and fact-based advocacy. Most recently, we presented Puerto Rico's Unfinished Business After Hurricane María, the first of a series that aims to educate federal policymakers on the nuances and complexities tied to the design of long-term recovery efforts in the island.

Black Start 2019

After a total blackout, the process to bootstrap the electrical grid into operation is defined as a "black start". We borrowed that concept to headline our next annual conference. On March 21, 2019 CNE will convene thought leaders from Puerto Rico and the globe to discuss innovative solutions and delineate Puerto Rico's energy future.



This is CNE's new initiative, aimed at defining a new housing policy for Puerto Rico that responds to our post disaster needs and lays the groundwork for the future. These issues are of incredible importance, particularly now, given that vast amounts of federal funds will be destined to address housing issues. The Blueprint Initiative will build a research, knowledge exchange and advocacy platform that brings together existing efforts and strategic thought partners to devise a collective roadmap for the reconstruction and beyond.

Growth⁺

The Commission has expanded to address issues related to Puerto Rico's reconstruction. It has incorporated new members including Shaun Donovan, former Secretary of the U.S. Department on Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and former director of the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

REIMAGINA Puerto Rico

After the hurricane, the Resilient Puerto Rico Advisory Commission devised a community outreach and expert dialogue process, that led to the publication of a far ranging report which provides key principles for the recovery, a series of cross-cutting strategies and 96 goals. It was presented in Puerto Rico and ten cities throughout the United States.

As you can see, we are very focused on Puerto Rico's reconstruction and recovery and we need you to be a part of it. Before the year ends, help us ensure a strong and active **CNE – one that can defend the best interests of Puerto Rico in San Juan and Washington, DC.**

By donating to CNE you are directly helping **PUERTO RICO'S recovery and transformation.**

Donate now.

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