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## **RISE 2019 National Conference:**

**Transforming University Engagement in Pre- and Post-Disaster  
Environments: Lessons from Puerto Rico**

*Jointly hosted by  
the National Council for Science and the Environment,  
the University at Albany, and  
nearly 20 Universities and Colleges Nationwide.*

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**About:** Hurricane María was one of the worst and most deadly disasters in Puerto Rico's history resulting in nearly 3,000 deaths and \$90 billion of economic loss. In the months following María, universities and colleges nationwide traveled to Puerto Rico to pursue humanitarian relief, quick response research, service learning, and student exchange. While these efforts had a positive impact, they also highlighted several areas that are in need of further study.

In June 2018, faculty from the University of Puerto Rico (led by RISE Co-Chairs Marla Pérez Lugo, PhD and Cecilio Ortiz Garcia, PhD) invited scholars and researchers from universities and colleges nationwide to Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Nearly 100

representatives from 26 universities examined the challenges and critical issues facing higher education and the communities in which they serve during disaster and crisis.

Building upon this work, RISE 2019 will explore how universities and colleges can bring to bear the power of higher education to have a greater impact in pre- and post-disaster environments, which is critically important given the growing threats posed by climate change and extreme weather. The goal of the conference is to generate actionable information that will lead to the launch of a national platform.

**Who Should Attend:** University leaders, scholars, researchers, staff and students; local, state and federal government officials; community leaders/ advocates; utilities and renewable energy operators; emergency managers; healthcare leaders, planners, and non-profit organization representatives.

**Conference Partners:**

In partnership with the National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE), nearly twenty Universities and Colleges will be hosting the RISE 2019 National Conference:

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