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## Latino Climate Action Network - Encuentro

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The official launch and first public meeting of the Latino Climate Action Network is scheduled for February 28, 2013 in an event called, the Encuentro. The *Encuentro* will be a day-long event that begins with a continental breakfast at 10AM, includes two breaks, a hot lunch and light dinner from 5PM to 7PM. The *Encuentro* agenda will include the Governor of Puerto Rico, Alejandro Garcia Padilla, Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves as a keynote speaker, Former Governor of Puerto Rico, Sila M. Calderon, EPA's Region 2 Administrator, Judith Enck, Lisa Garcia, Environmental Justice Advisor to Administrator Lisa Jackson, Dr. Jose Molinelli, from the University of Puerto Rico, and a break-out session to brainstorm on solutions and discuss concerns.

The *Encuentro* is just the beginning. Our goal is to engage widespread Puerto Rican participation in a true climate movement and make sure that Puerto Ricans in three of the states that are politically crucial to any significant federal climate action play leadership roles in both demanding action and in crafting the nature of the action that will ultimately be taken by the federal government.

The draft agenda of the *Encuentro* is the following:

10:00AM to 10:30AM	<b>REGISTRATION</b> 10 MINUTE FILM & MUSIC
10:30AM to 11:00AM	<b>WELCOME REMARKS</b> [5mins] Host remarks: Sila M. Carderon, former Governor of PR introducing [40mins] Governor of PR Alejandro Garcia Padilla
11:00AM to 12:00PM	<b>KEYNOTE ADDRESS</b> [5mins] Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Luis Garden Acosta, Founder & President of El Puente [40mins] <b>Archbishop Roberto Gonzalez Nieves, Leader of the Roman Catholic Church in Puerto Rico</b>
12:00PM to 1:30PM	<b>LUNCH &amp; SPECIAL PRESENTATION</b> [20mins] Hon. Carmen Yulin Cruz, Mayor of San Juan

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1:30PM to 2:45PM	<b>PRESENTATIONS</b> <i>[20mins]</i> <b>Global Warming from a National Context</b> <i>By Judith Enck, USEPA Region 2 Administrator</i>  <i>[50mins]</i> <b>Puerto Rico State of the Climate 2013 - Assessing Puerto Rico's Social-Ecological Vulnerabilities in a Changing Climate</b> <i>By Dr. Jose Molinelli Freytes, University of Puerto Rico</i>
2:45PM to 4:00PM	<i>[90mins]</i> <b>SMALL GROUPS DISCUSSION BY SECTOR</b> (Agriculture, Fishing, Tourism, Arts & Culture, Environment, Infrastructure, Economic Development, Health and Education)
4:00PM to 4:20PM	<b>Coffee Break</b>
4:20PM to 5:00PM	<i>[10mins]</i> <b>WRAP UP &amp; CLIMATE ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES</b> (Discussion on Outcomes from Small Groups Discussion) Moderated by Brenda Torres-Barreto, Consultant for El Puente  <i>[10mins]</i> <b>ANNOUNCEMENT OF TOP 5 PRIORITIES &amp; DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS</b> Presented by Jazmín Seda, Spokesperson of the Fishermen Federation of PR
6:00PM to 7:30PM	<b>DINNER</b> BOMBA & PLENA

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