



U.S. Commission on Civil Rights Public Briefing
Civil Rights Implications of Disaster Relief:
Hurricane María in Puerto Rico
December 10, 2021 | San Juan, Puerto Rico

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will hold a briefing on Friday, December 10, 2021, on the civil rights implications of the federal response and impact of Hurricane María in Puerto Rico. The investigation will focus on the challenges faced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and other federal agencies in providing aid and how the federal government develops best practices to address compliance and ensure civil rights protections in providing disaster aid and relief. From this investigation, the Commission plans to issue a report to Congress and the White House.

At this public briefing, the Commissioners will hear from subject matter experts such as government officials, volunteer organizations, non-governmental advocates, and academics from Puerto Rico. The Commission will accept written materials from the public for consideration as we prepare our report; submit to mariabriefing@usccr.gov no later than January 10, 2022.

DATE:

Friday, December 10, 2021

LOCATION:

Attend Physically: Interamerican University of Puerto Rico Law School at 170 C. Federico Costas, San Juan, 00918, Puerto Rico

Attend Virtually: live streamed on the [Commission's YouTube page](#).

AGENDA:

Briefing (expert panels): 9:00 am – 6:00 pm Atlantic Standard Time*

Open Comment Session (public testimony): [Register to be a speaker](#)

Written comments can be emailed to mariabriefing@usccr.gov by January 10, 2022.

**Schedule subject to change*

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