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## Marisa Rivera-Albert

Consulting for Global Change



**Marisa Rivera-Albert** is the President of **Mpowerment Works**, a consulting firm designed to impact global change by empowering the majority: “Women”. **Mpowerment Works**, provides unique domestic and international seminars, keynote presentations and innovative programs, designed to empower and impact women and men to become agents of social change.

Marisa Rivera-Albert is a Social Entrepreneur. Her extensive work experience in the non-profit, government and private sectors has always been used to resolve justice and equality issues facing the world today.

Prior to starting **Mpowerment Works**, Ms. Rivera-Albert led the National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI). During her ten years at NHLI, the institute experienced tremendous growth, in programs, funding, and staff becoming the premier leadership institute for Latinas in the country.

Ms. Rivera-Albert has over 30 years of combined leadership development, educational, consulting, international, and community development experience. Before heading NHLI, Ms. Rivera-Albert worked in higher education as the Special Assistant to the President for Diversity and Community Relations at Black Hawk College in Illinois. She also worked for seven years at Western Illinois University managing the Hispanic Program for Educational Advancement and the Learning To Lead Program for Hispanic students.

Her work experience also includes several assignments overseas, including working for the U.S. Information Agency and the U.S. Embassy in Panama and living in Tegucigalpa, Honduras for two years. She has served as an International elections observer in Honduras and an invited U.S. State Department Speaker in Argentina and Peru. She has also been invited to speak on Women Empowerment with women in La Paz, Bolivia and Guadalajara, Mexico. Ms. Rivera-Albert also participated in a fellowship to Israel with AJC and Project interchange.

Ms. Rivera-Albert is originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico. She has a BA in Communications from American University and a Master’s degree in Education Administration from Western Illinois University. She is also a graduate of the Harvard University JFK School of Government Executive Program, the Center for Creative Leadership Institute, the Gallup Leadership Institute, the HACR Harvard Business Executive Program on Corporate Governance and the Mexican American Solidarity Foundation. She is the recipient of the Cesar Chavez Community Service Award by the US Hispanic Leadership Institute, she was one of the 21 Leaders for the

21<sup>st</sup> Century by Women's eNews, the "Huesped Ilustre Medal recipient from the city of Ayacucho, Peru, The Women Helping Women Award by the Hispanic Professional Women's Association, The Trailblazer Award by Latina Style Magazine, the Global Impact Leadership Award from the Hispanic Women's Corporation, the Superior Honor Award from the State Department, the Administrative Excellence In Promoting Multiculturalism Award from Western Illinois University, and the Illumination Award from the City Club of the Quad Cities.

She has been featured in *Hispanic Magazine*, the Woman MBA Magazine, the T.V. show *Hispanics Today*, Lifetime Television for Women, Champions of Change, *LatinaStyle Magazine*, *Monster.com* and the *Soy Latina*, *Soy Unica* SAHMSA website.

Ms. Rivera-Albert has extensive community service and volunteering experience. She serves on the Board of the U.S. Committee for UNIFEM, The United Nations Development Fund for Women and was appointed by Governor Mark Warner of Virginia to the Commission on the Status of Women. She was also a Board member for Habitat for Humanity in Northern Virginia, has volunteered for many Latina Youth groups, the Red Cross of America, The Hispanic Heritage Foundation, The Girls Scouts of America, the Make a Difference National Project, the March of Dimes, the Boys and Girls Club, the Read Aloud Program, the Quad Cities Minority Achievement Project, Quad Cities Mentoring Program, Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce Leadership, the Civil Institute for Women of Color, and many others.

Ms. Rivera-Albert is a dynamic keynote speaker on leadership development and women's empowerment topics. She is also a strong advocate of Latino issues, youth empowerment and entrepreneurship. Her areas of expertise include; leadership training; management experience in national and international program development, Hispanic marketing, diversity training, and fundraising.

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