



**8th Annual Micronesia Non Profit Congress \* Westin Resort Guam April 18-19, 2018**  
**“Navigating Currents of Change through Collective Leadership”**

Payuta, Guam’s umbrella organization of nonprofits on Guam is pleased to announce the 8th Micronesia Non Profit Congress. Guam and the neighboring islands of Micronesia have had extraordinary social, economic and political changes in the past year while facing basic issues of safety and security. The Micronesia islands and the Pacific, in general, understand clearly that what happens to one of our islands indeed has an effect on others. Examples of regional issues in our region are Climate Change, Human Trafficking, lack of access to quality healthcare, growing numbers of homelessness and poverty, and increases in Non Communicable Diseases and Communicable Diseases.

As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the founding of Payuta, Inc., Guam’s umbrella organization of nonprofits, we recommit our efforts to collaborating with local and regional nonprofit leaders, policy makers, Government officials and private business. We know that we cannot stand alone, plan in isolation, or believe we can be successful in helping our island communities be healthy and sustainable if we do not continue to forge partnerships and join forces to address these conditions facing our people and way of life. Presentations will be made that will stimulate ideas for expanded partnerships and the capacity to be responsive to the increasing social, economic and political changes that are already at the doorsteps of Micronesia families and leaders.

This year local, regional and national NGO, government, business and political leaders will be presenters and attendees. We have reached out to civil society organizations in the Pacific and nonprofit advocates and policy makers. As part of the annual nonprofit congress, we will hold sub regional meetings with the Micronesia nonprofit representatives in sessions on sustainable development goals and meeting core minimum requirements. This training and other work groups on grants management will be organized and held before and after the Non Profit Congress.

**Objective:** *The 8th Nonprofit Congress will bring together approximately 100 key individuals from Guam and the region representing the nonprofit, business and governmental sectors to explore policy and practices around key societal issues facing Guam and the larger Micronesia region.*