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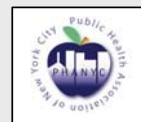
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We come together as a Climate Justice Movement on these January days to raise our voices and lead our community and country down the path toward achieving a *just, responsible* and *sane* climate-changed future by advocating for policies and programs that protect the most vulnerable communities of our country.

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January 29, 2009

8:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
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9:45 – 11:00	<i>Plenary Session</i> Climate Justice: Framing the Climate Crisis
11:00 – 12:00	<i>Plenary Roundtable</i> Climate Justice Advocacy in Light of the Climate Crisis
12:00 PM	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:30	Workshop Sessions: Climate Justice and Public Health <i>5 Workshops Examining the Public Health Impacts of Climate Change and the Need to Incorporate a Climate Justice Perspective Into Public Health Advocacy</i>
2:45 – 4:00	Workshop Sessions: The Economics of Climate Justice <i>5 Workshops Examining the Impacts of Climate Change on the Economy and the Economic Opportunities that Climate Justice is Advancing</i>
4:15 – 5:00	<i>Closing Plenary</i> Advancing Climate Justice: Conversations about Climate Justice

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8:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome Address
9:45 – 10:45	<i>Plenary Session</i> Climate Justice Advocacy: National Leadership on Climate Justice
10:45 – 11:00	BREAK
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Plenary Session</i> The Politics of Climate Change: Federal Advocacy for Climate Justice Policies
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Plenary Roundtable</i> The Politics of Climate Change: Steps to Achieving Just Climate Change Solutions
12:00 – 1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:15 – 2:30	Workshops Sessions: Climate Justice Policies and Opportunities <i>5 Workshops examining the Politics of Climate Justice, including local policy initiatives and advocacy pathways for climate justice through policy, and Climate Justice Adaptation and Opportunities, looking at needs and opportunities for change created in environmental justice communities by climate change</i>
2:45 – 4:00	Workshops: Advocating for Climate Justice <i>6 Workshops providing the opportunity for participants to mobilize through their communities and create concrete action plans and policy goals to achieve climate justice</i>
4:15 – 5:45	<i>Closing Plenary</i> Climate Justice: Art as Activism

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Panels in Formation – *Confirmed Speakers Only***WELCOME AND OPENING PLENARIES****8:00 AM****Registration and Continental Breakfast****9:00 – 9:10****Welcome Address****9:15 – 9:30****Opening:****Climate Crisis Vignettes***Residents facing local impacts and environmental crises created by or based in climate change will discuss those impacts and how they have affected their lives and communities*

JUDY BONDS, Coal River Mountain Watch

KIM WASSERMAN, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

DR. BEVERLY WRIGHT, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice at Dillard University

9:45 – 11:00**Plenary Session #1:****Climate Justice: Framing the Climate Crisis***Looking at climate change from a climate justice perspective, speakers will discuss the scope of climate change including its domestic and local impacts*

DR. CYNTHIA ROSENZWEIG, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies

DR. JAMES HANSEN, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies

DR. HOWARD FRUMKIN, Center for Disease Control

DR. DORCETA TAYLOR, University of Michigan

11:00 – 12:00**Plenary Roundtable:****Climate Justice Advocacy in Light of the Climate Crisis***In light of the efforts advancing climate change policy and advocacy internationally, speakers will consider how scientists, economists, academics, activists and others can come together domestically to advocate for climate justice policies*

BILL GALLEGOS, Communities for a Better Environment

CECIL CORBIN-MARK, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

ERIC MANN, Labor/Community Strategy Center

Workshops Sessions: Climate Justice and Public Health**1:15 – 2:30 PM****Achieving Climate Justice: Climate Change and Public Health***Looking at the public health of vulnerable populations, speakers will discuss the community advocacy and organizing responses to climate change that can and should be taken in light of agency preparedness to protect these populations.*

DR. ALAN DEARRY, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

KIM WASSERMAN, Little Villages for Environmental Justice Organization

DR. SABRINA MCCORMICK, University of Pennsylvania

DR. JOHN M. BALBUS, Environmental Defense Fund

JEI FONG, Beyond Ground Zero Network

Climate Justice Adaptation: Public Health and Emergency Preparedness*Looking at the whole system of emergency preparedness, panelists will consider the ability of local health departments to meet the needs of vulnerable populations and the impact of climate change on the urgency of these needs and the severity of the potential impacts*

PETER IWANOWICZ, NYS Department of Conservation

DR. THOMAS MATTE, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

PAM M.W. GRAYBEAL, University of California - Berkeley

DR. JOHN SULLIVAN, University of Texas Medical Branch

DR. MATTHEW STANFORD, University of Texas Medical Branch

JENNIFER MILLER, Bioethics International

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Panels in Formation – *Confirmed Speakers Only***Workshops Sessions: Climate Justice and Public Health (cont.)**

1:15 – 2:30 PM

Climate Justice & Public Health: Food Justice and Climate Change

The emerging food justice movement presents an opportunity for the advancement of environmental justice communities. Speakers will discuss this as well as the global ecology of climate change, the changing food economy and the impacts of climate change on access to and availability of food.

ORAN HESTERMAN, Fair Food Foundation
 NELSON CARRASQUILLO, CATA – The Farmworkers Support Committee
 SAVI HORNE, Land Loss Prevention Project
 JAMES SUBUDHI, WE ACT for Environmental Justice
 MARIAN FEINBERG, For a Better Bronx

Climate Justice & Public Health: Green Chemistry and Sustainability

Green chemistry is an essential pillar to our transition to a clean, green economy. Speakers will examine the wide range of areas that green chemistry impacts, including sustainable building, energy and green jobs.

DR. TYRONE HAYES, University of California - Berkeley
 MARK ROSSI, Clean Production Action
 DR. THOMAS MATTE, New York City Department of Health
 DR. KEN GEISER, University of Massachusetts Lowell
 BRENDA PLATT, Institute for Local Self-Reliance
 KATHY CURTIS, Clean New York/Just Green

Climate Justice & Public Health: Gender and Climate Justice

Just as climate change will have disparate impacts on different communities, the impacts of climate change in areas around the country are demonstrating the different impacts that climate change has on gender. Panelists will discuss impacts of climate change from a gendered perspective and examine opportunities for increased equity and justice for impacted gender communities.

AIMEE THORNE-THOMPSEN, Pro-Choice Education Project
 DANA PARADES, Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice
 RACHEL HARRIS, Women's Environment and Development Organization

Workshops Sessions: The Economics of Climate Justice

2:45 – 4:00 PM

Achieving Climate Justice: The Economics of Climate Change

Looking broadly at the disparate economic impacts of climate change and the opportunities for economic growth and advancement created by climate change, panelists will lay the groundwork for an understanding of the Economics of Climate Change

DR. WILLI SEMMLER, New School for Social Research
 PAUL BAER, EcoEquity
 DR. JAMES K. BOYCE, University of Massachusetts
 DR. DALE JAMIESON, New York University

The Economics of Climate Justice: Green and Affordable Urban Transit

Speakers will consider the opportunity for increased transportation equity in a climate-changed future. Topics covered will include transportation as an economic right, transportation access needs of environmental justice communities, and transportation policy opportunities available to prepare for and mitigate against climate change impacts

FRANCISCA PORCHAS, Labor/Community Strategy Center
 ERNEST TOLLERSON, Metropolitan Transit Authority

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Panels in Formation – *Confirmed Speakers Only***Workshops Sessions: The Economics of Climate Justice (cont.)**

2:45 – 4:00 PM

The Economics of Climate Justice: Energy Use and Dependence in the Old Energy Economy

As the impacts of climate change become clear and communities move toward addressing and limiting future climate change, energy use, dependability and source opportunities are a critical component of any conversation. Panelists will examine both how climate change impacts energy options and what choices need to be made to enable a swift, just transition to a clean, reliable, safe, and just energy future

MARY ANN HITT, Sierra Club
JIHAN GEARON, Indigenous Environmental Network
GIL QUINONES, New York Power Authority

The Economics of Climate Justice: Sustainable (re)Development & Economic Growth in the New Energy Economy

While economic growth is already impacted by climate change, it also represents an opportunity for communities to take advantage of the green sector. Panelists will consider the links between climate change and sustainable development or redevelopment in vulnerable communities and what opportunities exist for businesses, communities and workers to advance the Climate Justice Movement

RACHEL SMOLKER, Global Justice Ecology Project
DONELE WILKINS, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice

The Economics of Climate Justice: Sustainability and Just Transitions

As actors working to advance sustainability through projects and initiatives, panelists will engage in a dialogue on how to incorporate an environmental justice framework into sustainability efforts and how those efforts advance climate justice

SUSANA ALMANZA, People Organized for the Defense of the Earth and her Resources
DR. JULIAN AGYEMAN, Tufts University
DR. MANUEL PASTOR, University of Southern California

Closing Plenary

4:15 – 5:00

Achieving Climate Justice: Conversations about Climate Justice

Following the model set by the climate crisis vignettes, individual climate advocates will provide brief insights into how climate change has impacted their communities and how they have worked to achieve climate justice in response to these impacts.

PEGGY SHEPARD, WE ACT for Environmental Justice
DR. BEVERLY WRIGHT, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice at Dillard University
GARY GRANT, Concerned Citizens of Tillary
BURT LAUDERDALE, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
TOM GOLDTOOTH, Indigenous Environmental Network

5:15 – 6:30

Conference Reception

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DR. ROBERT D. BULLARD, Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark-Atlanta University

Plenary Session #1: Climate Justice Advocacy: National Leadership on Climate Justice

In light of the economic and public health impacts of climate change, policy solutions must protect current and future populations – particularly the most vulnerable communities. Panelists from the Climate Justice Movement will consider the opportunities for a broad range of advocacy around climate justice and the efforts that are occurring nationally and internationally to demand justice in climate change policies.

PEGGY SHEPARD, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

CECILIA MARTINEZ, Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

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Plenary Session #2: The Politics of Climate Change: Federal Advocacy for Climate Justice Policies

Policymakers and advocates working to advance national climate justice policies will discuss current federal climate change proposals, whether those policies incorporate the Climate Justice Principles, and the potential impact of federal climate change policy on environmental justice communities

REP. CHARLES RANGEL (D-NY), *Invited***Plenary Roundtable: The Politics of Climate Change: Steps to Achieving Just Climate Change Solutions**

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DEEJOHN FERRIS, Sustainable Community Development Group, Inc.

DAVID DONIGER, Natural Resources Defense Council

HOWARD LEARNER, Environmental Law & Policy Center

Workshop Sessions: Climate Justice Policies and Opportunities**1:15 – 2:30 PM****The Politics of Climate Change: Filling the Void and Crafting Climate Policies and Initiatives at the Local, State and International Levels**

While climate change policies are being discussed at the federal level, they have already been implemented in localities throughout the country. The implementation of local policies to mitigate and adapt to climate change creates an opportunity for the climate justice advocacy. Panelists will discuss the climate change initiatives their localities have implemented and the inclusion of climate justice within these policies

ROHIT AGGARWALA, New York City Mayor's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability

DR. PAOLO GALIZZI, Fordham University School of Law

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1:15 – 2:30 PM

The Politics of Climate Change: Evaluating Climate Change Policies

As governments move forward aggressively with implementing policies to address climate change, debate continues about effective and just climate change policies. Panelists will discuss the range of climate change policies that have been set forth, the perceived and experienced outcomes of these policies and the justice position of each policy

DR. JULIE SZE, University of California - Berkeley
 DR. NICKY SHEATS, Thomas Edison State College
 DR. RACHEL MORELLO-FROSCH, University of California - Berkeley
 PETER GOLDMARK, Environmental Defense Fund
 DR. DANIEL FABER, Northeastern University

The Politics of Climate Change: Innovative Legal Climate Justice Advocacy

Traditional tools of advocacy including regulation and litigation are influencing the politics of climate change. Looking at these tools, panelists will assess the opportunities for the advancement of climate justice in government agencies, programs and the legal arena

DR. SHEILA FOSTER, Fordham University School of Law
 LUKE COLE, Center for Race, Poverty and the Environment
 COMM. PETE GRANNIS, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Climate Justice Adaptation: Community Response Opportunities

As public awareness about climate change and climate justice grows, communities are seeking opportunities to educate residents on individual responses they can take to adapt to and mitigate climate change. Panelists will examine what people can do in their homes, schools, workplaces and communities to address climate change and the advocacy opportunities that are available to increase awareness of these individual community responses

YOLANDE CADORE, WE ACT for Environmental Justice
 DR. GIOVANNA DI CHIRO, Allegheny College
 KRISTI EBI, ESS, LLC (independent consultant)
 JULIAN DRIX, Rising Tide North America

Climate Justice Opportunities: Green Jobs and a Climate Changed Workforce Roundtable

An essential pillar of the Climate Justice Movement is taking advantage of the opportunities created by climate change and the global shift toward sustainable to create clean, green, safe jobs and funnel those jobs toward traditionally under- and unemployed communities. Panelists will examine who has been involved in the policy groundwork structuring the green job workforce and what are the opportunities and necessary steps to ensure that climate justice is included in the green job economy.

JAMES FINE, Environmental Defense Fund
 OMAR FREILLA, Green Worker Cooperatives

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*Panels in Formation – Confirmed Speakers Only***Workshop Sessions: Advocating for Climate Justice****2:45 – 4:00 PM**

Facilitators will work to bring together dynamic group brainstorming sessions that examine opportunities for climate justice advocacy among communities and create policy deliverables and long-term advocacy networks

Climate Justice and the Campus**Climate Justice and Faith-Based Institutions****Climate Justice and Local Communities****Climate Justice and Business****Climate Justice, Government Actors and Legal Tools****Climate Justice and Academic Advocacy**

Climate Justice and the Environmental Justice Movement:
The Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on Climate Change

4:15 – 5:30**Closing Plenary****Climate Justice: Art as Activism**