

**US Department of Health and Human Services
Climate Justice Conference: Responding to Emerging Health Effects
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Research Triangle Park, NC
June 8-9, 2015**

Agenda

Monday June 8, 2015

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Registration**
- 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Informal Networking**
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Welcome**
Gwen Collman, Director, Division of Extramural Research & Training, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
Sandra Howard, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH) and Chip Hughes, NIEHS
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Keynote Speakers**
Wanda Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health, US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
John Balbus, NIEHS
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Panel Presentation and Discussion**
Topic: Stakeholder Panel on Climate Justice Priorities
Moderator: Chip Hughes, NIEHS
Panel:
 - Jalonne White-Newsome, West Harlem Environmental Action, Inc. (WE ACT for Environmental Justice)
 - Sacoby Wilson, University of Maryland
 - Arturo Archila, Make the Road, NY
 - Naeemma Muhammad, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network
- 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Break**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Panel Presentation and Discussion**
Topic: Federal Agency Initiatives on Climate Justice
Moderator: Mustafa Ali, Senior Advisor to the Administrator for Environmental Justice, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Panel:

- Sandra Howard, HHS
- Dylan de Kervor, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice
- Sunaree Marshall, Office of Economic Resilience, Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Joanna Watson, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Cynthia Peurifoy, Region 4, EPA

11:45 a.m. – 12: 45 p.m.

Climate Data and Tools Overview

Topic: HHS Activities, Resources, and Tools

- John Balbus, NIEHS
- George Lubert, CDC

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Charge to the Breakout Groups and Climate Resilience Toolkit Exploration Sessions

Chip Hughes, NIEHS

1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch on your own in the cafeteria

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Breakout Groups:**

**Parallel Climate Resilience Toolkit Exploration Sessions for up to 20 people per session will be available for interested participants (4 sessions, 30 minutes each). Please sign up at the registration desk. (Lead: Mark Shimamoto, US Global Change Research Program (USGCRP))

1) Policy Development and Dissemination

Possible topics:

- a. HHS climate change priorities for 2015 and 2016
- b. Emergency preparedness and response mechanisms to address climate change impacts
- c. Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) Framework

Co-Facilitators

- Federal: Lorenzo Olivas, OASH Region 8 and George Lubert, CDC
- Stakeholder: Jalonne White-Newsome, WE ACT for Environmental Justice
- Report back: Kimberly Thigpen Tart, NIEHS

2) Education and Training

Possible topics:

- a. Worker training, safety and health
- b. Emergency preparedness and response training
- c. Community resilience training

Co-Facilitators

- Federal: Sharon Beard, NIEHS and Joanna Watson, NIOSH
- Stakeholder: Mark Catlin, Services Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Report back: Ron Milam, OASH

3) Research and Data Analysis

Possible topics:

- a. Asthma and air quality impacts
- b. Water access and quality
- c. Citizen science (empowerment, skill building, and competence)
- d. Mental health and sociological perspectives
- e. Native American health issues

Co-Facilitators

- Federal: Liam O'Fallon and Caroline Dilworth, NIEHS
- Stakeholder: Sacoby Wilson, University of Maryland and Omega Wilson, West End Revitalization Association, Inc. (WERA) (invited)
- Report back: Symma Finn, NIEHS

4) Services

Possible topics:

- a. Climate Data and Tools Initiative
- b. Sustainable and Climate Resilient Healthcare Facilities Initiative
- c. Community resilience
- d. Private sector approaches to health and vulnerability

Co-Facilitators

- Federal: Sharon Ricks, OASH Region 4 and John Balbus, NIEHS
- Stakeholder: Tanya Maslak, National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO)
- Report Back: Kedesch Altidor-Dorcely, OASH Region 2

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Optional Break

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Breakout Groups (Continued)

Tuesday June 9, 2015

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Keynote

Elizabeth Yeampierre, UPROSE

9:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

**Report Back from Breakout Groups and Climate Tools
Exploration Sessions and Open Discussion**

Moderators: Sandra Howard, OASH, Chip Hughes, NIEHS, and
John Balbus, NIEHS

9:35 a.m. - Policy Development and Dissemination (Kimberly
Thigpen-Tart, NIEHS)

10:00 a.m. - Education and Training (Ron Milam, OASH)

10:25 a.m. - Research and Data Analysis (Symma Finn, NIEHS)

10:50 a.m. - Services (Kedesch Altidor-Dorcély, OASH))

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Closing/ Next Steps

Sandra Howard, OASH, Chip Hughes, NIEHS, and John Balbus,
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