

Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative Grantee Convening
May 2-4, 2016 | Chicago, IL
Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile

Monday, May 2

- 12:00 – 12:45pm **Registration for Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative Cohort and Initiative Cohort Partners**
Lakeshore Ballroom West Pre-function, 3rd Floor
- 1:00 – 5:00pm **Pre-Session for Initiative Cohort and Initiative Cohort Partners**
Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor
- 5:00 – 6:00pm **Registration for Full Group**
Lakeshore Ballroom West Pre-function, 3rd Floor
- 6:00 – 7:30pm **Welcome Dinner**
Lakeshore Ballroom East, 3rd Floor
- 7:30 – 9:00pm **Dessert Networking Reception**
Level Two Restaurant, 2nd Floor

Tuesday, May 3

- 8:00 – 9:00am **Breakfast**
Lakeshore Ballroom East, 3rd Floor
- 8:00 – 9:00am **Breakfast Conversation: Community-Driven Climate Resilience Planning Framework Hosted by Movement Strategy Center**
Illinois Room, 3rd Floor
- 9:00 – 10:30am **Opening Session: Rounding out an Integrated, Comprehensive Approach to Climate Resilience**
Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor
- 10:30 – 11:00am **Connecting Break**
- 11:00 – 12:30pm **Catalyzing Connections (concurrent mix of workshops and strategy conversations)**
- *Community-Owned and Distributed Energy Systems (St. Clair Salon 1)*
 - *Social Cohesion Strategies in Action (Ontario Room)*
 - *Building Grassroots Leadership for Climate Resilience (St. Clair Salon 3)*
 - *Reimagining Infrastructure Systems through a Climate Resilience Lens (Erie Room)*
 - *Reclaiming Land and Place as a Climate Resilience Strategy (Illinois Room)*
 - *From Disaster Preparedness to Adaptation (St. Clair Salon 2)*

Tuesday, May 3 (continued)

- 12:30 – 1:15pm **Lunch**
Lakeshore Ballroom East, 3rd Floor
- 12:30 – 1:15pm **New York Caucus Conversation**
Ontario Room, 3rd Floor
- 12:30 – 1:15pm **California Caucus Conversation**
Illinois Room, 3rd Floor
- 1:15 – 2:30pm **Restorative Time**
- 2:30 – 4:30pm **Catalyzing connections (concurrent mix of workshops and panels)**
- *Change Communications and Framing Climate Work (St. Clair Salon 1)*
 - *The Interplay of Social Justice in the Context of Climate Resilience (St. Clair Salon 2)*
 - *Data Tools Exchange (St. Clair Salon 3)*
 - *Big Leaps Towards Exponential Solutions: Transformative Strategies for Community Climate Resilience (Erie Room)*
 - *Organizing to Address Displacement in the Context of Climate Resilience: A Case Study (Illinois Room)*
 - *Adaptation Principles in Action: Strengthening Your Strategies to Maximize Climate-Resilience Impact (Ontario Room)*
- 4:30 – 4:45pm **Transition Break**
- 4:45 – 5:30pm **Full Group Session: Integrating Our Learning**
Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor
- 5:30 – 5:45pm **Transition Break**
- 5:45pm **Buses depart for off-site dinner**
- 6:15 – 8:30pm **Dinner at Stony Island Arts Bank**
**Your participation is strongly encouraged.*
- 8:30pm **Buses depart for hotel**

Wednesday, May 4

- 7:30 – 8:15am **Breakfast**
Lakeshore Ballroom East, 3rd Floor
- 8:15 – 9:30am **Morning Plenary: Putting Race at the Center of the Climate Resilience Table/
Putting Climate at the Center of the Racial Justice Table**
Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor
- 9:30 – 9:45am **Transition Break**

Wednesday, May 4 (continued)

- 9:45 – 11:00am **Concurrent Strategy Exchanges**
- *Driving Climate Resilience at Scale Through State Policy (Ontario Room)*
 - *Health as a Cornerstone of Climate Resilience (Illinois Room)*
 - *Building Momentum for Climate Resilience in the Face of Resistance (Erie Room)*
 - *Addressing Structural Racism to Advance Climate Resilience (St. Clair Salon 3)*
 - *Open Sessions (St. Clair 1, St. Clair 2, Lakeshore Ballroom East)*
- 11:00 – 11:15am **Transition Break**
- 11:15 – 12:30pm **Closing Session: Integrating our Learning and Charting the Path Forward**
Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor
- 12:30pm **Program Ends** – Boxed lunch will be provided
Lakeshore Ballroom East, 3rd Floor

Workshop Descriptions

Morning Plenary: Rounding out an Integrated, Comprehensive Approach to Climate Resilience

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

9:00am – 10:30am

(Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor)

The opening session will focus on what it means and what it takes to advance climate resilience in an integrated and transformational way. Key leaders will kick off the conversation, speaking about the cultural shifts we need to advance, how we can integrate climate adaptation and mitigation efforts, and what it means to build both social cohesion and community power in the climate context.

Moderator: Shamar Bibbins - Environment Program Officer, The Kresge Foundation

Speakers:

- Eddie Bautista - Executive Director, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance
- Lara Hansen - Executive Director, EcoAdapt
- Taj James - Executive Director, Movement Strategy Center
- Johanna Partin - Director, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance, Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN)
- Makani Themba - Consultant, Higher Ground Strategies

Building Democratic Systems: Community Owned and Distributed Energy Systems

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

11:00am – 12:30pm

(St. Clair Salon 1)

The emergence of community-owned and distributed energy systems is creating the opportunity for deep climate resilience and more democratic control of energy resources. This session will explore resident engagement and how to effectively organize a community around democratizing energy; policy levers needed to drive the work forward; and innovative approaches to project development in solar, microgrids, and municipal utilities.

Moderator: Denise Fairchild - President and CEO, Emerald Cities Collaborative

Speakers:

- Chris Neidl - Director, Solar One
 - Danny Peralta - Executive Managing Director, The Point
 - Elizabeth Yeampierre - Executive Director, UPROSE
 - Jessica Goodheart - Director, RePower LA, LAANE
 - Lew Milford - President, Clean Energy Group
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Social Cohesion Strategies in Action

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

11:00am – 12:30pm

(Ontario Room)

Social cohesion is key to ensuring that climate change efforts truly advance climate resilience. This strategy conversation will feature efforts to build social cohesion in local communities. Speakers will share what they are learning as they move into the implementation phase of their social work. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to assess where their strategies fall along the social cohesion continuum and think about ways to deepen their efforts.

Moderator: Shamar Bibbins - Environment Program Officer, The Kresge Foundation

Speakers:

- Chad Stephens - Climate Resilience/Urban Greening Coordinator, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
- Chris Marchi - Director of Community Building and Environment, NOAH
- Michelle de la Uz – Executive Director, Fifth Avenue Committee
- Vicente García - Program Manager, Movement Strategy Center

Building Grassroots Leadership for Climate Resilience

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

11:00am – 12:30pm

(St. Clair Salon 3)

True climate resilience requires the leadership of those most deeply affected by current and emerging climate change threats. This workshop will focus on how different groups are approaching the critical work of supporting grassroots leadership for climate resilience. Workshop catalysts will share how they are helping leaders ground themselves in a climate resilience framework. Workshop participants will exchange design ideas, share how they work with the climate science and identify pathways for prioritizing the climate lens.

Moderator: Marian Urquilla - Principal, Strategy Shift

Catalysts:

- Aurash Khawarзад - Policy Coordinator, WEACTION
- Diana Lopez - Executive Director, Southwest Workers' Union
- Diane Takvorian – Executive Director, Environmental Health Coalition
- Jill Mangaliman - Executive Director, Got Green
- Miya Yoshitani - Executive Director, APEN
- Veronica Garibay - Co-Director, Leadership Council

Reimagining Infrastructure Systems through a Climate Resilience Lens

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

11:00am – 12:30pm

(Erie Room)

Climate resilience requires that we reimagine infrastructure systems and these efforts can themselves create opportunities for transformative change. This strategy conversation will focus on local and regional efforts to transform infrastructure systems. Panelists will share highlights from their work and discuss the opportunities and challenges of working to change systems at scale.

Moderator: Taj James - Executive Director, Movement Strategy Center

Speakers:

- Caroline Farrell - Executive Director, Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment
- Irvans Augustine - Founding Partner, Urban Impact Lab
- Monique Lopez - Senior Planner and Policy Advocate, Environmental Health Coalition
- Tom Osdoba - Vice President, Green Initiatives, Enterprise Community Partners
- Vivian Satterfield - Deputy Director and Director of Policy initiatives, OPAL

Reclaiming Land and Place as a Climate Resilience Strategy

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

11:00am – 12:30pm

(Illinois Room)

In the face of climate change, land and place represent both vulnerability and strength for communities of color. In this session, speakers will discuss how their work to reclaim land and rebuild neighborhoods are critical to building local climate resilience. In particular, the conversation will focus on strategies to advance community ownership and wealth and community power in the context of climate work.

Moderator: Cecil Corbin-Mark - Deputy Director and Director of Policy Initiatives, WEACT

Speakers:

- Alan Hipolito - Executive Director, Verde
 - Linda Warren - Senior Vice-President of Placemaking, Cleveland Neighborhood Progress
 - Maria Torres - President and COO, The Point
 - Rahwa Ghirmatzion - Director of Programs, Push Buffalo
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From Disaster Preparedness to Adaptation

Tuesday, May 3

11:00am – 12:30 pm

(St. Clair Salon 2)

Communities are working to redefine disaster preparedness so that it is grounded more deeply in immediate community priorities. At the same time, many of these same communities are working to advance climate adaptation efforts. Panelists will discuss how these two strategies can be better linked and identify some of the approaches we can take to ensure that both efforts result in systemic gains for local communities.

Moderator: Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome - Environment Senior Program Officer, The Kresge Foundation

Speakers:

- Drew Curtis - Director of Community Development & Environmental Justice, Ironbound
- Jacqui Patterson - Environmental and Climate Justice Director, NAACP
- Juan Camilo Osorio - Research Director, NYC Environmental Justice Alliance
- Lara Hansen - Executive Director, EcoAdapt

Change Communications and Framing Climate Work

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

2:30pm – 4:30pm

(St. Clair Salon 1)

What is “change communications” and why do we need it in our work? This session will explore deeply held conceptual frames that shape the public conversation on resilience and climate crisis—and how to craft change communications strategy to advance our frames. Please come ready to share your challenges and breakthroughs as our work together will draw directly from current campaigns using a hands-on, “clinic” approach.

Facilitator: Makani Themba - Consultant, Higher Ground Strategies

The Interplay of Social Justice in the Context of Climate Resilience

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

2:30pm – 4:30pm

(St. Clair Salon 2)

Community-based non-profit groups have been a tremendous force in the work for climate resilience. Yet their ability to achieve results at scale is often limited by their single reliance on philanthropic support and the scarce engagement with the bigger flows of capital that can influence, positively or negatively, initiatives around climate resilience. This interactive workshop will give participants an overview and orientation to the intersection of social justice and finance. Participants will be exposed to case studies of how other organizational leaders and communities have incorporated and financed earned income strategies and capital engagement, including analysis of the social and economic impacts of capital financing for climate resilience focused community projects.

Facilitator: Aner Ben Ani - Managing Director, Pi Investments

Data Tools Exchange
Tuesday, May 3, 2016
2:30pm – 4:30pm
(St. Clair Salon 3)

Getting the information needed to support climate resilience work and finding the tools to organize and communicate data can be a challenge. This interactive session will explore how we understand data, how we see connecting climate science to strategy, and ways to communicate climate science to diverse community audiences. Through sharing our questions and experiences with data, and hearing from fellow grantees showcasing tools they have used and/or created, participants will work together to frame how data might deepen their impact and to identify key needs and next steps in using data to support their efforts.

Facilitators: Dr. Cecilia Martinez - Director of Research Programs, Center for Earth, Energy, and Democracy and Odin Zackman, Founder, DIG IN

Presenters:

- Ben Strauss - Vice President for Sea Level and Climate Impacts, Climate Central
- Garrett Fitzgerald - Strategic Partnerships Advisor, USDN
- Jessica Goodheart - Director RePower LA, LAANE
- Sarah Truehaft - Director of Equitable Growth Initiatives, PolicyLink

Big Leaps Towards Exponential Solutions: Transformative Strategies for Community Climate Resilience
Tuesday, May 3
2:30pm – 4:30pm
(Erie Room)

As we find that genuine climate resilience requires deep transformation across multiple sectors, it is ever more critical that we clarify the distinctions and interconnections between incremental change and transformation. Participants will gain a working understanding of the distinctions and benefits of both incremental change strategies and transformation strategies and have the opportunity to design a transformation strategy for one of their resilience goals and try out elements of it in an embodied simulation.

Presenters:

- Rosa González - Team Lead, Community Climate Solutions, Movement Strategy Center
 - Nwamaka Agbo - Innovation Fellow, Next Economy, Movement Strategy Center
 - Vicente García - Program Manager, Movement Strategy Center
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Organizing to Address Displacement in the Context of Climate Resilience: A Case Study

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

2:30 – 4:30pm

(Illinois Room)

In many U.S. cities, fast-paced displacement is dramatically destabilizing communities of color and increasing their vulnerability to the effects of climate change. This workshop will present the work of Causa Justa: Just Cause and APEN to address displacement from a climate resilience perspective. The two Bay Area organizations are advancing a comprehensive strategy that includes data analysis, direct organizing and base building, and local, regional and statewide policy and advocacy work.

Facilitators: Dawn Phillips - Program Co-Director Causa Justa : : Just Cause and Miya Yoshitani - Executive Director, APEN

Adaptation Principles in Action: Strengthening Your Strategies to Maximize Climate-Resilience Impact

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

2:30 – 4:30pm

(Ontario Room)

Sure, we all work on climate change, but will your work stand up to climate change? This interactive workshop will help you evaluate your project and goals in terms of their own adaptiveness using basic adaptation principles. The result will be a path to more durable work that can withstand the challenges that lie ahead.

Facilitators: Lara Hansen - Executive Director, EcoAdapt and Marian Urquilla - Principal, Strategy Shift

Morning Plenary: Putting Race at the Center of the Climate Resilience Table/Putting Climate at the Center of the Racial Justice Table

Wednesday, May 4

8:15am – 9:30am

(Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor)

Ensuring that U.S. climate resilience efforts address the needs of the most vulnerable communities requires that we put race on the table and address issues of racial inequality and exclusion head on as we craft our climate work. Simultaneously, advancing racial justice in a time of climate change requires that we put climate change on the table and address current and future threats as we craft our racial justice work. This plenary will address the heart of these tensions, and speakers will share their efforts to advance an integrated, transformational approach to racial justice and climate resilience.

Moderator: Jacqui Patterson - Environmental and Climate Justice Director, NAACP

Speakers:

- Dr. Atyia Martin - Chief Resilience Officer, City of Boston
- Cecil Corbin-Mark - Deputy Director and Director of Policy Initiatives, WEACT
- Cecilia Martinez - Director of Research Programs, Center for Earth, Energy, and Democracy
- Simran Noor - Vice President, Policy Programs, Center for Social Inclusion

Strategy Exchange: Driving Climate Resilience at Scale through State Policy
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
9:45am – 11:00am
(Ontario Room)

Strategy Exchange: Health as a Cornerstone of Climate Resilience
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
9:45am – 11:00am
(Illinois Room)

Strategy Exchange: Building Momentum for Climate Resilience in the Face of Resistance
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
9:45am – 11:00am
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Strategy Exchange: Addressing Structural Racism to Advance Climate Resilience
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
9:45am – 11:00 am
(St. Clair Salon 3)

Closing Session: Integrating our Learning and Charting the Path Forward
Wednesday, May 4, 2016
11:15am – 12:30am
(Lakeshore Ballroom West, 3rd Floor)

The closing session will kick-off with reflections from a small group of conference weavers, participants who have taken on the assignment of listening for themes and points of connection and new learning throughout the conference. It will also include opportunities for everyone to work in small groups to “make sense” of the larger convening, identify their learning and define how they will take their new connections and insights back home.

Facilitator: Marian Urquilla - Principal, Strategy Shift

Catalysts:

- Garrett Fitzgerald - Strategic Partnerships Advisor, USDN
- Lois DeBacker - Environment Managing Director, The Kresge Foundation
- Nile Malloy - Program Director, Democratizing Community Development, Neighborhood Funders Group
- Rebecca Saldana - Executive Director, Puget Sound Sage
- Shamar Bibbins - Environment Program Officer, The Kresge Foundation