

TRAINING AGENDA

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

REGISTRATION CHECK-IN

10:00 AM – 10:05 AM

WELCOME

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: *Catherine Coleman Flowers, Rural Development Manager, Equal Justice Initiative; and Board Member, The Climate Reality Project*

10:05 AM – 10:10 AM

OPENING INVOCATION

Reverend Dr. Gerald L. Durley, Board Chair, Interfaith Power & Light

10:10 AM – 10:20 AM

TRAINING INTRODUCTION

Ken Berlin, President and CEO, The Climate Reality Project

10:20 AM – 10:35 AM

WELCOMING REMARKS

Al Gore, Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project

10:35 AM – 11:00 AM

GETTING TO KNOW THE CLIMATE REALITY LEADERSHIP CORPS PROGRAM

William J. Barber III, Strategic Partnerships Associate, The Climate Reality Project

Jessica Hamilton, Communications Manager, The Climate Reality Project

Get to know the Climate Reality Leadership Corps program and fellow training participants. Climate Reality staff will lead participants through an icebreaker exercise and provide insight into the Climate Reality Leadership Corps and the mentorship program.

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

STORIES FROM THE FRONTLINES: THE CLIMATE CRISIS, A SOCIAL JUSTICE CRISIS

MODERATOR: *Al Gore, Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project*

LTG. Ret. Russel L. Honoré, *Founder, GreenARMY*

Danielle Bailey-Lash, *Impacted Community Member, Belews Creek, North Carolina*

Katherine Cummings, *Board Member and Founding President, Fall-line Alliance for a Clean Environment*

Rev. Paul M. Wilson, *Pastor, Union Hill and Union Grove Baptist Churches*

Environmental injustice takes many forms. Communities across the region are joining together to advocate for their rights and fight dangerous and destructive fossil fuel projects. Hear from courageous leaders how they're fighting for climate and social justice.

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM

LUNCH

12:45 PM – 3:15 PM

THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND ITS SOLUTIONS

Al Gore, *Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project*

An *Inconvenient Truth* introduced millions of people to the reality of the climate crisis and inspired millions more to make a difference in their communities. During this session, participants will experience the presentation that sparked a global movement.

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

TABLE WORK – FORMULATING QUESTIONS

Now that you've seen *The Climate Crisis and Its Solutions*, what topics do you want Vice President Al Gore and science advisors to talk more about? You'll determine the topics they'll cover on day two, and then work with your table to discuss giving your own presentation.

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM

WALK TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ISSUE FOCUS BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Choose one of the following sessions to learn more about an important climate issue. Full descriptions of the breakout sessions are on page 14.

BREAKOUT 1: The Climate Crisis and the Coasts – B405

Megan Desrosiers, *Founding President and CEO, One Hundred Miles*

Troy Robertson, *Climate Fellow, Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy*

BREAKOUT 2: Climate and Health – B406-B407

Dr. Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, *Assistant Professor, Environmental and Health Sciences Program, Spelman College*

BREAKOUT 3: Food and Forest: How Rural Communities Are Responding – B401-B402

Danna Smith, *Founder and Executive Director, Dogwood Alliance*

Amber Bell, *Program Director, Southwest Georgia Project*

BREAKOUT 4: Environmental Justice on an International Scale – B409

Ethan Spaner, *International Program Director, The Climate Reality Project*

Matthew Chapman, *National Campaign Coordinator, The Climate Reality Project Canada*

Ashley Daniels, *Advocate, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network*

BREAKOUT 5: A Safe Place to Live, Work, Play, and Pray: 30 Years of the US Environmental Justice Movement –

Thomas Murphy Ballroom

Dr. Robert D. Bullard, *Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, Texas Southern University*

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

EVENING BREAK *Break for dinner on your own or with fellow attendees.*

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

A MORAL CALL TO ACTION ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS (Optional)

Ebenezer Baptist Church, 101 Jackson Street, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30312

Join us for an interfaith mass meeting to explore how diverse faith traditions and common values compel us to respond to the climate crisis and inspire us to act for a more just and sustainable world. In addition to training participants, this optional event will be open to the general public. All are welcome.

If you plan to attend, please be sure to eat dinner beforehand, and note that there are not many dining options around Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Climate Reality will provide limited bus transport from the Georgia World Congress Center to Ebenezer Baptist Church. Buses depart at 6:15 PM in front of Building B, outside of the Thomas Murphy Ballroom on the main lobby level.

You may also find your own way to Ebenezer Baptist Church. If you choose to take a Lyft, you may use the code **CLIMATEATL19** to get 25% off your ride. You may also take the Blue MARTA line from the Dome/GWCC/Philips Area/CNN Transit Station to the King Memorial Transit Station. This includes two ten-minute walks from venues to stations. Please visit www.itsmarta.com/planatrip.aspx for details and to plan your trip.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: *Jamil Smith, Senior Writer, Rolling Stone*

8:35 AM – 8:45 AM

INTENTION SETTING

Chief Pete Parr, Chief, Pee Dee Indian Tribe

8:45 AM – 9:45 AM

COMMUNICATING CLIMATE: STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS

Stacie Paxton Cobos, Senior Vice President for Communications, The Climate Reality Project

Alaura Carter, Grassroots Program Coordinator, The Climate Reality Project

Sharing the climate and environmental justice message with a broad audience can be challenging, but you can influence hearts and minds with case studies, personal stories, and solutions-based narratives. This session will offer new skills for building trust with audiences and help you become a more effective communicator.

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM

MORNING BREAK

10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND ITS SOLUTIONS: QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

MODERATOR: *Dr. Robert D. Bullard, Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, Texas Southern University*

Al Gore, Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project

Dr. J. Marshall Shepherd, Georgia Athletic Association Distinguished Professor of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Georgia

Dr. Kim Cobb, Georgia Power Chair and Professor of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, Georgia Institute of Technology

During this session, Climate Reality Founder and Chairman Al Gore will be joined by science and policy experts to answer questions chosen by the audience.

11:45 PM – 1:00 PM

INDUSTRY NETWORKING LUNCH

Refer to page 90 for additional information

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM

KEYNOTE

The Honorable John Lewis, Congressman, Georgia's 5th District

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM

WALK TO BREAKOUT SESSIONS

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

SKILL-BUILDING BREAKOUT SESSION ONE

Choose one of the following sessions to build your skills as a communicator, educator, advocate, and activist. Full descriptions for breakout sessions are on page 16.

BREAKOUT 1: Community Organizing: Building Grassroots Power to Win – Thomas Murphy Ballroom

Bishop William J. Barber II, *President, Repairers of the Breach; and Co-Chair, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*

BREAKOUT 2: Now Presenting: Mastering the Presentation – B309

Brian Ettling, *Climate Reality Leader trained in San Francisco in 2012*

Maria Santiago-Valentín, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Chicago in 2013*

BREAKOUT 3: Telling Your Story: Personal Narrative as Social Change – B406-B407

Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, *Vice President for Environmental Justice, Climate and Community Revitalization, National Wildlife Federation*

BREAKOUT 4: Building Bridges: Engaging Diverse Stakeholders in the Southeast – B405

Odetta MacLeish-White, *Managing Director, TransFormation Alliance*

Don Francis, *Executive Director, Partnership for Clean Transportation, Inc. and Coordinator, Clean Cities-Georgia*

BREAKOUT 5: Sustainability: Shaping Your Impact – B401-B402

Jaime Nack, *President, Three Squares Inc.*

BREAKOUT 6: Introduction to Green Jobs – B308

Southface Institute

Greening Youth Foundation

BREAKOUT 7A: Project Drawdown – B310

Dr. Katharine Wilkinson, *Vice President of Communication and Engagement, Project Drawdown*

2:30 PM – 2:45 PM

WALK TO BREAKOUT SESSION

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

SKILL-BUILDING BREAKOUT SESSION TWO

Choose one of the following sessions to build your skills as a communicator, educator, advocate, and activist. Full descriptions for breakout sessions are on page 16.

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BREAKOUT 7B: Be the Change: Running for Office – B310

Lindy Miller, *Co-founder, Cherry Street Energy and 2018 Candidate, Georgia Public Service Commission*

Kimberly Bizon, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Johannesburg in 2014, and 2018 Candidate, US House of Representatives*

Heidi Harmon, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Chicago in 2013, and Mayor, San Luis Obispo, California*

3:45 PM – 4:15 PM

BREAK/WALK TO GENERAL SESSION

4:15 PM – 5:00 PM

FUSION POLITICS

Bishop William J. Barber II, *President, Repairers of the Breach; and Co-Chair, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*

Al Gore, *Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project*

During this conversation, Vice President Al Gore and Bishop Barber will discuss the need to build cross-issue, multi-faith, multi-racial movements to solve the climate crisis and achieve true environmental justice.

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM

A JUST ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE SOUTHEAST

MODERATOR: Jamil Smith, *Senior Writer, Rolling Stone*

Nathaniel Smith, *Founder and Chief Equity Officer, Partnership for Southern Equity*

Katie Chiles Ottenweller, *Southeast Director, Vote Solar*

Dr. Holmes Hummel, *Founder, Clean Energy Works*

Explore the policy challenges and opportunities to build a just clean energy economy in the southeastern United States. This session will provide context for day three's morning of action.

5:45 PM – 7:30 PM

GROUP RECEPTION AND PARTNER FAIR

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019

8:30 AM – 8:35 AM

WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: William J. Barber III, *Strategic Partnerships Associate, The Climate Reality Project*

8:35 AM – 10:00 AM

MORNING OF ACTION

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

GROUP PICTURE

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM

MORNING BREAK

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

TRUTH IN 10

Al Gore, *Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project*

During this session, Climate Reality Founder and Chairman Al Gore will show participants how to teach their family, friends, and colleagues to give their own short, 10-minute presentations on the climate crisis.

11:00 AM – 11:45 AM

CLIMATE REALITY'S STRATEGY IN A CHANGING POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Ken Berlin, *President and CEO, The Climate Reality Project*

While the world took a big step forward with the Paris Agreement, the changing political landscape in the US makes the future increasingly uncertain, but there is still hope. Participants will hear about federal and local initiatives, the importance of nationally determined contributions, and the Climate Reality Leadership Corps' role in catalyzing action.

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

WHAT'S NEXT: TAKE ACTION AND CREATE CHANGE

Katie Malzbender, *Chapter Campaigns Manager, The Climate Reality Project*

Spanning six continents, 10 branch offices, and 152 countries, the Climate Reality Leadership Corps engages, connects, and activates a global network of thousands of change agents through its programs and campaigns. This session will highlight the vital role Climate Reality Leaders play in building planet-wide momentum for climate solutions, and help you begin to plan for your first action as a Climate Reality Leader.

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM

PARTNER PLANNING LUNCH

During lunch, find a partner from another table and plan your first Act of Leadership. Refer to page 95 for additional information.

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM

ENSURING CLIMATE EQUITY

MODERATOR: *Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, Vice President for Environmental Justice, Climate and Community Revitalization, National Wildlife Federation*

Cherri Foytlin, *Gulf Coast Campaigner, Indigenous Environmental Network*

Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson, *Co-Executive Director, Highlander Research and Education Center*

Michelle Suarez, *Orlando Regional Director, Organize Florida*

Rev. Leo Woodberry, *Pastor, Kingdom Living Temple; and Executive Director, New Alpha Community Development Corporation*

Solving the climate crisis demands we increase diversity in our ranks and join with unlikely allies while finding common ground. Hear from inspiring climate justice leaders about how they're building movements for change.

2:15 PM – 2:55 PM

CLIMATE REALITY LEADERS: WHO WE ARE

MODERATOR: *Al Gore, Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project*

Dr. Jairo Garcia, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Los Angeles in 2018*

James Masino, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Pittsburgh in 2017*

Mayela Manasjan, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Denver in 2017*

Andrise Bass, *Climate Reality Leader trained in San Francisco in 2012*

As a Climate Reality Leader, you'll translate your passion and the skills you learn at this training into action. In this unique session, Vice President Al Gore will share the origin story of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps and facilitate a conversation highlighting why Climate Reality Leaders are his own inspiration for hope.

2:55 PM – 3:05 PM

COMMENCEMENT

Ken Berlin, *President and CEO, The Climate Reality Project*

3:05 PM – 3:30 PM

CLOSING REMARKS AND GREEN RING AWARD PRESENTATION

Al Gore, *Founder and Chairman, The Climate Reality Project*

BREAKOUT SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

MARCH 14 ISSUE FOCUS BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Choose one of the below sessions to attend from 4:00-5:00 PM on Thursday, March 14. Refer to the floor plan on page 18 for help finding the sessions.

BREAKOUT 1: THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND THE COASTS – B405

Megan Desrosiers, *Founding President and CEO, One Hundred Miles*

Troy Robertson, *Climate Fellow, Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy*

Major storms and rising seas are remaking shorelines along the southeastern coast and increasing the risk from environmental hazards. During this session, you'll learn how the climate crisis is impacting the Atlantic and Gulf coasts – and discover how local communities are responding.

BREAKOUT 2: CLIMATE AND HEALTH – B406-B407

Dr. Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, *Assistant Professor, Environmental and Health Science Program, Spelman College*

The health of our communities is inherently linked to the health of our planet. During this session, hear how historic environmental injustices and intensifying climate impacts are threatening human health, and discover how communities can mobilize to fight for the health and rights of their friends, families, and neighbors.

BREAKOUT 3: FOOD AND FORESTS: HOW RURAL COMMUNITIES ARE RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS – B401-B402

Danna Smith, *Founder and Executive Director, Dogwood Alliance*

Amber Bell, *Director of Programs, Southwest Georgia Project*

Rural communities in the southeastern United States will be hit particularly hard by the climate crisis. During this session, learn how farming and forest conservation can offer climate solutions that make rural communities resilient.

BREAKOUT 4: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ON AN INTERNATIONAL SCALE – B409

Recommended for international attendees.

Ethan Spaner, *International Program Director, The Climate Reality Project*

Matthew Chapman, *National Campaign Coordinator, The Climate Reality Project Canada*

Ashley Daniels, *Advocate, North Carolina Environmental Justice Network*

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BREAKOUT 5: A SAFE PLACE TO LIVE, WORK, PLAY, AND PRAY: 30 YEARS OF THE US ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE MOVEMENT – *Thomas Murphy Ballroom*

Dr. Robert Bullard, *Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, Texas Southern University*

The southeastern United States launched the US environmental justice movement. Learn about the fights that galvanized the movement, the research techniques used to demonstrate environmental racism, and the decades-long fight for justice.

MARCH 15 SKILL-BUILDING BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Choose two of the below sessions, and attend one from 1:30-2:30 PM, and the other from 2:45-3:45 PM, on Friday, March 15. Refer to the floor plan on page 18 for help finding the sessions.

BREAKOUT 1: COMMUNITY ORGANIZING: BUILDING GRASSROOTS POWER TO WIN – Thomas Murphy Ballroom

Bishop William J. Barber II, *President, Repairers of the Breach and Co-Chair, Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*

Transformative change often happens from the bottom up, but recruiting and engaging grassroots activists is no easy task. Join Bishop Barber to learn how to mobilize local communities to fight for social justice and climate action.

BREAKOUT 2: NOW PRESENTING: MASTERING THE PRESENTATION – B309

Brian Ettling, *Climate Reality Leader trained in San Francisco in 2012*

Maria Santiago-Valentín, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Chicago in 2013*

The Climate Reality Leadership Corps was founded on the idea that people like you could help spread the truth about the climate crisis and its solutions by giving presentations. Join some of our most experienced presenters to discover how you can find opportunities to present, customize the slideshow, and inspire audiences of all types to take action and solve the climate crisis.

BREAKOUT 3: TELLING YOUR STORY: PERSONAL NARRATIVE AS SOCIAL CHANGE – B406-B407

Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, *Vice President for Environmental Justice, Climate and Community Revitalization, National Wildlife Federation*

Personal stories are a powerful way to connect with your audience and inspire action. Join Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, an environmental justice leader and much sought-after public speaker, to learn tips and techniques for telling your story with passion and purpose.

BREAKOUT 4: BUILDING BRIDGES: ENGAGING DIVERSE STAKEHOLDERS IN THE SOUTHEAST – B405

Odetta MacLeish-White, *Managing Director, TransFormation Alliance*

Don Francis, *Executive Director, Partnership for Clean Transportation, Inc. and Coordinator, Clean Cities-Georgia*

To tackle social justice and sustainability challenges, we must build diverse coalitions. Hear from veteran changemakers how they cultivate trust and build partnerships among businesses, governments, community-based organizations, and houses of worship across the Southeast.

BREAKOUT 5: SUSTAINABILITY: SHAPING YOUR IMPACT – B401-B402

Jaime Nack, *President, Three Squares Inc.*

If there's one thing Climate Reality Leaders know, it's that everyone can make a difference in the fight against the climate crisis. The question is: how can you maximize your personal impact? During this session, you'll learn how you can shape your impact and think through ways to bring sustainability into all aspects of your world – including your community, workplace, and industry.

BREAKOUT 6: INTRODUCTION TO GREEN JOBS – B308

Southface Institute

Greening Youth Foundation

A low-carbon future offers economic opportunities and growth in new and expanding sectors. Youth are encouraged to attend this session to explore job opportunities in a clean energy economy.

BREAKOUT 7A: PROJECT DRAWDOWN WORKSHOP – B310

Available only during the first session, from 1:30-2:30 PM on Friday, March 15.

Dr. Katharine Wilkinson, *Vice President of Communication and Engagement, Project Drawdown*

Project Drawdown has inspired people around the world to take meaningful action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Taking a page from “the most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming,” Dr. Wilkinson will share how to identify and support climate solutions across sectors and society.

BREAKOUT 7B: BE THE CHANGE: RUNNING FOR OFFICE – B310

Available only during the second session, from 2:45-3:45 PM on Friday, March 15.

Lindy Miller, *Co-founder, Cherry Street Energy and 2018 Candidate, Georgia Public Service Commission*

Kimberly Bizon, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Johannesburg in 2014*

Heidi Harmon, *Climate Reality Leader trained in Chicago in 2013*

Ready to lead the climate and social justice fight? Running for office gives you a platform to share your message and could even put you in the decision-making seat. Hear from recent candidates about what inspired them to run for office, what they learned from the process, and how they communicated climate, energy, and social justice issues.