

# Preparing a Green and Blue Workforce Convening Agenda

Education Development Center  
2445 M St NW Suite 530  
Washington, D.C. 20037  
Ground Floor Classroom

Day 1: February 7	
8:15–9:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast/Registration</b>
9:00–9:45 am	<b>Welcome &amp; Overview</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liesbet Steer: President and Chief Executive Officer, EDC</li> <li>• Ani Dasgupta: Chief Executive Officer, World Resources Institute</li> </ul>
9:45–10:40 am	<b>Panel 1: Future Jobs &amp; Skills for the Green and Blue Economies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator—Nicole Smith: Research Professor and Chief Economist, Center on Education and Workforce, Georgetown University</li> <li>• Christopher Boone: Professor, Arizona State University School of Sustainability</li> <li>• Nicole Ardoin: Associate Professor, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability</li> <li>• Arun Agrawal: Samuel Trask Dana Professor, University of Michigan School for Environment and Sustainability</li> </ul>
10:40-10:50 am	<b>Break</b>
10:50-11:45 am	<b>Panel 2: Industry Perspectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator—Josephine Louie: Principal Research Scientist, EDC</li> <li>• Crystal Bridgeman: Senior Director, Workforce Development Programs, Siemens Foundation</li> <li>• Elise DeGeorge: Project Leader, National Renewable Energy Laboratory</li> <li>• Kevin Rabinovitch: Global Vice President of Sustainability and Chief Climate Officer, Mars, Incorporated</li> </ul>
11:45-12:30 pm	<b>Facilitated Discussions: Finding Common Language</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frank Niepold: Senior Climate Education and Workforce Program Manager and Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</li> </ul>
12:30-1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>

1:30-2:25 pm	<p><b>Panel 3: Climate Change and Education: What Do the Data Show?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator—Heidi Schweingruber: Director, Board on Science Education, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine</li> <li>• Sarah Bodor: Senior Director of Capacity Building, North American Association for Environmental Education</li> <li>• Carol O'Donnell: Senior Executive, Smithsonian Science Education Center</li> <li>• Rachel Rosen: Senior Research Associate, Center for Effective Career and Technical Education, MDRC</li> </ul>
2:25-2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:30-3:30 pm	<p><b>Panel 4: Education and Career Pathways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator—Cyane Dandridge: Executive Director, Strategic Energy Innovations</li> <li>• Sarah Sterling-Laldee: Senior Advisor on Climate Change Education, New Jersey Department of Education</li> <li>• Jeffrey Chetirko: Senior Advisor of High School Innovation, NYC Public Schools</li> <li>• Marjorie Parker: President and Chief Executive Officer, JobsFirstNYC</li> <li>• Taj Eldridge: Managing Director, Climate Innovations, Jobs for the Future</li> </ul>
3:30-4:15 pm	<b>Breakout Discussions: Education Partnerships and Equity</b>
4:15-4:30 pm	<p><b>Reflections on Day One</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Melanie Sany: Director of Youth, Workforce, and Green Economies, EDC</li> </ul>

<b>Day 2: February 8</b>	
8:15-9:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast/Registration</b>
9:00-9:45 am	<p><b>Welcome to Day Two: Equity in the Climate Workforce and Voices from Our Youth and Philanthropy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarita Pillai: Vice President and Chief Equity Officer, EDC</li> <li>• Christina Kwauk: Founder / Co-Founder, Kwauk &amp; Associates / Unbounded Associates</li> </ul>
9:45-10:45 am	<p><b>Panel 1: Learning from Youth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator—Michelle Armstrong: Head of Philanthropy and Executive Director, Ares Charitable Foundation</li> <li>• Kenzie Winslow: Climate Corps Fellow, Strategic Energy Innovations</li> <li>• Elsa Mengistu: Director of Programming, Black Girl Environmentalist</li> <li>• Adriana Embus-Figueroa: Investor, Include Ventures</li> <li>• Zanagee Artis: Founder and Executive Director, Zero Hour</li> </ul>

10:45-10:55 am	<b>Break</b>
10:55-12:05 pm	<p><b>Panel 2: Public Agencies and the Policy Context</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator—Sarita Pillai: Vice President and Chief Equity Officer, EDC</li> <li>• Frank Niepold: Senior Climate Education and Workforce Program Manager and Coordinator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</li> <li>• Asli Sezen-Barrie: Program Director, National Science Foundation</li> <li>• Maya Goodwin: Senior Advisor, Workforce and Economic Opportunity Policy, U.S. Department of Energy</li> <li>• Patti Curtis: Senior STEM Advisor, U.S. Department of Education</li> <li>• Rachel Zuckerman: Special Advisor for Implementation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>• Stephanie Rodriguez: Senior Workforce Fellow, U.S. Department of Labor</li> </ul>
12:05-12:55 pm	<b>Lunch and Networking</b>
12:55-1:55 pm	<p><b>Panel 3: Private Funding and Current Initiatives</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moderator—Andrés Henríquez: Director of STEM Education Strategy, U.S. Division, EDC</li> <li>• Michelle Armstrong: Head of Philanthropy and Executive Director, Ares Charitable Foundation</li> <li>• Crystal Bridgeman: Senior Director, Workforce Development Programs, Siemens Foundation</li> <li>• Janet Coffey: Program Director, Science Learning and Engagement, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation</li> <li>• Kristin Wegner Guilfoyle: Project Leader, National Renewable Energy Laboratory</li> <li>• Alessandra Digiusto: Head of CSR Americas and Executive Director, Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation</li> <li>• Cecilia Martinez: Chief of Environmental and Climate Justice, Bezos Earth Fund</li> </ul>
1:55-2:00 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:00-2:45 pm	<b>Breakout Group Discussions: Themes and Priority Questions</b>
2:45-3:00 pm	<p><b>Reflections, Next Steps, and Adjourn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cindy Taylor: Senior Vice President and Director, U.S. Division, EDC</li> <li>• Andrés Henríquez: Director of STEM Education Strategy, U.S. Division, EDC</li> </ul>