



AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The American Climate Leadership Summit 2022 (ACLS 2022) brought together world-class speakers and national and local leaders for four days of sharing, collaboration, and action. As the only national convening exclusively dedicated to diversifying public engagement, political resolve, and climate action, ACLS 2022 welcomed climate leaders of all levels working to engage everyone, every day. [Here's our session overview and replay guide.](#)

DAY 1 - March 28, 2022

[Summit Welcome + Opening Keynote](#)

Vanessa Hauc, Telemundo News Planeta Tierra

Bob Perkowitz, ecoAmerica

Meighen Speiser, ecoAmerica

[We Are The Solution](#)



Jacquelyn Dupont-Walker, MSW, LCSW,
AME Social Action Commission

Kate Meis Wright, Climate Mayors

Meighen Speiser, ecoAmerica

V. Fan Tait, MD, FAAP,
American Academy of Pediatrics

Each of us has the power to influence others in our lives. Hear from three leaders who are inspiring diverse climate action among black churches, local communities, and pediatricians nationwide. (36 min video)

Hot Topics

[People Powered Science Solutions](#): *Do what you love and help with climate solutions. Gregg shares ways attendees can pursue their love for nature and outdoor sports, and help our climate, too. (14 min video)*

Gregg Treinish, Adventure Scientists

[Will Business Lead: Reality or Greenwashing](#): *Some businesses profit from destroying the planet, some from saving it. How do we move business rapidly toward saving it? (18 min video)*

Andrew Winston, Winston Eco-Strategies

[Justice, Democracy, Climate](#): *We can and must work toward justice, democracy and climate solutions at the same time, offering a roadmap for such efforts in 2022. (10 min video)*

Beverly Wright, PhD, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice

[It's Not the Cow, It's The How](#): *Learn about food-based climate solutions and the need for access to healthy affordable food for all. (13 min video)*

Gunhild A. Stordalen, MD, PhD, EAT

[How to Prepare for Climate Change](#)

Learn a few of the many ways to prepare for climate change from David Pogue in this interview with ecoAmerica's Bob Perkowitz. (33 min video)

Bob Perkowitz, ecoAmerica

David Pogue, CBS News Sunday Morning; "How to Prepare for Climate Change"

[Community Action: Making It Happen](#)

Nature-based climate solutions can be good for our towns, health, and our climate. Find out what a small town on the Mississippi is doing to improve all three. (18 min video)

Hon. Robert Easter, City of East St. Louis, Illinois; MRCTI State of Illinois Chair

Michael Sertle, Ducks Unlimited

Colin Wellenkamp, Mississippi River Cities + Towns Initiative

[Public Lands: Local Solutions to a Global Climate Crisis](#)

We must rapidly phase out fossil fuels to avert the worst climate impacts. Learn from organizers about ways communities have taken action on climate with nature, and how you can too. (10 min video)

Daniella Gonzalez Calderon, The Wilderness Society

Olivia Juarez, Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

Lauren Berutich, Great Old Broads for Wilderness

[Action is the Antidote](#)

Hear compelling calls to action and guidance for supporting a broader diversity of Americans for just and equitable climate solutions. (34 min video)

Daphne Frias, Box The Ballot

Brionté McCorkle, Georgia Conservation Voters

Jasmine Davenport, Our Climate

[The New Climate Conversation](#)

It's time to advance a new climate narrative of solutions, benefits, hope, and action. Hear how sharing resources and power with people most affected by climate is required. (27 min video)

Chandra Farley, ReSolve; The Good Energy Project

Amee Raval, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Rev. Carol Devine, Blessed Tomorrow, ecoAmerica

[American Climate Leadership Awards + Closing Keynote](#)

Announcing the American Climate Leadership Award 2022 winners. (17 min video)

Vanessa Hauc, Telemundo News Planeta Tierra

Bill McKibben, Thirdact.org

Bob Perkowitz, ecoAmerica



DAY 2 - March 29, 2022

[Summit Welcome + Opening Keynote](#)

Meighen Speiser, ecoAmerica

Vanessa Hauc, Telemundo News Planeta Tierra

Hon. Sheldon Whitehouse, (D-RI), United States Senate

Hot Topics

[Futures Not Freeways: Portland Youth Fighting for](#)

[Transportation + Climate Justice](#): 15-year old Adah discusses her efforts to convince the Oregon Department of Transportation to prioritize a rapid decarbonization of the region's transportation systems. (8 min video)

Adah Crandall, Sunrise PDX

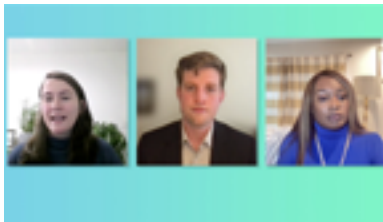
[Farming in Emerging Economies: Ag-Weather Intelligence for a Changing Climate](#): Hear from an agricultural climatologist on how sustainable farming technology is providing improved food security and nutrition. (10 min video)

John Corbett, PhD, TomorrowNow.org

[Conservatives, Conservation, Climate](#): Engaging conservatives in climate is possible through conservation. Erin Heskett shares some tangible successes from Land Trust Alliance's work. (13 min video)

Erin Heskett, Land Trust Alliance

[Be a Climate Superhero](#)



Benjamin Franta, JD, PhD, Stanford University

LaTisha Harris, Mothers Out Front

Kat Lockwood, NARAL Pro-Choice America

America needs all of us to help bring others around us to solutions. Hear from leaders who prove that one person can be the change we want to see in the world. (40 min video)

[Local Action, National Purpose Spotlight; Personal: Family + Friends](#)

There is so much we can do to be part of the solution on climate change, including inviting our friends and family to engage. Hear about how you can make climate solutions a kitchen table issue. (6 min video)

Georges C. Benjamin, MD, American Public Health Association

Leyla McCurdy, MPhil, Climate for Health Leadership Circle Executive Committee

[Local Action, National Purpose Spotlight; Organization: Workplace + Beyond](#)

Clergy and congregations are called to restore Creation through climate action. Hear what you can do to lead on climate in your place of worship. (12 min video)

Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, United Church of Christ

Rev. Carol Devine, Blessed Tomorrow, ecoAmerica

[Local Action, National Purpose Spotlight; Community](#)

Think climate change is a taboo topic in your local community? Find out how conservative-leaning Southwest Florida is connecting climate action with local priorities. (18 min video)

Deneine Powell, Path to Positive Communities, ecoAmerica

Ana Puszkin-Chevlin, PhD, Growing Climate Solutions: Path to Positive SWFL

[Conservation Ranching: Grazing Our Way to a Better Climate](#)

Grasslands are important carbon sinks but are threatened by development and a changing climate. Learn how Audubon and America's ranchers are working hand-in-glove across millions of acres. (11 min video)

Melinda Cep, National Audubon Society
Doniga Markegard, Markegard Family Grass-Fed

[Overcoming Climate Disasters](#)

Dr. Montano discusses the ways in which we can better prepare for climate disasters and support those impacted, starting with knowing your neighbors. (25 min video)

Lisa Renstrom, Threshold Foundation
Samantha Montano, PhD, Massachusetts Maritime Academy

[Local News, National News, or Is it News?](#)

Hear how climate change is being covered in the media, the prospects for more productive coverage in 2022, and what we can all do to urge accurate and enduring media coverage. (30 min video)

Louis Aguirre, WPLG TV 10/Berkshire Hathaway
Mark Hertsgaard, Covering Climate Now
Vanessa Hauc, Telemundo News Planeta Tierra
Bonnie Schneider, Meteorologist; "Taking the Heat"

[Plastic-Free Futures: Education as the Path to Climate Justice](#)

Plastic pollution is a planetary crisis, intersecting with climate and justice. Education about the connections between climate, environmental justice, and plastic pollution is key to creating a healthy, just, equitable, and regenerative future. (18 min video)

Yvette Arellano, Fenceline Watch
Sharon Lavigne, Rise St. James
Lauren Ritchie, The Ecojustice Project

[Youth and Truth to Power](#)

Youth continue to be forces to reckon with for climate justice and action. Hear youth leaders speak about the prospects for action and how we all can be allies and supporters for the youth climate movement. (25 min video)

Hannah Estrada, Youth Vs Apocalypse
Jerome Foster II, OneMillionOfUs
Alexandria Villaseñor, Earth Uprising

[Target 2022: Policy, Politics, Prospects + Priorities](#)

Hear from leaders working to move ambitious and just climate action forward, and what we can all do to help build the public support and political will needed for a healthy, safer, and prosperous future. (31 min video)

Hon. Mandela Barnes, State of Wisconsin
Hon. Sean Casten, (IL-06), US House of Representatives
Phil Sharp, ecoAmerica
Hon. Paul Tonko, (NY-20), US House of Representatives

[Committing to Climate Action + Closing](#)

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