

## Session

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### **Closing General Session: Climate Change & Social Justice: Communities Raising their Voices**

**Jacqueline Patterson, MSW, MPH**, Environmental and Climate Justice Department, NAACP, Baltimore, MD

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#### Presentation

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##### **Yeddi de Gullah/Geechee: Sea Island Voices Rising with the Sea**

###### **Queen Quet**

Gullah/Geechee Sea Island Coalition, St. Helena Island, SC

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I will present on how leaders are using the traditional knowledge of their community for sustainability and adaptation planning on the Sea Islands and the Lowcountry following 400 years of survival among the Gullah/Geechee people.

Communication and informatics Diversity and culture Program planning

#### Presentation

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##### **Climate Change and Social Justice**

###### **Vivian Yi Huang, MHS**

Asian Pacific Environmental Network, Oakland, CA

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Communities across the country are organizing for a just transition to a living, restorative, and regenerative economy. The realities of climate change and economic crises illustrate the urgency with which we must act. Frontline communities are leading the way in addressing the extractive and exploitive impacts of our economy and offering alternative solutions for systemic change.

Diversity and culture Environmental health sciences Public health or related public policy

#### Presentation

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##### **Environmental and Human Harms of Climate Change**

###### **Kimberly Wasserman**

Little Village Environmental Justice Organization (LVEJO), Chicago, IL

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Climate change directly challenges health equity and social justice, both currently and across generations. Within the US and globally, the communities most severely impacted by climate change are often the communities least responsible for causing the problem of climate change. This panel will present an overview of these systems, and the change needed not only to address climate change but also the other environmental and human harms they cause.

Diversity and culture Environmental health sciences Other professions or practice related to public health  
Public health or related education

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### **Climate change and the Arctic: Impacts on Alaska's North Slope Alaska Native communities**

**Rosemary Ahtuanguaruak**

Tribal Public and Environmental Health Think Tank, Nuiqsut, AK

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Diversity and culture Environmental health sciences

