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CLIMATE RESILIENT CALIFORNIA & CALIFORNIANS



27 & 28 February, 2025
8:30 am - 6:00 pm

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Join California state officials, city mayors, county administrators, researchers, philanthropists, and entrepreneurs. Learn firsthand, the impacts of climate on California communities, as well as develop a resilience strategy.



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A Regional Summit in California to Help Launch the Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Social Sciences' Global Initiative: From Climate Crisis to Climate Resilience

A Sub-National Regional California Summit sponsored by
The Governor's Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation,
Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Social Sciences, Vatican (PAS/PASS)
and the University of California



Summit Chairs: Ram Ramanathan - *CRC2 Chair, Council Member, PAS/PASS, UC San Diego*
Sam Assefa - *Director, California Governor's Land Use and Climate Innovation Office;*
and Christina Christie - *Dean, School of Education, UC Los Angeles*

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FEBRUARY 27

Climate Crisis to Climate Resilient State: How Do We Get There?



8:30 - 9:00 AM

Opening Session: Setting the Stage

Chair: Sam Assefa - *Director, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, California*

• **Commemoration of victims of the L.A. Fires:**

Sam Assefa - *Director, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, California* and
Tina Christie - *Dean, School of Education, UCLA*

- **Cardinal Peter Kodwo Turkson** - *Chancellor, Pontifical Academy of Sciences and Social Sciences (Vatican)*
- **Wade Crowfoot** - *Secretary, California Natural Resources Agency*
- **Michael Drake** - *President, University of California*

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Opening Session: Land Acknowledgement and Reflections

- **Vincent LaPena**- *Traditional Ecological Knowledge Manager, Wilton Rancheria tribe*

9:15 - 10:15 AM

Session 1: Climate Resilience – Perspectives on Governance

Chairs: Debra Gore-Mann - *CRC2 Co-chair, Former President and CEO, The Greenlining Institute, Oakland;* and Abby Edwards - *Climate Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation*

- **Maura Healey** - *Governor of Massachusetts*
- **Governor Kotaro Nagasaki** - *Governor, Yamanashi Prefecture, Japan*
- **Governor Wilber K. Ottichilo**, *Governor of Vihiga County, Kenya*
- **Deanne Criswell** - *Former FEMA Administrator, Washington D.C.*

10:15 - 11:00 AM

Session 2: Launch of a Global Climate Resilience Movement

Chairs: Cardinal Turkson and Louise Bedsworth - *Executive Director, Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment, UC Berkeley*

- **Ram Ramanathan** - *Chair of CRC2, Council Member PAS/PASS, UC San Diego*
- **Sam Assefa** - *Director, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, California*
- **Marcelo Suárez-Orozco** - *Chancellor, University of Massachusetts*

11:00 - 11:40 AM

Session 3: Frontline Climate Extremes

Chair: Sigrid Wright - *CEO, Community Environmental Center*

- **Rita Kampalath** - *Chief Sustainability Officer, County of Los Angeles*
- **Patricia Lock Dawson** - *Mayor, City of Riverside*
- **Joe LaCava** - *Council President, City of San Diego*
- **Alexis Fineman** - *Former Council Member and Former Mayor, Town of San Anselmo*

11:40 - 12:20 PM

Session 4: Solutions to Systemic Resilience Issues

Chair: Rita Kampalath - *Chief Sustainability Officer, County of Los Angeles*

- **Karen Ross** - *Secretary, California Department of Food and Agriculture*
- **Christina Curry** - *Chief Deputy Director, CalOES*
- **Fonna Forman** - *Director, Center on Global Justice, UC San Diego*

12:20 - 1:20 PM LUNCH

1:25 - 2:00 PM POST-LUNCH Dialogue

Moderator: **Sam Assefa** - *Director, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation, California*

Participants: **A VIP, Wade Crowfoot** - *California's Secretary of Natural Resources Agency* and **Yana Garcia** - *California's Secretary of Environmental Protection*

2:00 - 2:45 PM Session 5: Climate Actions – Youth Voices -

Chairs: **Karen Cowe** - *CEO, Ten Strands* and **Maryanne Wolf** - *Director, UCLA Center for Dyslexia, Diverse Learners and Social Justice*

- **Zachary Fox-DeVol** - *Westside Neighborhood School, Los Angeles*
- **Ananya Gupta** - *Geffen Academy, Los Angeles*
- **Grace Mancusi** - *UC Los Angeles Lab School, Los Angeles*
- **Andrew Rodriguez** - *West Los Angeles College, Los Angeles*
- **Bella Santos** - *UC Berkeley, Berkeley*
- **Willem Shpilsky** - *UC Los Angeles Lab School, Los Angeles*

3:00 - 3:30 PM Session 6: National and State Climate Actions for Resilience

Chair: **David Ackerly** - *Professor and Dean, Rausser College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley*

- **Jane Lubchenco** - *Former Climate Advisor at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (2021-2025); Oregon State University*
- **Melissa Hoffer** - *Climate Chief of Massachusetts*

3:30 - 4:15 PM Session 7: Financing Mitigation and Adaptation

Chair: **Ken Alex** - *Project Climate, UC Berkeley*

- **Rob Engle** - *Nobel Economist, Stern School of Business, NYU*
- **Arunava Majumdar** - *Dean, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability*
- **Nuin-Tara Key** - *Executive Director of Programs, California Forward*

4:15 - 5:00 PM Session 8: Public and Mental Health Resilience

Chair: **Erminia Guarneri, MD** - *President, Academy of Integrative Health and Medicine; Medical Director, Guarneri Integrative Health, Inc.*

- **Sheri Weiser** - *Founding Director, University of California (UC) Center on Climate Change, Health and Equity, UC San Francisco*
- **Jyoti Mishra** - *Co-director, University of California (UC) Climate Change and Mental Health Initiative*
- **Linda Helland, MPH, CPH** - *Climate Change & Health Equity Branch Manager, Office of Health Equity, California Department of Public Health*

5:00 - 5:45 PM Session 9: Societal Transformation

Chair: **Christina Christie** - *Dean, School of Education, UC Los Angeles*

- **Andra Yeghoian** - *CIO, Ten Strands*
- **Meighen Speiser** - *Executive Director, ecoAmerica*
- **Debra Gore-Mann** - *Former President and CEO, Greenlining Institute*
- **Erin Coutts** - *Executive Director, Los Angeles Regional Collaborative for Climate Action and Sustainability*

5:45 PM ADJOURN

FEBRUARY 28

From Planning to Implementing Resilience



Co-chairs: Abby Edwards - *Climate Deputy Director, Governor's Office of Land Use Climate Innovation*; Fonna Forman- *Center on Global Justice, UC San Diego*; and Jonathan Parfrey - *Climate Resolve*

8:30 - 8:40 AM

Opening Session- Land Acknowledgements and Reflections

Speaker: Vincent LaPena - *Traditional Ecological Knowledge Manager, Wilton Rancheria tribe*

8:40 - 9:10 AM

Session 1: Elements of Climate Resilience Blueprints

Facilitators: Louise Bedsworth - *Executive Director, Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment, UC Berkeley*; Sigrid Wright - *CEO, Community Environmental Center*

- Nuin-Tara Key - *Executive Director of Programs, California Forward*
- Karalee Browne - *Assistant Executive Director at the Institute for Local Government*

9:10 - 10:15 AM

Session 2: Essential Elements of Blueprints: Resilient Communities and Centering Equity

Facilitator: Fonna Forman - *Director, Center on Global Justice, UC San Diego*

- **Centering Equity and Community Engagement:** Natalie Hernandez - *Environmental Project Manager, Gateway Cities, Council of Governments*
- **Indigenous Knowledge in Planning:** Connor Magee - *Research and Data Applications Manager, Pala*
- **Affecting Climate Action in America's Second Largest City:** Kristen Torres Pawling - *Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy & Planning, Office of Los Angeles Councilwoman Katy Yaroslavsky*
- **Civic Education - The Role of AmeriCorps in Building Climate Resilience:** Julia Kim - *Partnerships Lead, Farrallon Strategies*
- **Equitable Resilience Planning in Higher Education:** Matthew St. Clair - *Chief Sustainability Officer, University of California*

10:15 - 11:10 AM

Session 3: Essential Elements of Blueprints: Weather and Climate Proofing California - Panel Discussion

Facilitator: Jonathan Parfrey - *CEO, Climate Resolve*

- Alexis Pelosi - *Former Senior Advisor for Climate, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)*
- Apurva Pande - *Owner, Principal, CHACOL, Inc.*
- Samuel Carter - *Founding Principal of Resilient Cities Catalyst*
- Honorable Lindsey Horvath - *Supervisor, District Three, County of Los Angeles*

11:10 - 12:05 PM

Session 4: Essential Elements of Blueprints: Integrating Science, Finance and Insurance into Climate Resiliency Planning

Facilitator: Jonathan Parfrey - *CEO, Climate Resolve*

- **Finance Strategies:** Larry Kosmont - *Chairman and CEO, Kosmont Companies*
- **Navigating Insurance Challenges:** Ashley Ward - *Director, Heat Policy Innovation Hub, Duke University*
- **Science Integration in Planning:** Adrienne Greve - *Associate Professor, City and Regional Planning Department, California Polytechnic State University (CalPoly), San Luis Obispo*

- Discussion: **Rex Richardson** - *Mayor, City of Long Beach*

12:05 - 1:05 PM

LUNCH

1:05 - 1:40 PM

Dialogue: Implementing Climate Resilience

Facilitator: **Ram Ramanathan** - *Chair of CRC2, Council Member PAS/PASS, UC San Diego*
in conversation with

- **Jerry Brown** - *34th and 39th Governor of California*
- **Congressman Scott Peters** - *California's 50th District, San Diego*

1:40 - 2:10 PM

Session 5: Reflection on Governance and Urgent Implementation

Facilitator: **Ken Alex** - *Project Climate Director, UC Berkeley*

- **Ricardo Lara** - *California Insurance Commissioner*
- **Ken Alex** - *Project Climate Director, UC Berkeley*

2:10 - 3:00 PM

Session 6: Essential Elements of Blueprints - Integrating Urgent Challenges

Facilitator: **Amber Mace** - *Managing Director/Chief of Strategic Partnerships, California Academy of Sciences*

- **Public and Mental Health in Planning: Dr. Linda Rudolph** - *Director, Center for Climate Change and Health, PHI*
- **Climate Displacement and Migration: Carlos Martín** - *Vice President for Research and Policy, Resources for the Future*
- **Flood Risk and Sea Level Rise: Mike Anderson** - *State Climatologist, Department of Water Resources*
- **Biodiversity and Ecological Integration: David Ackerly** - *Professor and Dean, Rauser College of Natural Resources, UC Berkeley, California*

3:00 - 4:00 PM

Session 7: Three Breakouts - Climate Resilience in CA Communities

Breakout Facilitators:

- **Rural: Em Johnson** - *Community Environmental Council Director of Climate Programs*
- **Urban: Shalini Vajjhala** - *Executive Director, PRE Collective*
- **Coastal Communities: Michael McCormick** - *President, Farallon Strategies*

4:00 - 4:40 PM

Session 8: Mitigation and Beyond - Success Stories at the Local Level-benefits

Facilitator: **Ken Alex** - *Project Climate Director, UC Berkeley*

- **Nicole Capretz**- *CEO, Climate Action Campaign*
- **Rex Parris** - *Mayor, City of Lancaster*
- **Dan Kammen** - *Distinguished Professor of Energy, UC Berkeley*

4:40 - 5:00 PM

Blueprints - Next Steps

- **Louise Bedsworth** - *Executive Director, Center for Law, Energy, and the Environment, UC Berkeley*
- **Sigrid Wright** - *CEO, Community Environmental Center*

5:00 - 5:15 PM

Closing Reflections

Facilitator: **Debra Gore-Mann** - *Former President and CEO, Greenlining Institute*

- **Ram Ramanathan** - *Chair of CRC2, Council Member PAS/PASS, UC San Diego*
- **Sam Assefa** - *Director, Land Use and Climate Innovation, CA Government*

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