



Thursday, March 27, 2025

8AM - Breakfast

9:00 - Word of Welcome and Plan for the Day

- **Marcelo Suárez-Orozco**, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- **Ram Ramanathan**, Distinguished Research Professor, Climate Science, University of California at San Diego & Cornell Climate Solutions Scholar, CALS, Cornell University
- **Joachim von Braun**, President of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences
- **Martin T. Meehan**, President, University of Massachusetts
- **His Eminence Peter Cardinal Turkson**, Chancellor, Pontifical Academy of Sciences & Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences

9:30-9:40 - Keynote Address: **Honorable Maura Healey**, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

9:45-9:55 - **Honorable Michelle Wu**, Mayor, City of Boston

10:00 – 10:45 - Whole of Government —Overview of Massachusetts's statewide climate adaptation initiatives, including using science, whole-of-government actions, innovative ways to increase investments in resilience, and building the capacity of our communities while centering environmental justice

- Moderator: **Honorable Melissa Hoffer**, Climate Chief
- Panelists: **Honorable Rebecca Tepper**, Secretary, Energy & Environmental Affairs; **Honorable Ed Augustus**, Secretary, Executive Office of Housing & Livable Communities; **Dr. Robbie Goldstein**, Commissioner, Department of Public Health; **Lynsey Heffernan**, Chief of Policy & Strategic Planning, MBTA; **Michael Caljouw**, Commissioner, Division of Insurance

10:45 - 11:00 - Coffee break

11:00 – 11:45 - Finance and Investment Strategy – Investments of resilience measures and recommendations for innovative finance mechanisms

- Moderator: **Honorable Gina McCarthy**, Former White House National Climate Advisor and Former Administrator, EPA
- Panelists: **Dan Nees**, Program Director, Th Rowe Environmental; **John Macomber**, Senior Lecturer of Business Administration, Harvard University; **Lou Gritz**, Chief Science Officer, FM Global

11:45-12:30 - Pursuing Innovative Solutions for Climate Resilience

- Moderator: **Honorable Kim Driscoll**, Lt. Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Panelists: **Julie Wormser**, Climate Chief, City of Cambridge; **Katherine Moses**, City of Lowell, Sustainability Director, **Oliver Sellers-Garcia**, Green New Deal Director, City of Boston

12:45 – 1:45 - Lunch and Fireside Chat: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally

- Moderator: **Marcelo Suárez-Orozco**, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts, Boston
- Panelists: **Honorable Governor Maura Healey**, Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; **Honorable Governor Wilber Ottichilo**, Vihiga County, Kenya; **Honorable Gustavo Beliz**, Member, Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences & Former Minister of Justice, Security and Human Rights, Argentina

2:00 – 2:50 - Breakout Panels

- Coastal Resilience – *Ballroom Room 3550*
 - Moderator: **Stephanie Cooper**, Undersecretary for Environment, Energy & Environmental Affairs
 - Panelists: **Kirk Bosma**, Senior Coastal Engineer and Innovation Director Woods Hole Group; **Jarrett Byrnes**, Associate Professor of Biology, UMass Boston; **Stratton Lloyd**, President & CEO, Essex County Community Foundation
- Climate and Health – *Room 2551*
 - Moderator: **Dr. Bisola Ojikutu**, Executive Director, Boston Public Health Commission
 - Panelists **Dr. Anna Goldman**, Primary Care Physician & Medical Director of Climate and Sustainability, Boston Medical Center; **Patricia Fabian**, ScD, Associate Director, Boston University Institute for Global Sustainability and Climate Science Advisory Panel Member; **Allan Just**, Associate Professor of Public Health and Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Environment and Society, Brown University; **Gene Baur**, Founder & CEO, Farm Sanctuary
- Inland Flooding and Resilience – *Room 2550*
 - Moderator: **Viktoria Zoltay**, State Hydrologist, Department of Conservation & Recreation
 - Panelists: **Paul Kirshen**, Professor, School for Environment, UMass Boston; **Mia Mansfield**, Assistant Secretary for Resilience, Energy & Environmental

Affairs; **Kenneth Strzepek**, Research Scientist, MIT; **Veronique Blanchard**, Town Administrator, Conway

- Nature-Based Solutions – *Room 3540*
 - Moderator: **Katie Dafforn**, Professor, School for Environment, UMass Boston & Director, Stone Living Lab
 - Panelists: **Joe Christo**, Managing Director, Stone Living Lab; **Chris Osgood**, Director, Office of Climate Resilience, City of Boston; **Gail Latimore**, Executive Director, Codman Square Neighborhood Development Corporation
- Lessons Learned from Recent Weather Disasters – *Room 3545*
 - Moderator: **Carola Suárez-Orozco**, Professor-in-Residence, Harvard Graduate School of Education & Director, Immigration Initiative at Harvard
 - Panelists: **Mary Waters**, John L. Loeb Professor of Sociology & PVK Professor of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University; **Fonna Forman**, Professor of Political Science & Director, UCSD Center on Global Justice; **Dawn Brantley**, Director, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency; **Sam Assefa**, Director of California's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation; **Ram Ramanathan** Distinguished Research Professor, Climate Science, University of California at San Diego & Cornell Climate Solutions Scholar, CALS, Cornell University

2:50 – 3:10 - Coffee Break

3:10 – 4:00 - Breakout Panels

- Resilience Playbook for Cities and Towns – *Ballroom Room 3550*
 - Moderator: **Katherine Antos**, Undersecretary for Decarbonization and Resilience, Energy & Environmental Affairs
 - Panelists: **Van Du**, Assistant Director of Environment, Metropolitan Area Planning Council; **Ken Comia**, Deputy Director, Land Use & Environment Department, Pioneer Valley Planning Commission; **Kalila Barnett**, Climate Resilience Program Officer, Barr Foundation
- Climate-Ready Workforce *Room 2550*
 - Moderator: **Kirstin Hill**, President & COO, Social Finance
 - Panelists: **Julia Hillengas**, CEO, PowerCorpsPHL; **Jodi Sugarman-Brozan**, Deputy Chief of Worker Empowerment, City of Boston; **Lesly Melendez**, Executive Director, Groundwork Lawrence
- Voices of Youth – *Room 3540*
 - Moderator: **Tara Parker**, Dean, College Education & Human Development, UMass Boston
 - Panelists: **Christina Christie**, Wasserman Dean, School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA; **Pedro Hartung**, CEO, Alana Foundation; **Ashanti Mclean**, student, UMass Boston
- Indigenous Stewardship and Climate Resilience - *Room 3545*

- Moderator: **María Belén Power**, Undersecretary of Environmental Justice & Equity, Energy & Environmental Affairs
- Panelists: **Melissa Ferretti**, Chair, Herring Pond Wampanoag; **Cedric Woods**, Director, Institute for New England Native American Studies, UMass Boston
- Resilience and Adaptation Innovation Tech Showcase – Panel of climatech companies – *Room 2551*
 - Moderator: **Katie MacDonald**, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Tailwind Climate
 - Panelists: **Matthew Millard**, Founder & CEO, CappyBara Energy; **David Hagan**, Co-Founder & CEO, QuantAQ; **Colin Gounden**, CEO, VIA

4:10 – 4:40 - Closing and Next Steps

- Acting locally, linking Globally
- Engagement with COPs
- Next steps
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4:45 - Reception – *Ballroom 3350*