



Solar with Justice: A National Workshop on the Roles of States, Community Organizations, and the Federal Government

Day 1 (10/11): The Solar Perspectives of Community-Based Organizations (3.5 hours)

1:00 PM ET

Session 1: Welcome and Grounding the Discussion

- Workshop Overview
 - Warren Leon, CESA Executive Director
- Solar with Justice Project Update
 - Matt Ohloff, CESA Project Manager for Solar Equity
- Attendees introduce themselves in the chat
- What equity means for community-based solar
 - Erica Holloman, CEO and Founder of Ayika Solutions and Solar with Justice Advisory Committee Member
- An energy justice journey
 - Penny Dryden, Executive Director at Community Housing & Empowerment Connections Inc.

1:30 PM ET

Session 2: Small Group Intro Discussions

- There will be small group breakouts to enable workshop participants to discuss what they hope to get out of the workshop, what their organization is focusing on related to solar equity, and what their concerns and challenges are.

2:00 PM ET

Break

2:15 PM ET

Session 3: The Solar Perspectives, Experiences, and Needs of Community-Based Organizations

- There will be a presentation of path-breaking research based on interviews with more than 40 community-based organizations (CBOs), survey results from 161 CBOs, and focus groups. After the presentation, there will be opportunity for questions.
 - Janelle Knox-Hayes, Lead Author and Associate Professor, MIT Department of Urban Studies and Planning

3:15 PM ET

Session 4: Discussion of CBOs Perspectives, Experiences, and Needs

- In regional breakout sessions, workshop participants will discuss their reactions to the MIT research and what it means for how to advance solar with justice in the future. They will also



make suggestions for modifications or additions to the MIT analysis before it is published and widely disseminated.

4:00 PM ET

Session 5: Wrap Up for the Day

Day 2 (10/12): How to Benefit from the Unique Opportunities in the Inflation Reduction Act (2 hours)

2:00 PM ET

Session 1: Overview of How Community Organizations and States Can Use the Inflation Reduction Act to Advance Energy Equity

- There will be a series of short presentations on different IRA opportunities that are relevant to CBOs and states. Topics will include Direct Pay tax credits for solar project, the EPA Solar for All Program, and Department of Energy initiatives for environmental justice communities.
 - Vero Bourg-Meyer, CESA Project Director for Solar and Offshore Wind
 - Jacob Burney, Division Director, Environmental Justice Grants, US Environmental Protection Agency
 - Rebecca Feuerlicht, Chief of Projects at the Office of Energy Justice Policy and Analysis, US Department of Energy
 - Michelle Roos, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Network
 - Katie Thomas, Energy and Environment Program Director, Congressional Progressive Caucus Center
 - Idalmis Vaquero, Senior Policy Analyst, Just Solutions Collective
 - US Department of Energy represented (invited)

2:40 PM ET

Session 2: Identifying and Exploring the Best Opportunities

- In separate breakout discussions for CBOs and state energy agencies, workshop participants will be able to ask questions of the resource people who presented in the first session and discuss ways to use the Inflation Reduction Act to best advance solar equity.

3:30 PM ET

Session 3: What Are Your Technical Assistance Needs?

- Using discussion, whiteboards, and other strategies, workshop participants will identify what community organizations and states need to take full advantage of current solar opportunities. The Solar with Justice Project Team and resource experts will discuss ways in which they and others can help address those needs.

Day 3 (10/13): How States and Community Organizations Can Work Cooperatively to Advance Solar in Disadvantaged Communities (1.5 hours)

2:00 PM ET



Session 1: Introduction to the Day's Activities

2:10 PM ET

Session 2: Regional Discussions of Strategies for Moving Forward

- In regional breakout groups, workshop participants will discuss:
 - What help do community organizations need from state energy agencies and vice versa?
 - How can states and community organizations work cooperatively to advance solar in disadvantaged communities?
 - How can states and community organizations ensure that federal incentives and funding benefit the residents of disadvantaged communities?
 - The region's technical assistance needs.

3:10 PM ET

Session 3: Wrapping Up the Workshop

- Each breakout group will report on what they concluded from their discussion. There will also be opportunity for final thoughts and the identification of next steps