

CPAR ALC 2015 Future Focus Session

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## Environmental Sustainability in Black Communities: Increasing African American Awareness on Environmental Sustainability, Climate Change and the Green Economy

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James E. Clyburn is Assistant Democratic Leader in the 114th Congress, number three Democrat in the House, and the leadership liaison to the Appropriations Committee. He is a primary Democratic Caucus' liaison to the White House and Chair of the recently formed House Democrats' Democratic Outreach & Engagement Task Force.



Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke, was elected to the United States House of Representatives in November 2006 and represents the Ninth Congressional District of New York. In the 114th Congress, Congresswoman Clarke serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee, responsible for consumer protection, food safety, energy development, public health, communications, the environment, and interstate and international commerce.



**His Excellency, Dr. E. Angus Friday**, Grenada's Ambassador to the United States

Ambassador Dr. Friday is an experienced diplomat, currently serving as Grenada's Ambassador to the United States. He is Grenada's former Representative to the United Nations. Prior to these roles, Dr. Friday served as chair of the Alliance of Small Island States and Oceans Representative and Senior International Climate Policy specialist at the World Bank. Dr. Friday received his master's in Business Administration from the University of Strathclyde in Glasgow, UK and his medical degree from St. George's University in Grenada.



**Lisa Jackson**, Vice President, Environmental Initiatives, **Apple Inc.**

Lisa Jackson is Apple's vice president of Environment, Policy and Social Initiatives. Lisa oversees Apple's efforts to minimize its impact on the environment by addressing climate change through renewable energy and energy efficiency, using greener materials, and inventing new ways to conserve precious resources. From 2009 to 2013, Lisa served as Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Appointed by President Barack Obama, she focused on reducing greenhouse gases, protecting air and water quality, preventing exposure to toxic contamination, and expanding outreach to communities on environmental issues. Lisa holds a master's degree in Chemical Engineering from Princeton University and a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from Tulane University.



**Dr. Robert Bullard**, Dean of the Barbara Jordan - Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, Texas Southern University

Dr. Robert Bullard is the Dean of the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas. He is often described as the [father of environmental justice](#). Dr. Bullard has authored seventeen books and countless articles that address among many environmental issues, the topics of sustainable development, environmental racism, urban land use, community reinvestment, housing, transportation, emergency response and regional equity. Professor Bullard received his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State University.



**Samba Bathily and Thione Niang**, Co-Founders, AKON Lighting Africa

**Samba Bathily** is CEO of ADS Global Corporation S.A, His Holding Group owns seven subsidiaries (SOLEKTRA INT, AFRITEK, PROXICOM, YIRIWA to name a few), which have a presence in 8 African countries. A diversified Group, ADS invests and operates in communication and information technologies, energy, retail, construction, the hotel trade and finance.



**Thione Niang** is a mentor, political activist, community leader, international motivational speaker and consultant. After campaigning for President Barack Obama during the 2008 presidential election, he launched the GIVE1 PROJECT, a global nonprofit organization, dedicated to the engagement and empowerment of young leaders for the pursuit of social, economic and political advancement in their communities. His organization is currently operating in France, USA, Senegal, Benin, Canada, Togo, Ivory Coast, Ghana, Gabon, Burkina Faso, Turkey, Belgium, Guinee Conakry, and Japan.



**Ibrahim Abdul-Matin**, Director of Community Affairs, New York City Department of Environmental Protection

Abdul-Matin is the Director of Community Affairs for New York City's Department of Environmental Protection. He is the author of [Green Deen: What Islam Teaches About Protecting the Planet](#) and contributor to [All-American: 45 American Men On Being Muslim](#). He is a former sustainability policy advisor to New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and founder of the Brooklyn Academy for Science and the Environment. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and master's in Public Administration from Baruch College.



**Dr. Jalonne White-Newsome**, Director of Federal Policy, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, and Co-Founder, Empowering a Green Environment and Economy

**Dr. White-Newsome's** is Director of Federal Policy for [WE ACT for Environmental Justice \(WE ACT\)](#), the Urban Air Toxics Workgroup for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Air Act Federal Advisory Committee, and the Wetlands Board for Prince William County, Virginia. Dr. White-Newsome engages in both community and federal level advocacy and education to ensure the concerns and perspectives of low income communities and communities of color are considered in Congressional and Administrative federal actions. She is the co-founder of Empowering a Green Economy and a featured author with EMPower Magazine. Dr. White-Newsome received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.



**Green Leadership Trust SPONSOR PROFILE:** Dr. Michael K. Dorsey, Director, Sierra Club

**Dr. Dorsey** will provide closing remarks on behalf of our sponsor, **Green Leadership Trust**.

The **Green Leadership Trust** is a network of people of color and indigenous people who serve as board members of the nation's 35 largest environmental organizations. We build the environmental movement's power by diversifying its leadership through promotion of best practices and other resources and by driving the leadership pipeline. We are the first cross-organizational effort focused on building power and diversity in any advocacy sector. We are guided first and foremost by our responsibility as fiduciaries of the organizations we represent. We work closely with the Green Group and its member CEOs, and many of our own Green Group organizations provide financial and institutional support.