

Plenary Sessions: The Intersection of Regenerative Agriculture and Climate Justice

Opening Plenary: Friday, November 17th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

BIPOC Farmers in the Future of Farming

Native traditions in the U.S. and worldwide have used regenerative practices for generations. Today, U.S. food, fiber, and commodities production leans toward extractive practices that diminish soil health and reduce the ecosystem benefits of healthy soil. The climate crisis is forcing a faster transition toward climate-resilient agriculture as healthy soil contributes to a cooler planet. To address the climate challenge and create vibrant communities, BIPOC farmers employing regenerative practices must become fully embedded in America's agricultural system. This session will define regenerative practices, report on the state of BIPOC farmers in the U.S., and identify resources and opportunities available through climate-related agricultural programs.

Morning Plenary: Saturday, November 18th, 9:00 - 10:15 am

Catalytic Private Capital for an Inclusive Climate Smart Agricultural System

What is the role of private capital in supporting the journey towards climate-smart agriculture? This session will highlight short-term and long-term opportunities for investment, pinpoint the parts of the capital stack that provide the most leverage for farmers, and highlight ownership models that leave wealth in farm communities. How can private capital support wealth building in low-resourced and BIPOC communities?

Closing Plenary 3: Saturday, November 18th, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

A Policy Discussion in Support of Creating an Enabling Environment for BIPOC Farmers

In this fireside chat, we'll examine how the agricultural system needs to change to move towards an inclusive climate-smart ag model. How can the system more actively gather information to better serve the needs of SDFRs, who are perhaps best positioned to help us build more resilient food systems in a changing climate environment?