

## **Theme 1 – Regenerative Agriculture and Wealth Building in BIPOC Communities**

### **Breakout Session 1 - Friday, November 17th - 2:15 pm -3:45 pm**

#### **Food As Medicine: Healthy Bodies, Vibrant Communities and a Resilient Earth**

Food is essential for nourishing our bodies and can play a crucial role in bringing communities together. Supporting local regenerative food systems can strengthen community connections by creating jobs and opportunities for wealth building, and regenerative practices such as organic farming, agroforestry, and permaculture can counter the adverse environmental effects of conventional agriculture while making their crops more resilient to climate change. Join us for a conversation with farmers and capital providers to explore the connections between healthy bodies, vibrant communities, and a resilient earth.

### **Breakout Session 2 - Friday, November 17th - 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

#### **The First Mile, Building Supply Chain Diversity**

Being a successful farmer is about more than having a great harvest. A farmer who can't get the crops/cattle to market doesn't have a business. However, there are a lot of steps in moving products between the harvest, storage, processing distribution, and the market. Building supply chain diversity for a food system that supports regenerative agriculture involves implementing strategies and practices that promote a varied and resilient network of suppliers and partners at every mile of the journey. What is the role of private capital in building a supply chain that supports regenerative practices and wealth-building for BIPOC farmers and their communities? Join us for a conversation with producers and capital providers looking at funding models and producing a more robust and adaptable food system.

### **Breakout Session 3 - Saturday, November 18th - 10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

#### **Beyond Access to Capital, Leveling the Playing Field**

Access to capital is among the most critical issues farmers/producers face in starting and growing their farm enterprises. Farmers and their crops/cattle are evaluated for risk and viability at every step of the journey. How do we improve farm viability through access to capital? How are we measuring risk when it comes to low-resourced farmers? What needs to happen to level the playing field? Join us for a conversation with producers and capital providers about risk, opportunity, and creating a starting point that incentivizes investment in regenerative practices.