

## **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 communities in the U.S. and around the world have used regenerative techniques for generations. In contrast, current U.S. food, fiber, and commodities production leans toward extractive practices that diminish soil health and reduce the ecosystem benefits of healthy soil. The urgency of the climate crisis necessitates a more rapid shift toward agriculture that can withstand climate-related challenges, with healthy soil playing a crucial role in cooling our planet. To effectively tackle the climate crisis and promote thriving communities, BIPOC farmers must be fully integrated into the American agricultural framework. This session will define regenerative practices, provide insights on the state of support for BIPOC farmers in the U.S., and identify resources and opportunities available to promote climate-focused agriculture.

### **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 conversation, 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 Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers, who are perhaps best positioned to help us build more resilient food systems in a changing climate environment?