

# 6 PLANET 1 FORWARD 0 SUMMIT 2 SUSTAINABLE CITIES

## AGENDA

**Summit Day One: Thursday, April 21, 2016**  
**Jack Morton Auditorium**

8:30 AM - Welcome!

- o **Frank Sesno**, Director, School of Media and Public Affairs, The George Washington University; Host & Creator, *Planet Forward*

8:40 AM - Keynote: The Future of Sustainable Cities

- o **Melodee Colbert-Kean**, President, National League of Cities; City council member and former Mayor, Joplin, Missouri
- o Audience Q&A

9:10 AM - Panel: Rethinking Water: Solutions for a 20th Century Infrastructure

- o **David Farnham**, Ph.D. Student, Earth & Environmental Engineering Department, Columbia University & Columbia Water Center
- o **Dr. Royce Francis**, Assistant Professor of Engineering and Applied Science, The George Washington University
- o **Sharlene Leurig**, Director, Texas Environmental Flows Project
- o **Jeri Muoio**, Mayor, West Palm Beach, Florida
- o **Namrata Shenoy**, Graduate Student, Environmental Resources Engineering, SUNY - College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- o MODERATOR: **Betty Hudson**, former Chief Communications Officer, National Geographic Society

10:00 AM - Keynote Presentation

- o **Gina McCarthy**, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

11:05 AM - Presentation: Lungs of the Earth: Needed More Than Ever

- o Presenter: **Tom Lovejoy**, Rainforest Expert and Biologist, George Mason University Professor

11:30 AM - Panel: Mobility: How Will We Get Around Our Future Cities?

- **Tommy Battle**, Mayor, Huntsville, Alabama
- **Julie Felgar**, Managing Director, Environmental Strategy & Integration, Boeing
- **Megan Smith**, Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives, Office of King County (Washington) Executive Dow Constantine
- **Shubha Ganesan**, Student, Geography and Environmental Studies, Middlebury College
- **Colin Tooze**, Director of Public Policy, Uber Technologies
- MODERATOR: **Cooper Martin**, Program Director for the Sustainable Cities Institute, National League of Cities

12:15 PM - Lunch Break & Presentation

- **Kathleen Merrigan**, Executive Director of Sustainability, The George Washington University; Former Deputy Secretary of USDA

1:30 PM - Return to Jack Morton Auditorium

1:40 PM - Presentation: Future of Buildings and Environment

- **Jordan Goldstein**, Regional Planning Principal, Gensler Architects

2:05 PM - Panel: Urban Agriculture: New Partnerships, New Voices

- **Che Axum**, Director of the Center for Urban Agriculture & Gardening Education, University of the District of Columbia
- **Enock Chikava**, Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Mark Edge**, Director of Water Efficient Maize for Africa (WEMA) Partnerships, Monsanto
- **Tara Mittelberg**, Student, Northwestern University; 2014-2015 Global Food Challenge Emerging Leader
- **Chris Policinski**, President and CEO, Land O'Lakes, Inc.
- MODERATOR: **Frank Sesno**

2:50 PM - Panel: How do we ensure equitable, sustainable cities?

- **Tommy Battle**, Mayor, Huntsville, Alabama
- **Melodee Colbert-Kean**, President, National League of Cities; City council member and former Mayor, Joplin, Missouri
- **Thomas LaVeist**, Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy & Management, The George Washington University, Milken Institute School of Public Health
- **Jeri Muoio**, Mayor, West Palm Beach, Florida
- **Megan Smith**, Director of Climate and Energy Initiatives, Office of King County (Washington) Executive Dow Constantine

- MODERATOR: **Dr. Imani M. Cheers**, Assistant Professor of Media and Public Affairs, The George Washington University

3:20 PM – Planet Forward STORYFEST Presentation

- Judge: **Christian Amolsch**, Senior Associate, Gensler Architects
- Judge: **David Enders**, International Journalist (formerly VICE Media, McClatchy)
- **Dr. Imani M. Cheers**, Assistant Professor of Media and Public Affairs, The George Washington University

3:40 PM – Presentation of Awards

- **AJ Markanday**, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
- **Frank Sesno**, The George Washington University
- Winners 1, 2, and 3
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4:00 PM – ADJOURN – Reception

**Summit Day Two: Friday, April 22, 2016**  
**Marvin Center**

**Session 1: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM**

1. Cities' Challenges & Sustainable Solutions
2. Emerging Leaders for Global Food Security
3. The Future of Mobility
4. How to Identify & Craft Compelling Stories

**Break: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

**Session 2: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

1. Equitable Cities: A Grassroots Effort
2. Water Efficient Maize for Africa Showcase
3. Mobility: Shared Economy
4. Communicating Science

**Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Session 3: 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM**

1. Can Podcasting Move People to Fight Hunger?
2. DC Urban Gardens/Farms
3. Future Cities
4. Equipment 101