

# FEMA and NASA Partner to Host 6th Annual Alliance for Climate Action Series in October

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WASHINGTON -- This week kicks off the first event in the annual Alliances for Climate Action virtual series with key speakers including FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell, NASA Administrator Bill Nelson and White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy. This year's annual event will be co-hosted by FEMA and NASA and will feature leaders from the public, private, non-governmental and academic sectors who will discuss how they're tackling the growing threat of climate change.

The devastating impacts of hurricanes, floods, wildfires, droughts, extreme heat and other events severely impact communities and the economy across the country. The expected increase in duration, intensity and severity of such disasters will result in increased suffering and rising disaster costs.

"Climate change will continue to present this nation with incredibly complex challenges we can't afford to ignore," said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. "Facilitating climate-focused and wholistic discussions between government and community partners will only continue to advance our progress toward becoming a stronger and more resilient nation."

The [Alliances for Climate Action](#) virtual series is part of the 6th Annual Partnership Forum hosted by FEMA's Resilient Nation Partnership Network and NASA. Discussions will occur every Wednesday from noon to 2 p.m. Eastern Time.

Attendees will have an opportunity to hear about various perspectives about climate action, engage with industry peers and identify opportunities for collaboration. Registration for the event is open to all. To learn more about the event and register for any session, visit [fema.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

The series will cover the following topics each week:



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- †☒ Day One will include leadership from FEMA, NASA and climate leaders laying the foundation for what they envision as the future of climate action.
- - ☒ The focus for Day Two will be on climate migration and managed/strategic retreat.
- - Day Three brings together the diverse perspectives from tribal, faith-based, environmental justice, art, youth advocacy and journalism leaders to show that everyone can find their place as the whole community works collectively to address climate change.
- - ☒ To wrap up the forum, Day Four discussions will revolve around financing climate resilient infrastructure and financing equitable climate actions.

?Featured Speakers include:

- FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell
- NASA Administrator Bill Nelson
- White House National Climate Advisor Gina McCarthy
- Massachusetts Gov. Charlie Baker
- Madison, Wis., Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway
- Dr. Battinto Batts Jr., Dean, Walter Conkrite School of Journalism and Mass Communication, Arizona State University
- Dr. Pablo Mendez Lazaro, Associate Professor at the Department of Environmental Health at the University of Puerto Rico, Graduate School of Public Health
- Monica Sanders, Managing Director, Georgetown University Environmental Justice Program
- Rt. Rev. Cathleen Chittendom Bascom, D.Min – Tenth Bishop, The Episcopal Dioceses of Kansas
- Elizabeth Lien, Senior Director, International Climate Finance, Climate Hub, U.S. Department of the Treasury
- Colette Pichon Battle, Esq., Executive Director, Gulf Coast Center for Law and Policy
- James Rattling Leaf – Research Associate at the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences, University of Colorado-Boulder



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- Andrew Wishnia, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Climate Policy, U.S. Department of Transportation

### **About the Resilient Nation Partnership Network**

The Resilient Nation Partnership Network is a diverse network of voices united in their commitment to help communities act and become more resilient toward natural disasters and climate-related events. What started as a handful of like-minded individuals has flourished to over 600 organizations represented. Its mission is to inform, educate and motivate communities to protect themselves from the loss of life, property and prosperity as a result of natural hazards.

The Network is driven by three central priorities which influence our work, partnerships, programming and strategic goals.

- Promoting natural hazard mitigation and climate adaptation actions.
- Advancing equitable resilience initiatives.
- Expanding capacity through partnerships.

Throughout the year, the Network hosts a variety of events to convene the whole community and engage in productive dialogues around timely and meaningful topics on resilience, mitigation, climate, adaptation and more.

Learn more about how you or your organization can get involved by visiting [FEMA.gov](https://www.fema.gov).

