FEMA, NASA Release New Resource to Address Climate Change Crisis

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Second Installment of ‘Building Alliances’ Series Addresses Tackling Some of the Nation’s Biggest Challenges

WASHINGTON -- Communities across the nation can refer to a new resource released by FEMA’s Resilient Nation Partnership Network (RNPN) and NASA, with support from many partners, to learn how they can address the climate crisis. “Building Alliances for Climate Action” is a resource for the whole community, providing various perspectives, personal stories, insights and resources about climate change. The whole community includes individuals, businesses, faith-based and community organizations, nonprofits, schools, media and all levels of government.

This resource builds on the success of the Alliances for Climate Action Forum, co-hosted by the RNPN and NASA. The RNPN is a diverse network with representation from over 1,500 organizations united to help communities become more resilient to natural disasters and climate-related events.

The forum is one of the largest federally hosted climate events in recent years, with 37 speakers sharing their perspectives and paths to bolstering collective climate action. Over 3,250 viewers from more than 900 organizations joined this critical conversation. Watch the whole series here.

FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell and NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson highlighted the urgency of becoming a climate resilient nation, stating:

“To meet this moment, we need to invest in initiatives to break the cycles of disaster, damage and reconstruction,” said FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell. “Our actions now will directly impact the future. In the past, FEMA was criticized for insufficient action on climate change. This will not be our future.”
“NASA’s Earth observation and research supports the Biden-Harris administration’s climate agenda, which outlines putting the climate crisis at the center of our nation’s foreign policy and national security,” said NASA Administrator Sen. Bill Nelson. “NASA is working hand-in-hand with FEMA to ensure communities across the U.S. and around the world have the resources they need to adapt in the face of extreme weather – which is increasing due to climate change.”

Building Alliances for Climate Action is the second resource of the “Building Alliances” series that the RNPN has co-developed. The first document, “Building Alliances for Equitable Resilience,” was the result of collaboration with NOAA and 26 partners in the fields of equity and resilience.

The RNPN, NASA and NOAA’s collaboration on the “Building Alliances” series demonstrates a commitment to a whole community approach toward addressing some of the most pressing challenges facing humanity today. Whole community partnerships are critical in creating a more resilient nation for the present.

Learn more about how you or your organization can get involved by visiting fema.gov.