

WATERING THE SEEDS

*AND NURTURING THE CROPS OF
COMMUNITY, LOVE, AND
LIBERATION*



THE
CHISHOLM
LEGACY
PROJECT

A Message from Our Executive Director

As 2023 dawned, The Chisholm Legacy Project celebrated 18 months of laying the foundation for advancing our audacious mission. In January, we filed and received approval for our request with the IRS for nonprofit designation within 3 weeks. In July of 2023, we bid a fond farewell to Community Initiatives Inc, our fiscal sponsor and officially became an independent 501c3 organization. During this time, we have managed to amass a group of people who have come to us in honor of Shirley Chisholm's legacy, inspired by the mission of Black Liberation, which we advance via the lessons that we've been taught by the late congresswoman's leadership. We could not be more grateful to share space with this group of people.

Whether staff member, contractor, or collaborator, we are humbled to continuously encounter people who are moved by the mission and trust in this vehicle. This is challenging work where, in the pursuit of our ideals, which we know to be possible on this earth, within our lifetimes, we must repeatedly encounter the great lack that our communities have been forced to survive under. We are grateful to be surrounded by people who, in the face of this, see what we see right below the surface: communities leading the way, every day, over and over, whose leadership and expertise must be recognized, amplified, and followed.

This is a tough time in the movement, and things will not get easier on their own. We have not been immune to these challenges. And yet, because of the spirit, commitment, and drive of the folks who have gathered with us, we have been able to achieve a great deal toward laying the foundation and beginning to implement the key components of our role within this movement, on the pathway to Black Liberation and a Just Transition. After our second full year of operating, we are set up to see ourselves reaching the pace and scale that we have intended from the start.

The year was a whirlwind of continued sowing of seeds and cultivating fledgling growth. Through our core foci of Community Organizing, Movement Building and Support, Bending the Mainstream Arc Toward Equity and Justice, and Black Femme Wellbeing, The Chisholm

Legacy Project worked toward a just present and an abundant future for and with Black frontline communities. We greatly appreciate your interest in the work we are doing, and this report will give you a window into our activities over the last year.

As 2023 ends, we greet 2024 with extreme hope, promise, and determination. We understand this won't be an easy path, but we will meet it with the steadfastness that our mission requires, and our communities deserve.



Much love,
Jacqueline Patterson
Founder & Executive Director

About The Chisholm Legacy Project

The mission of The Chisholm Legacy Project is rooted in a Just Transition Framework. The project serves as a vehicle to connect Black communities on the frontlines of climate justice with resources to traverse the path from vision to strategy to action plan to implementation to transformation. In support of frontline leadership, the project seeks to link movements and mainstream entities with the tools necessary to advance systems change centered in equity and justice. With Black women on the frontlines of advancing systems change, this project ensures that these leaders have the support they need as they transform society from extractivism to a living economy that cares for sacred relationships between people and with Mother Earth, through regenerative, cooperative, democratic systems.



Building Community Self-Determination

Standing with Black Frontline Communities

We work and walk with Black communities. We deeply engage and stand beside them every step of the way. Rather than imposing our own methods, we empower these communities to envision their own pathways to local self-determination. Together, we craft strategies that bring these visions to life, collaboratively developing action plans that tap into a wealth of existing resources and partners for effective implementation. To fortify local initiatives, we create avenues for these communities to connect with broader state, regional, national, and even global movements, fostering a united front for systemic change. Our approach is rooted in partnership, respect, and a shared commitment to transformative progress.

Through our dedicated efforts, we are forging and enriching meaningful relationships with frontline communities, notably Freedmen's Settlements across the United States. By meticulously identifying and mapping **over 340 communities**, we have conducted comprehensive data analyses that highlight each community's unique strengths, climate vulnerabilities, environmental justice challenges, and socioeconomic factors. Working with the data is just the first step. In 2023, we engaged in heartfelt conversations, community visits, and began working alongside over 25 Freedmen Settlements and predominantly Black communities in regions such as the Midwest, Northeast, and Southwest. These collaborations are not just about data—they are about building trust, fostering resilience, and working hand-in-hand to create a more just and sustainable future, modeled on self-determination. One example of a community where our partnership has been particularly impactful is Athens, AL.

For as long as most residents on the West side of Athens, Alabama can remember they have had to deal with flooding, sewer backups, mold, and the resulting health concerns of not having access to storm water and sewer services from the City of Athens. These residents live along Luke Street and Strain Road and have seen new neighborhoods with full access to city services develop all around them, but the City's infrastructure resources have failed to include them. This historic community is like many Black communities across the South and across the United States dependent on failed septic tanks and century-old wells for their basic necessities living in municipalities that ignore or outright deny residents' pleas for basic municipal services.

We have been working with the Limestone County NAACP leaders who have organized with residents along Luke Street and Strain Road to advocate to the City Council and Mayor to rectify the lack of access to sewer and storm water management services. We helped with securing meetings with regional EPA representatives and the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to understand the current state and federal resources available for this community's infrastructure. We supported the local NAACP organizers with developing their meeting and media plan for a community meeting to hold the City accountable and petition the City and state representatives for assistance. We continue to advise and support on the development of a community visioning and planning process and monthly organizing efforts petitioning the City to apply for state infrastructure funding.



Supporting Movements for Systems Change and Just Transition

Black Base Building

In July, The Chisholm Legacy Project orchestrated a landmark gathering of Black-led, national base building/membership organizations who serve frontline communities from across the nation. These organizations convened to exchange knowledge, foster collaboration, and strategize around our collective efforts. Emerging from the convening, participants reported a mix of being restored and energized, as well as being curious as to where we go from here and how. This is the beginning of what will be a series of in-person convenings, nationally and regionally, as well as virtual conversations to continue to build synergy and power.

Resource Curation & Dissemination

At The Chisholm Legacy Project, we operate with the understanding that frontline communities best understand their own challenges, and are best positioned to identify and implement solutions that are effective for their particular circumstances. We also recognize that knowledge of and access to existing resources is a serious barrier to true self-determination. Our work confronts these resourcing issues through a variety of approaches, one of which is through the curation and dissemination of resources in our databases. With our databases, we are able to act as a hub for frontline communities to find mission-aligned, transformational resources that exist at the intersection of Black Liberation, gender justice, and Just Transition.

In 2023, we continued to build our databases and collections of resources, including The Resource Hub, Policies for the People, and the Healing Justice Resource Guide. Hundreds of resources were added. All these resources are free for anyone to access!

The Resource Hub is a dynamic collection of resources that provides holistic support to those resisting extractivism and creating regenerative and democratic systems in their communities. There are over 20 types of resources spanning more than 40 topics, including Conservation and Biodiversity, Economic Justice and Sustainable Buildings. Resources added in 2023 include:

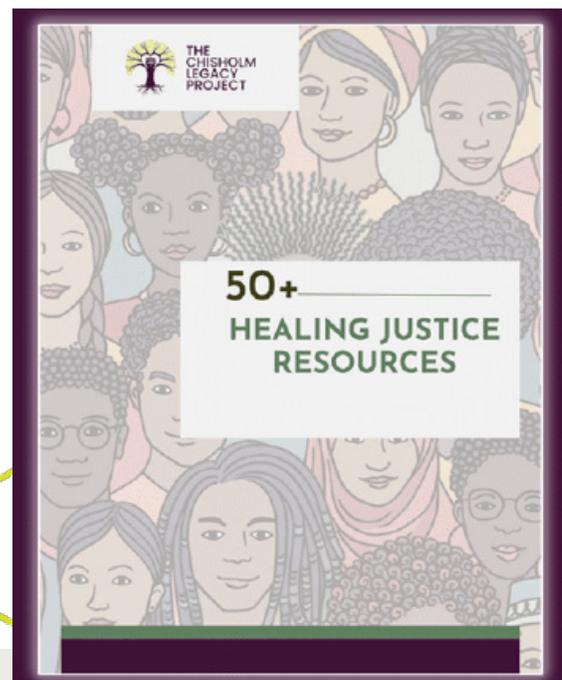
- The **Liberated Self Therapeutic Services, LLC** is a private practice, dedicated to empowering Black and Brown folk, across communities, as they maneuver through a world that is often hostile towards them, both individually and collectively.
- The **Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program** provides financial assistance to eligible organizations working to address local environmental or public health issues in their communities.
- The **IRA Household Calculator** is a savings calculator that helps households find savings for household electrification.

Policies for the People is a comprehensive, growing database of state, federal, local and international model policies, executive orders, processes and resolutions that support Black climate justice leadership, organizations and frontline community members. The policies are divided into 17 categories, ranging from Air Quality, and Sustainable Building, to Conservation and Biodiversity and Black Liberation. Policies added in 2023 include:

- **Baltimore’s Water Accountability and Equity Act:** The WAEA (a) creates a new water affordability program for households at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines; (b) extends program eligibility to tenants; (c) establishes a new Office of Water-Customer Advocacy and Appeals within the Department of Public Works (“DPW”); and (d) delineates a formal dispute resolution process for water and wastewater billing disputes and disputes concerning the new water affordability program.
- **Boston Resilience and Racial Equity Strategy:** This Executive Order strengthens the City of Boston’s commitment to enhancing the city’s collective resilience by advancing racial equity, prioritizing social justice, and strengthening social cohesion across all city agencies. It also requires all city departments to proactively engage in a Racial Equity and Leadership (REAL) Training Program, including data collection and evaluation of how racial equity is being advanced across departments.
- **California Cooperative Housing Bill:** This bill facilitates the creation of Limited Equity Housing Cooperatives (LEHCs). LEHCs provide residents with a unique form of equity stake in their home that restricts the resale value of shares to keep the prices low when regular market forces would otherwise drive them up.

The **Healing Justice Resource Guide** was created because TCLP recognizes that social justice work can be a source of tremendous joy, community, and reward; it can *also* be full of frustration, despair, and can often lead to burnout. This list contains over 50 resources – articles, podcasts, YouTube videos, virtual trainings, and more – to help movement workers, especially Black femmes, practice self-care and engage in healing. Examples of resources include:

- ***What is Healing Justice?*** article written by Nineequa Blanding
- ***The Pain We Carry: Healing from Complex PTSD for People of Color*** book by Natalie Gutierrez
- ***Just Wrong: The aftermath of wrongful convictions*** video by the National Institute of Justice



Investing in Movement- Anchored Just Finance

In October 2023, TCLP proudly joined the ranks of only five nonprofit organizations chosen as inaugural Movement Partners for **Just Futures**, an asset management firm dedicated to aligning investments with the values of nonprofits, philanthropies, and their employees. These five Movement Partners, each led by BIPOC advocates for social justice, were meticulously selected for their groundbreaking efforts in driving a Just Transition towards an economy centered on the well-being of people and the planet. By uniting their strengths, these visionary organizations will not only gain majority control and reap the benefits of Just Futures but will also play a pivotal role in ensuring that the firm's priorities remain steadfastly focused on societal well-being over mere financial gain. This partnership is critical to TCLP's mission of advancing systems change centered in equity and justice and will lead the way in putting people over profits.

We centered and celebrated Black voices, ensuring they were at the heart of our narrative.

Strengthening and Elevating Our Voices

Launched in June 2023, TCLP's **Black Climate Justice Toastmasters** is ensuring that emerging Black voices in the environmental and climate justice movement are supported and nurtured. This initiative facilitates Black individuals in the climate and environmental justice space to become more confident speakers, communicators, and leaders. Harnessing the transformative power of storytelling, the program supports communities in taking ownership of their narratives and amplifying their impact. During monthly gatherings, participants find a welcoming and supportive space to refine their speaking and communication skills, share ideas and build community, while sharpening their messaging to resonate more deeply with diverse audiences. By leveraging a peer support model that bridges different communities, Toastmasters fosters a vibrant exchange of knowledge and skills. This collaborative environment not only enhances individual capabilities but also fortifies and uplifts entire communities. Dive into this inspiring journey and register for an upcoming meeting [here](#), where every voice matters, and every story makes a difference.

Building Legal Support for Community-Led Just Transition

The Just Transition Lawyering Institute (JTLI) stands as a beacon of transformative legal training, anchored by the dynamic partnership of TCLP and Gilmore Khandhar. This solidarity-driven law firm brings a wealth of expertise in Just Transition Lawyering, empowering lawyers to champion the principles of justice and sustainability. TCLP's deep-rooted connections with Black frontline communities and their commitment to capacity building enrich the institute's mission, supporting communities in their visioning, action planning, and organizing efforts.

JTLI's mission is to cultivate a robust cadre of Just Transition-aligned lawyers who are not only well-informed but also deeply connected and ready to collaborate with frontline communities.



These lawyers are trained to both “block the bad” and “build the new,” ensuring that their efforts lead to meaningful and lasting change. This partnership nurtures and equips just transition aligned lawyers who can significantly impact communities and industries by ensuring that environmental policies are implemented fairly, workers’ rights are protected, and sustainable practices are promoted, ultimately leading to a more equitable and resilient future.

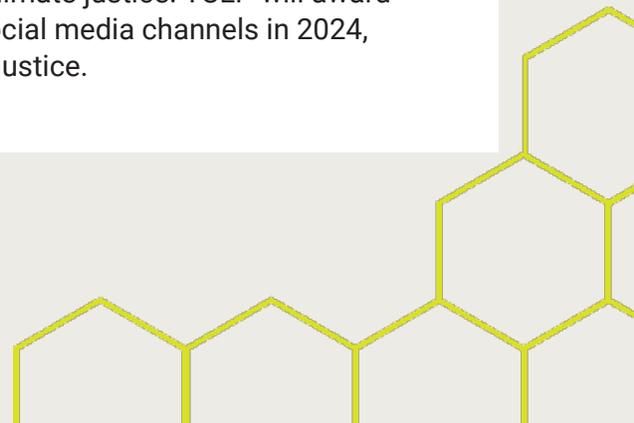
With the launch of Year 2 in November, JTLI builds on the success of its inaugural year, during which over 50 lawyers across the United States were trained. In partnership with the Just Transition Lawyering Network, led by Taproot Earth, JTLI ensures that its graduates have access to essential networks of support and collaboration, amplifying their impact in the field.

The Year 2 cohort features 52 dedicated participants, licensed to practice in 24 states and territories, and organized into five regional cohorts: West, Midwest, South/Southwest, Southeast, and Northeast. This diverse group reflects the institute’s commitment to inclusivity, with nearly 50% of participants being people of color, including 16% Black or African American, 14% Asian, 8% Latinx, and 8% mixed race. Additionally, the cohort boasts a strong representation of women (79%), with 11% men and 6% nonbinary participants. Such diversity not only enriches the learning experience but also ensures that the movement for Just Transition is driven by voices from all walks of life, united in their pursuit of justice and equity.

Shifting Narratives and Advancing Education Through Culture Work

In celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Hip-Hop, TCLP wrote and produced a stirring parody song and music video titled “Mo’ Money, Mo’ Problems: The Climate Justice Remix.” This energetic piece reimagines the iconic hip-hop classic “Mo’ Money, Mo’ Problems” by the Notorious B.I.G., P. Diddy, and Ma\$e, which famously samples Diana Ross’s empowering anthem “I’m Coming Out.” Featuring altered, comedic lyrics, the video stars a dynamic cast of Black femmes from the climate justice movement, delivering a powerful message through their joyful performance. It not only celebrates the vibrant culture of hip-hop and the strength of Black femmes but also serves as an urgent call to action. Dive into the impactful fusion of music and activism by watching the video [here](#)! See *Appendix A* for full lyrics.

Art possesses a unique ability to resonate deeply with people, acting as a vessel through which we can celebrate victories, mourn losses, and galvanize communities to support meaningful causes. Recognizing the profound artistic talent within movement spaces, TCLP launched an exciting contest to recognize this talent, kicking it off with the release of their parody video to challenge folks to make their own. This initiative invited others to harness their creativity and craft their own hip-hop songs and music videos centered on climate justice. TCLP will award four cash prizes and elevate the winning entries through its social media channels in 2024, amplifying voices that advocate for environmental and social justice.



It is important to note that The Chisholm Legacy Project adamantly supports survivors of domestic violence and strongly condemns violence of any kind. We are acutely aware that the name Sean "P. Diddy" Combs may be triggering for some due to recent trafficking allegations. Unfortunately, the parody video was produced before the recent allegations were exposed. TCLP stands in unwavering solidarity with survivors of violence, ensuring their voices are heard and uplifted. Our commitment to justice and support for those affected by violence remains steadfast.

We crafted a vibrant, globally cherished community that transcends borders and unites hearts.

Movement Building Across the Global Black Diaspora

A dynamic group of Black femmes, proudly representing The Chisholm Legacy Project, made a powerful presence at the United Nations Framework Convention Conference of Parties (COP28) in Dubai at the close of 2023. With unwavering determination, TCLP set forth with several pivotal priorities: mobilizing global support for the Global Afro Descendant Climate Justice Collaborative (GADCJC), spotlighting the updated Resolution on Race, Racism, and Climate Change at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which originally gained momentum at COP27 in 2022, and directly engaging with influential UNFCCC leaders. The mission was clear – to ensure that the voices and perspectives of Black femmes were not only heard but also acted upon in the global climate discourse. Since COP28, the resolution (which can be seen on our website) now has 117 organizational sign-ons (add your organization to the list here), our change.org petition has been signed by over 4,700 people, while GADCJC's membership rose to 125 individuals representing 40 countries. See *Appendix B* for full text of the resolution.

Amidst nearly 100 nation pavilions at COP28, more than half were dedicated to environmental or climate justice issues, predominantly representing Black nations. However, strikingly, *not even one* of the hundreds of side events focused on race. This glaring omission underscored the urgency of TCLP's mission. With strategic intent, the TCLP delegation concentrated on side events that resonated with its mission, vision, and values, aiming to deepen the engagement of COP's attendees with the critical issues of race and, importantly, the experiences of Black femmes. Our efforts were not in vain; through individual outreach and meaningful dialogue, the delegation forged **hundreds of connections across the African diaspora**, amplifying our impact.

Beyond these individual efforts, TCLP took a proactive stance by sponsoring and co-sponsoring several key events. These events served as vital platforms for raising awareness and fostering collaboration, ensuring that the conversations around climate justice and race were both inclusive and impactful.

- **An Introduction to GADCJC: Sustainable Africa & Diaspora Future workshop.** Co-hosted by the HBCU Green Fund with representatives from Brazil, Jamaica, and Ghana, this workshop included an overview of the Global Afro Descendant Climate Justice Collaborative – their agenda, strategy, and vision. It also re-introduced the Resolution on Race, Racism, and Climate Reparations in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.
- **Visioning and Testimony: Feminist Analysis and Implications of the Resolution on Race, Racism and Climate Reparations in the UNFCCC.** In hosting this panel, we were

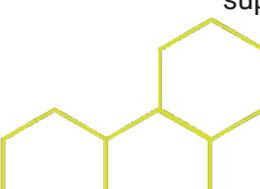


able to highlight the interconnectedness of climate justice, racial justice, and gender equity, and centering Black women's experiences and leadership. We heard Black femme voices from across the diaspora including women from the Caribbean, the continent of Africa, South America, and the US - including the particularly underrepresented voices of Afro-Indigenous women. Panelists shared stories of Black women in their communities facing compounded gendered and racialized impacts, such health disparities for birthing mothers as a result of forced migration, while also celebrating their leadership in innovative solutions like climate resilient cropping practices. We called on the UNFCCC to use The Resolution to amplify Black women's voices, invest in community-driven solutions, and foster global solidarity through the GADCJC, reiterating that Black liberation and climate justice must coexist to build a future rooted in just transition.

- **PACJA Press Conference.** The Pan African Climate Justice Alliance, a founding member of the GADCJC, held a press conference to call out the lack of ambition of leaders at COP28, presenting, from an African continental perspective, the missed opportunity to put the world on track to deeply reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to protect vulnerable people in Africa and across the globe. As a partner and ally, TCLP was invited to contribute remarks. With our mission being deeply rooted in the circumstances of Afro-descendant communities in the United States, but still encompassing the global African diaspora, we spoke about the commonality of impacts of the climate crisis being suffered by Black communities at home, on the Mother Land, and throughout the diaspora thereby inspiring our co-convening of the GADCJC. We emphasized this shared struggle, as, regardless of where our communities are, we are most likely to be on the frontlines of both fossil fuel proliferation, and of the subsequent disastrous climate impacts. Finally, we called on the UNFCCC to develop a focal point and constituency group on racial justice as well as to incorporate reference to systemic racism in the text of the agreement. Through these mechanisms, we aim to build a base of power to achieve Black liberation and a just transition for all. *See Appendix C for full remarks.*
- **Building Climate Justice Power Across the African Diaspora: A Strategy Session.** An overview of the Global Afro Descendant Climate Justice Collaborative and the **Resolution on Race, Racism, and Climate Reparations in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change**. This session also included the announcement of the "Mo' Money, Mo' Problems Climate Justice Remix" video and contest.

Engaging in Participatory Grantmaking

TCLP participates in the review and decision making processes as a member of each of the below grantmaking organizations.

- The **Frontline Justice Fund** is an effort of the Tides Foundation to fund frontline communities, particularly BIPOC communities, facing the effects of extractive industry infrastructure. Grants range from \$25,000 to \$150,000. In 2023, \$4.1M was granted to 37 organizations.
 - **Collectrify**, (formerly the Equitable Building Electrification Fund), is a frontline-led energy fund that centers equity and people in the removal of fossil fuels from buildings and communities by giving resources to grassroots, frontline, and base-building organizations and leaders in communities of color and low-income communities to support their self-determined priorities. In 2023, \$1.8m was granted to 17 organizations.
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- **The Mosaic General Assembly** is an effort from the Tides Center which invests in movement infrastructure to better support people working for clean air and water, a safe climate, healthy and just communities for all, and thriving natural systems. In 2023, \$9.6m was granted to 79 collaborative projects, directly benefiting over 3,000 organizations.



Contributing, Learning, and Advancing with Aligned Movement Organizations

The Chisholm Legacy Project holds formal relationships with a number of movement-building organizations – whether participating as a member, or serving in an advisory or steering capacity, we are deeply committed to contributing to the shared goals of aligned organizations. This commitment stems from the fundamental understanding that to achieve genuine systems change, movement building is paramount. When movement organizations engage in the dynamic process of reciprocal contribution and mutual learning, we are able to continually advance our impact while strengthening the broader ecosystem of organizations working toward justice, equity, and liberation.

TCLP stands at the intersection of the Black Liberation, gender justice, and climate justice movements, and by collaborating with a diverse array of organizations spanning the arts, education, faith, finance, health, and labor sectors, we are able to weave these threads into a powerful tapestry of change. Together, we build on each other’s progress, driving forward transformative change more effectively than we could alone. The following table highlights some of the organizations TCLP works with to do this kind of work. It does not represent every partner organization – these are just the organizations with whom we hold formal relationships as members, or serving on their boards, advisory groups, or steering committees.

Organization
Black Family Summit
Black Hive
Black Resilience Network
Center for Earth Ethics
Climate Justice Alliance
Emerald Cities Collective
Feminist Green New Deal
Hoodwinked in the Hothouse
Institute of the Black World
Just Solutions Collective
Movement Strategy Center
National Association of Climate Resilience Planners
National Black Worker Center
Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance
Water Equity and Climate Resilience Caucus

Bending the Mainstream Arc Towards Equity and Justice

The Chisholm Legacy Project exemplifies the integration of equity and justice in mainstream arenas by amplifying the voices of frontline communities and organizations. Frontline individuals, communities and organizations offer invaluable grassroots leadership and champion equitable solutions, ensuring that the fight against climate change is not only about the environment but also about rectifying longstanding social injustices.

Amplifying Reach with the BIPOC in ECJ Database

Across every state in the union and beyond, people of color are tirelessly championing environmental and climate justice. This website serves as a vibrant hub, offering a comprehensive directory of BIPOC leaders and a variety of specialist directories aimed at fulfilling the needs of organizations, institutions, and governments, all while amplifying the voices, perspectives, experiences, and conditions and experiences of BIPOC communities. The website rounded out 2023 with 92 BIPOC experts in the directory.

Deepening Democracy in Municipalities' Climate Action Planning

Climate action planning must be context-specific and community-driven to ensure that strategies are tailored to the unique environmental, economic, and cultural circumstances of each area. Centering frontline community leadership fosters ownership and collaboration, leading to more effective and sustainable outcomes. TCLP champions community-driven climate action. By harnessing the unique insights and innovative solutions that local residents offer, TCLP amplifies the capacity for meaningful change tailored to each community's specific challenges. This collaborative approach not only fosters resilience but also enables cities to tap into a wealth of technical assistance and funding opportunities. Among the municipalities with whom TCLP is engaging are Boston, MA; Columbus, OH; Hattiesburg, MS; Louisville, KY; Memphis, TN; Pittsburgh, PA; and St. Paul, MN.

Infusing Guidance on Equity and Justice

TCLP champions equity and justice within mainstream environmental spaces, ensuring that Black femme voices and Black frontline communities are not only heard but given a prominent seat at the table.

From steering the ESG initiatives of the private sector through its role on the Ceres board, to channeling crucial funds toward frontline communities via grantmaking bodies like Mosaic Momentum, TCLP's impact spans several sectors. The organization works behind the scenes, aligning forces with other organizations to amplify marginalized voices and secure representation on boards throughout the mainstream environmental movement, notably as a member of Green Leadership Trust.



Through these strategic and targeted efforts, TCLP is carving out a new path toward inclusivity and transformative justice. The organization's dedication ensures that the environmental movement is enriched by diverse perspectives, driving forward a vision where equity and justice is not an afterthought but a foundational pillar.

Organization
American Society of Adaptation Professional (ASAP)
Ceres
Clean Resilient States Initiative
The Climate Museum
Collectrify (formerly Equitable Building Electrification Fund)
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Green Leadership Trust
Insider's One Planet
MOSAIC Momentum Governance Assembly
National Association of Climate Resilience Planners
Post Carbon Institute
William Averette Anderson Fund (Bill Anderson Fund)

Driving Our Mission Forward

TCLP inspires and mobilizes through a variety of events and speaking engagements inspiring and mobilizing diverse audiences to take meaningful action towards our common goals of Black Liberation and Just Transition. Here is a sample of TCLP speaking engagements. *See Appendix D for full list of speaking engagements.*

- Panelist for a University of Miami Law Review Symposium on Climate Racism and Human Rights. We examined the disproportionate burden shouldered by communities of color in the climate crisis, providing important foundational information for the Symposium, and explaining Environmental Justice and related work. The panelists addressed such issues as green space inequities and climate gentrification by highlighting the unequal impact environmental enforcement has on communities of color. The audience included law students, lawyers from across the country, industry experts and the leading academic scholars on the subject.
- Panelist for The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change's Beloved Community Talks series on Environmental Racism and the Impacts to the World House. The discussion was on the global systemic history of environmental racism and its impact on communities of color. The biggest question was how do we "save the planet" and protect the dignity of people who are a part of the Beloved Community? The audience members included social justice leaders, changemakers, and climate and environmental justice activists.
- Plenary speaker for the CHANGE Unity Summit hosted by the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy on the topic "Federal Funding for Climate Justice: How Philanthropy can Support Building Towards Just Transition for a Regenerative Economy." The session explored how there are billions of dollars available for climate work through the Inflation Reduction Act. What role can philanthropy play in helping to ensure that frontline organizations get these dollars? The audience included funders, grant makers, and national nonprofits.

Teaching through Research and Analysis

Displaced on Repeat: Black Americans and Climate Forced Migration

As part of the series, *Listening to the Experts: A Campaign to Redirect Climate Justice and Just Transition*, this article was written by TCLP Founder and Executive Director Jacqui Patterson and published in *Responsive Philanthropy's* summer 2023 issue. Examining the history of Trans-Atlantic slavery and the current climate crisis, the article weaves the consistent thread of displacement and forced migration through the story of Black people of America.

By detailing the challenges with the existing system, the article presents the case for systemic transformation, which is already happening and being led by frontline communities. The article is an intersectional analysis of climate-forced migration that is new to many people. In fact, we have had feedback from diverse readers – from philanthropy to adaptation professionals to human rights workers, who have said the article made them change their thinking about what climate-forced migration means on a human level. This shift in thinking is a critical point toward advancing intersectional framing and systemic approaches to climate justice! [Read the Article Here.](#)

From Adversity to Advancement: 15 Climate Impacts and 45 Black-Led Pathways to Climate Justice

From the snowy expanses of Anchorage, Alaska to the sun-drenched shores of Miami, Florida, Black communities across the United States are not just enduring the harsh realities of climate change—they are at the forefront of championing climate justice solutions. These communities disproportionately breathe polluted air, drink contaminated water, and live on tainted soil. They often face unreliable access to food and energy, and suffer the brunt of disasters, rising sea levels, and shifts in agricultural yields. Furthermore, they contend with numerous misguided “solutions” like carbon offsets, biomass, and nuclear energy. Yet, in the face of these challenges, Black communities are forging ahead with innovative solutions: spearheading local food projects, establishing community-owned energy systems, advancing democracy initiatives, and leading efforts in community-driven resilience planning and workers’ rights. This comprehensive report, published in August 2023, vividly illustrates both the severe impacts these communities endure and the groundbreaking strategies they are implementing for a Just Transition. Their journey is not just a fight for survival but a march toward transformative change and true equity. [Read the Report Here](#)





What We're Fueling at the Pump

Inspired by the harrowing testimonies that we heard as we served on the Judges Panel of the People's Health Tribunal, where leaders from Mozambique, Uganda, the Niger Delta, and South Africa painted a bleak picture of communities poisoned by the oil and gas industry, we are compelled to act. These narratives, when coupled with the ongoing struggles faced by frontline communities in the United States—from Wilmington, Delaware, to Lake Charles, Louisiana—underscore a shared and urgent crisis. Yet, in the face of seemingly insurmountable corporate domination, these intrepid and valiant community leaders persist in the quest for justice. In solidarity with these communities, we issue a clarion call for action. The initiatives we promoted through this campaign span from sweeping policy reforms and community-driven efforts to individual and household steps, all aimed at creating a sustainable, fossil fuel-free future. Through this campaign, through graphic storytelling, we compelled people to understand the direct connection between the fuel we put in our tanks every week and the harms being caused in communities from Port Arthur Texas to Port Harcourt Nigeria.

Upholding Black Femme Well-being

Black women and femmes have long been at the forefront of environmental and climate justice leadership, yet they frequently find themselves underappreciated and under-supported. The Chisholm Legacy Project offers a holistic support system tailored specifically for these resilient leaders. By providing access to coaching, healing circles, sisterships, and a wealth of entrepreneurial, community, and professional opportunities, the project supports Black women and femmes in receiving the recognition and resources they rightfully deserve.

Customized Individual Black Femme Support

Being intentional about the wellness of Black femmes is crucial for centering and nurturing communities that have historically faced systemic oppression and marginalization. Prioritizing the mental, emotional, and physical health of Black femmes not only uplifts individuals who often bear the brunt of societal ills, but also strengthens the fabric of society as a whole.

Through our Black Femme Wellness program, we crafted and distributed over 50 personalized wellness toolkits to participants of our Wellness Needs Assessment Survey. Each toolkit was meticulously designed to cater to the unique wellness needs expressed in their survey responses, ensuring that every individual felt seen, valued, and supported. This initiative not only demonstrated our commitment to holistic well-being but also reinforced our dedication to fostering a community where the wellness of Black femmes is prioritized and celebrated. Sample resources include:

- **Healing by Choice** engages with individuals and groups to reclaim their own power to heal and grow into communities where safety, love, and integrity reside.

- **Decolonizing the Body** by Kelsey Blackwell offers somatic practices to help Women of Color recognize and unhook from the embodied impacts of systemic oppression and reconnect with their authentic self by learning to trust and follow the profound wisdom of their own body.
- **Re-Imagine Justice** focuses on collective action toward necessary change. This NYU Silver School of Social Work conference brings together leading criminal justice professionals from across the country and state for a national discussion on the human impact of crime and incarceration.

Black Femme Liberation Through Radical Rest

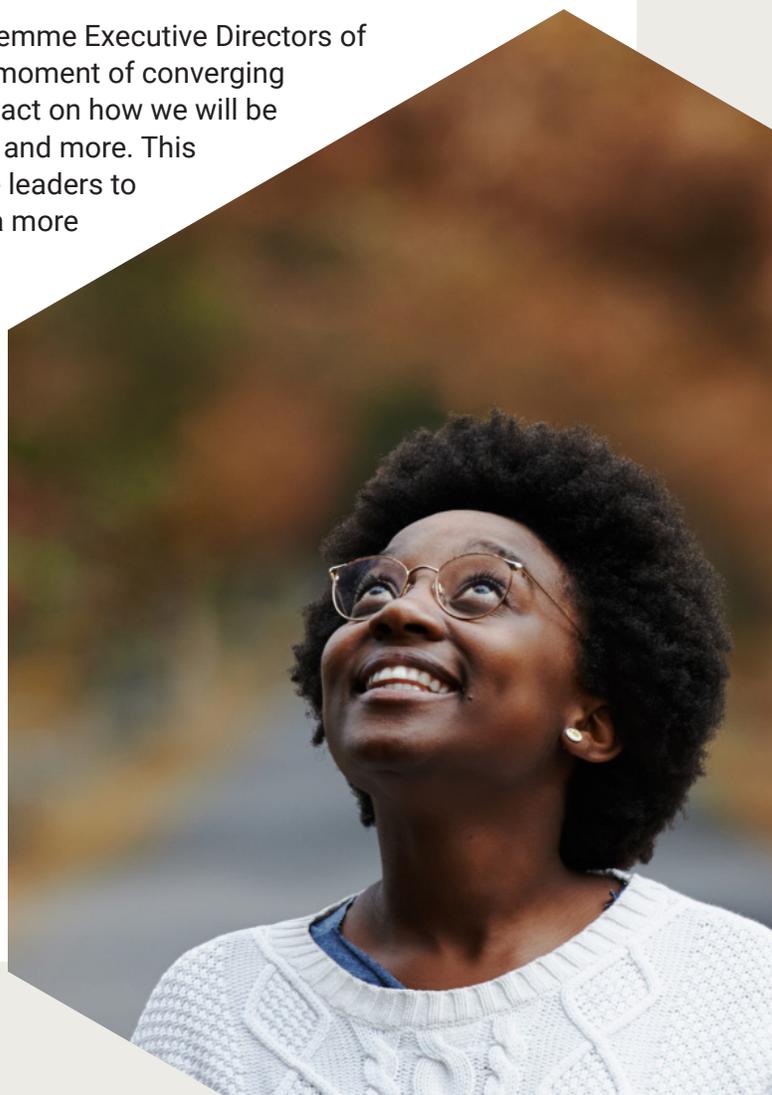
TCLP, ProInspire, and Dr. Chera Reid collaborated to launch the Fellowship for Liberated Futures, an initiative dedicated to nurturing the healing, wellness, and holistic well-being of Black femmes championing justice-focused work across the United States. This pioneering fellowship will support an inaugural cohort of 20 extraordinary fellows through an immersive program featuring transformative in-person retreats, dynamic virtual meetings, and thoughtfully curated healing and wellness experiences. By embracing and uplifting these leaders, the Fellowship for Liberated Futures aligns with TCLP's visionary commitment to a world where Black, Indigenous, and People of Color are not only cared for and well-resourced but also rejuvenated, rested, and inspired to reconnect with their creativity and potential.

Anchoring Unity Amongst Black Femme Leadership

In January 2023, TCLP brought together 16 Black Femme Executive Directors of national climate justice organizations to name the moment of converging crises, heal rifts between one another, form a compact on how we will be in relationship with each other, commit to self care, and more. This week-long gathering provided a sanctuary for these leaders to rest, reflect, and, in some cases, reset. As a result, a more harmonious and unified movement emerged.

Healing conversations and relationships forged during the gathering led to the formation of several new partnerships at various levels. Additionally, these bonds provided crucial support during times of personal and organizational transitions, such as life losses, the sunseting of organizations, and role changes.

The trust cultivated in this space is deeply honored, and the identities of the women in attendance will remain confidential. However, the impact of the convening was profound and widely felt. One attendee remarked, "I honestly don't think I would have gotten through this year without this convening." Another attendee, initially hesitant to apply for a leadership position found



the courage to do so after receiving affirmations and support during the gathering. Subsequent to the convening, the group came together for monthly Zoom meetings to continue to support, encourage, and collaborate.

The success of this convening has set the stage for what will likely become an annual event, expanding and strengthening the network of Black femmes committed to climate justice work—together.

Advancing Our Quest to Live Our Values Internally

In 2023, we took significant strides in nurturing and growing our dedicated staff. Our all-staff retreats became transformative experiences, where intentional spaces were created for dreaming, building, and connecting. As a result, we established several dynamic committees and working groups focused on staff cohesion, conflict resolution, and professional development. Among these, the formation of our Wellness Committee stands out as a particularly promising development. This committee has stepped into the goals of identifying and implementing initiatives that will enhance and sustain the health and well-being of our team, ensuring a thriving work environment.

To further reinforce our commitment to aligning values with culture across all levels of our organization, TCLP has bolstered its infrastructure through strategic staffing and consultancies. We collaborated with organizational development firm Be Inspired, and, with the help of RoadMap Consulting, engaged individual coaches for our Senior Management Team (SMT), along with a team coach to foster collective growth. These actions reflect our unwavering dedication to embedding our values into every policy, procedure, practice, behavior, and attitude within our organization.

The dedication of the TCLP Board of Directors, alongside General Counsel, the Deputy Director, CFO, and the Interim People Success Director, culminated in the creation of a comprehensive, care-centered, and just Employee Handbook after six months of diligent work.

At the end of the year, the organization decided to supplement the support of our external consulting firms with the hiring of a Deputy Director of Organizational Culture to work with us internally on our continued quest to align systems, practices and behaviors with our values. In a landmark moment on September 15, 2023, the Executive Director, Board of Directors, and SMT received a Letter of Intent to form a TCLP Workers Union. The Executive Director's enthusiastic formal acknowledgment of the union on September 28, 2023, underscored our leadership's commitment to collaborative growth. We continue to work closely with union representatives to seamlessly integrate the union into TCLP's culture, fostering an inclusive and equitable workplace for all.



Appendix A: Lyrics to Mo Money Mo Problems

Change.

It's coming NOW.

It's coming.

It's coming NOW.

It's coming.

Now, who's hot, who's not?

Everybody's hot. Who's selling us out?

You tell me who's rot. Who bought the news out?

Whose pockets got lined?

Whose greed-fueled interests trump yours and mine?

The same old sad story

Ain't nothin' changed but the climate. So sorry!

The earth at the point of no return, here shortly.

Pullin' big profits, it's called greed, not need.

They deny that the climate is changin'. Listen up. Take heed!

Mama Earth don't play around. Disasters rule. She layin' it down.

Big Oil, you didn't know me. But I bet you know me now.

I'm the Queen Bee Mother! You can't take me down!

My people risin' up. They will take YOU down.

Cudda schooled me to the game, but I know my duty.

Regenerate. Preserve. Floss my beauty.

Hold my people to my heart. This game we'll finish.

You will yell our names while your riches diminish!

We all know what they want from we!

It's like the more money they take from us, the more money they seek!

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It's like the more money they take from us, the more money they seek!

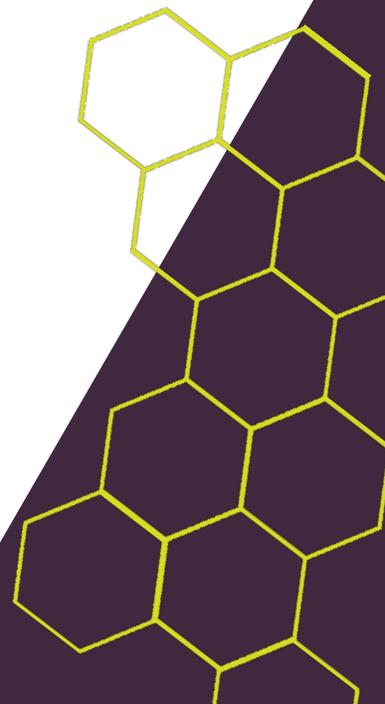
We the C to the O MM U-NI-TY!!



Know you'd rather see us die than see us fly!
We'll call all the shots.
Power to the people is what it's all about!
You think you can pollute with impunity.
Now bow to the might of community.
Are you elected to serve corporations with clout?
You politician sell-outs! We'll. Vote. You. OUT!!
First, we say no to extractive economy.
Stand together. No borders! Shout, "Glory be!!"
Go Green. Go Clean. No More Fossil Fuels.
Time to divest and reject these fossil fools!
Grow Local. Make Local. Build Local. Buy Local.
And true democracy means we are ALL vocal.
Embrace diversity and treat everyone fair
Put LEDs in the city lights down in Times Square!
Yeah, yeah, yeah
We all know what they want from we!
It's like the more money they take from us, the more money they seek!
We all know what they want from we!
It's like the more money they take from us, the more money they seek!
B-I-G P-O-W-E-R
We the people and Queen Earth is who we are!
Industry agents mad 'cause we flagrant.
The stink of their dirty deeds too fragrant!!
Our team supreme, so keen.
Triple beam magical dream, we be that.
Power from the sky, water from the air,
Celebrate a world that's based on care.
Dear One, We told ya, pure love to we.
We hug so much. We love much.



Embraced by Mother Earth, we all thrive so much!
When you're down with Queen Earth, ain't no such thing as too much!
We lose our touch? Never that.
Cause we know that the New World Order's where it's at!
Where the true players at? Throw your hands to the sky!
Wave 'em side to side and keep your head held high!
While we build our new world, player, please,
Magically, people see BIG P be flossin'!
Jig on the cover of Nature or Mama O.
Green the new black, you already know!
We hoe the row! Got the flow down pizat!
Vibe with Mother Earth like thizat!
Flowing on trizacks with abundance so fizat!
We all know if we merge in unity.
Mother Earth and You and Me. We will live in harmony!
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Mother Earth and You and Me. We will live in harmony!
We all know if we merge in unity.
Mother Earth and You and Me. We will live in harmony!
What's going on? (Oh, we goin' strong!) (DUET--CALL AND RESPONSE)
Come on, please say it! (We goin' strong!)
We all know if we merge in unity.
Mother Earth and You and Me. We will live in harmony!
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Appendix B: Resolution

Race, Racism and Climate Reparations in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

WHEREAS, Race and racism render Afro-Descendant populations across the globe systematically more at-risk of impacts from both the drivers and impacts of climate change;

WHEREAS, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change's Sixth Assessment Report listed colonialism not only as a driver of the climate crisis but also as an ongoing dynamic that exacerbates communities' risk of climate change impacts;

WHEREAS, The World Conference Against Racism calls for investments in safe and healthy environments, citing the disproportionate exposure to unhealthy environments due to racism against Afro-Descendant persons;

WHEREAS, Due to the practice of multinational and interconnected systemic nature of white supremacy, which produces the extractive global economy, as well as past, present and future historic impacts, Afro-Descendant nations and populations endure extreme loss and damage while being historically and systemically deprived of the wealth and power required to be self-determined and resilient;

WHEREAS, Afro-Descendant nations and people are disproportionately impacted by failed climate change adaptation, resulting in climate-forced migration, sea level rise, disasters, water crises, shifts in agricultural yields, and more;

WHEREAS, Loss and damage differentially experienced by Afro-Descendant nations and people include loss of lives, livelihoods, cultural heritage and critical ecosystems;

WHEREAS, Afro-Descendant nations and people are positioned among those least responsible for driving climate change;

WHEREAS, Out of the ten nations that are most at risk of impacts of climate change, as identified by The Notre Dame Global Adaptation Initiative and Germanwatch Climate Risk Index, seven are Afro-Descendant nations— Haiti, Chad, Malawi, Niger, Kenya, Somalia, and Sudan;

WHEREAS, Afro-Descendant persons in non-Afro-Descendant-dominant nations are made most vulnerable to climate change impacts, such as stateless Haitians residing in the Dominican Republic, the Afro-Descendant population in Brazil, the African American population in the United States, and beyond; Race, Racism and Climate Reparations in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change 1

WHEREAS, The resurgence of hostile, anti-immigrant, nationalistic, racist and genocidal political ideology and action, all abated by militarism, threaten mitigation, adaptation and relief for populations harmed and displaced by climate change;

WHEREAS, Afro-Descendant populations are more likely to be exposed by planning, zoning and corporate and governance determinations to toxic facilities and practices that drive climate change, such as mining, coal-fired power plants, oil refineries, incinerators, transportation fuel emissions, landfills, waste burning, and more;

WHEREAS, As a direct result of disproportionate toxic exposures and climate impacts, Afro-Descendant populations are more likely to experience compromised physical and mental health, economic disparity, and other disadvantageous outcomes;

WHEREAS, The decade 2015-2025 has been declared by the United Nations to be the Decade of People of African Descent;

WHEREAS, Environmental advocates have determined that we are in the climate decade;

WHEREAS, The intersectional impacts of climate change tie disproportionately impacted people groups together in advocacy for system change;

WHEREAS, Afro-Descendant nations and communities have a cultural and historical relationship with the land, and a heritage anchored by living in harmony with the earth, as well as present day leadership on Just Transition practices connected to these traditions, from agricultural biodiversity to conservation, to cooperative cultures and economies, and beyond;

WHEREAS, Transition innovators long before the call for a Just Transition became mainstream, and therefore the input and leadership of Afro-Descendant nations and people is vital to shaping fair climate justice solutions;

WHEREAS, Human rights are explicitly uplifted in the UNFCCC, and the right to live free from discrimination is violated by environmental racism;

WHEREAS, Gender, youth, Indigenous groups, trade unions, and other population-based designations are cited in the text of the UNFCCC thereby establishing precedence for citing race as a key consideration in upholding human rights for all;

WHEREAS, Gender, youth, Indigenous groups, and trade unions are constituencies to the UNFCCC thereby establishing precedents for population-based constituencies that are differentially impacted by climate change;

WHEREAS, There is justification through precedence and circumstance for Afro-Descendant populations to have standing as an organizing bloc to protect and uphold racialized justice and to pursue economic, civic, social, and political equity in the constituencies of the UNFCCC;
2 3 B E IT RESOLVED, That the UNFCCC Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee recognize the formation of an NGO constituency on Race comprised of delegates who are committed to advancing racial justice within the UNFCCC process;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the UNFCCC establish a focal point on Race, Racism and Climate Change and that member states also establish focal points on Race, Racism, and Climate Change;

BE IT RESOLVED, That the established UNFCCC constituencies explore intersectionality and joint demands and programming with the constituency on Race and Racism;

BE IT RESOLVED, That Afro-Descendant institutions lead a field of research to detail the impacts and intersections between race, racism, and climate change;

BE IT RESOLVED, That Climate Reparations be established as a framework, particularly in the



context of loss and damage, and a governing set of policies and programs to resource nations and communities that are most impacted and least responsible for climate change, to equitably advance climate change mitigation and adaptation measures;

BE IT RESOLVED, That language on race and racism from this resolution and otherwise, as well as climate reparations, be inserted into the UNFCCC negotiations and outcomes for action;

BE IT RESOLVED, That though the Global Afro-Descendant Climate Justice Collaborative authored this resolution, the undersigned acknowledges that race and racism impact multiple racialized populations and ethnic groups and therefore invites collaboration towards joint action on advancing racial justice within the UNFCCC;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That NGOs focused on racial justice collectively organize to advance action addressing race and racism in global, national, and subnational policies on climate change.



Appendix C: PACJA Press Conference Remarks

From The Niger Delta, to Mozambique to Uganda, and South Africa.From Bridgetown in Barbados to Bridgeport in Connecticut in the US, the stories are many of the communities impacted by fossil fuel pollution. And, as they say, the statistics are our stories with our tears wiped off.

From the history of New Orleans and Hurricane Katrina to just yesterday when multiple people died in Nashville Tennessee, to the tragedies that are right now unfolding with the floods in Tanzania, Kenya, Somalia, Ethiopia and beyond, we see the disastrous impacts of our continued reliance on fossil fuels.

We stand outraged by the failure of this COP to come to a decisive and aggressive agreement to phase out fossil fuels. By failing to institute a plan to end our use of fossil fuel, these decision makers have effectively chosen to protect the profits of the billionaires while putting the people in peril. By failing to phase out fossil fuel, the decision makers have written off the lives and livelihoods of frontline communities globally.

While we shake our fists with rage, our hearts also weep in anticipation of the neighbors, friends, and family we will have to bury, as Afro Descendant communities who are most likely to be on the frontlines of both fossil fuel proliferations and are often hit first and worst by the impacts of climate injustice through storms, droughts, floods and more.

With this backdrop, through the Global Afro Descendant Climate Justice Collaborative, we call on the UNFCCC to develop a focal point on racial justice and a constituency group on racial justice. Through these mechanisms we can come together as most impacted communities to build a base of power to not only call for the phase out of fossil fuels, but to achieve it for the sake of our communities and the planet.

Appendix D: Speaking Engagements

Date	Name/Title of Talk and Role	Name of Host/Sponsor/Event	Description	Location/Viewing Link
Jan 17, 2023	In Conversation book launch event (Co-Speaker)	Red Emma's Bookstore	A conversation about Black feminist power, the fight for civil rights, and the future of a just transition with Dr. Anastasia Curwood, author of "Shirley Chisholm: Champion of Black Feminist Power Politics."	Baltimore, Maryland
Jan 18, 2023	Scope and Scale of the Just Transition We Need (Roundtable Speaker)	Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility	An overview of what justice and equity mean in the energy transition, and the scale of change required to meet the climate challenge. Co-Panelist: Paul Denholm, National Renewable Energy Laboratory. Moderated by Christina Herman, ICCR.	Virtual
Feb 10, 2023	Climate Racism and Human Rights (Panelist)	University of Miami Law Review Symposium	Examining the disproportionate burden shouldered by communities of color in the climate crisis, providing important foundation for the Symposium, explaining Environmental Justice and related work. The panelists addressed such issues as green space inequities and climate gentrification by highlighting the unequal impact environmental enforcement has on communities of color. Doug Ruley (University of Miami School of Law) and Clifford Villa (University of New Mexico Law School). Moderated by Marcia Narine Weldon (University of Miami Law School).	Miami, Florida
Feb 21, 2023	Regional Community Foundation Network Gathering (Speaker)	Philanthropy Northwest	Philanthropy Northwest's community foundation network – comprised of community foundations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming – met to discuss how community foundations can engage, partner with, and listen to BIPOC communities around climate justice. Co-Panelists: Abdul Dosunmu (Donors of Color Network), Rosalie Sheehy Cates (The Giving Practice). Moderated by Mares Asfaha (Philanthropy Northwest).	Virtual
Feb 23, 2023	A Call to Action (Opening Plenary Keynote Speaker)	Defending Democracy, Education, Environment, and Social Justice Summit hosted by Mississippi Communities United for Prosperity	The urgency of BIPOC communities organizing to advance transformative climate and environmental justice public policies and investments to build resiliency.	Virtual
Feb 28, 2023	GRID Talks: Beyond Black History (Speaker)	GRID Alternatives	GRID Talks brings together leaders from the environmental justice movement to discuss issues related to clean energy access and community-centered solutions. This discussion focused on the link between environmental justice and the civil rights movements, and the central role Black women have played in both. Moderated by Carole Bernard (GRID Alternatives)	Virtual
Mar 9, 2023	Green Team Leadership Training (Speaker)	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake	Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake works to increase people of faith's understanding of the threats to clean water, and how they can build up their congregations to spearhead action. This presentation focused on the importance of grassroots leadership in faith communities.	Virtual

Mar 13, 2023	Climate Justice in Cities Panel (Panelist)	University of Virginia School of Architecture	A discussion of the challenges and opportunities in manifesting Just Transition work in the built world. How can cities combat and adapt to climate change while advancing racial and economic justice and avoiding gentrification? How can architects center Just Transition and communities in their work? Co-Panelists: Karen Abrams (City of Pittsburgh), Shamar Bibbins (Kresge). Moderated by Barbara Wilson (UVA).	Charlottesville, Virginia
Mar 21, 2023	Stanley P. Stone Distinguished Lecture Series (Speaker)	Boston University's College of General Studies	The College of General Studies is an interdisciplinary program that explores the intersectional impacts of a variety of issues. This presentation focused on the impact of environmental injustice and climate change on frontline communities, particularly through the lenses of race, gender, and class.	Virtual
Mar 22, 2023	Building a Just Transition (Panelist)	Ceres Global	The lower carbon, net zero economy is coming. Ceres' three-member groups will come together to talk about how we get from here to there. Companies and investors are developing transition plans. Policy makers have passed the IRA supporting the infrastructure necessary for the transition. In this session, participants explored labor and worker perspectives on what constitutes a "just transition" from member companies and examined how the implementation of the IRA and other policies can support good job creation, community-centered economic development and long-term value for companies and investors. Co-Panelists: Erin Hutson (LIUNA), Angela Ortiz (PSEG), Jason Walsh (BlueGreen Alliance).	New York, New York
Mar 23, 2023	Environmental and Climate Justice in the New Decarbonized Economy (Panelist)	Ceres Global	Justice40 commitments, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and the Inflation Reduction Act, taken together, herald a monumental reshaping of the national economy. They are a recognition that historically marginalized communities are agents of economic change, not just the beneficiaries of much-needed reparative efforts. In this session, participants explored thinking about environmental and climate justice through the lens of economic empowerment in the new green and decarbonized economy. Co-Panelists: Amir Kirkwood (VCC Social Enterprises), Keesa Schreane (author, Gambling on Green), Emira Woods (Green Leadership Trust).	New York, New York
Mar 28, 2023	Mobilizing for Healthy Homes (Keynote Speaker)	Green and Healthy Homes Initiative	This two-day gathering was designed to bring together and support frontline organizations from across the United States to design, advocate for, fund, and implement grassroots decarbonization strategies to improve air quality, resilience, and affordability in existing residential homes. The keynote urged focus on centering the voices of frontline communities in these strategies.	Baltimore, Maryland

Mar 29, 2023	Addressing Inequities in Emergency Response in Environmental Justice Communities in Detroit (Keynote Speaker)	Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, the Green Door Initiative, the Community Benefits Coalition, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice, the Eastside Community Network, the Ecology Center, University of Michigan Lifestage Environmental Exposures and Disease Center, SDEV, and Community Action to Promote Healthy Environments	Highlighting the importance of emergency preparedness and response from an environmental justice perspective, and the essential need to center community as decision makers and partners in emergency preparedness and response.	Detroit, Michigan
Mar 30, 2023	African American Leadership in Addressing Climate Change and Community Economic Development (Panelist)	National Community Reinvestment Coalition Just Economy Conference	As the various impacts of climate change, including disasters, shifts in agricultural yields, sea level rise, etc, communities of color are often left facing the brute of such disasters due to a history of racist city planning and community development. Addressing climate change and racial economic inequality is crucial for communities in not only economically precarious situations, but also for communities in precarious geographies. This panel brought together representatives from the Philanthropic, Government and Non-Profit sectors to discuss the important role of the African American community in addressing Climate Change and Community Economic Development. Co-Panelists: Danielle Deane-Ryan (Bezos Earth Fund), Dr. Henry McKoy (US Department of Energy). Moderated by Dedrick Asante-Muhammad (NCRC).	Virtual
Apr 6, 2023	Early Childhood in the Era of Climate Change (Panelist)	Co-sponsored by Children, Youth, and Family Funders Roundtable; ECFC; Capita; and Health and Environmental Funders Network	Climate change threatens many of our early childhood goals, including children's physical and mental health, family well-being, and school readiness. At the same time, young children are incredibly valuable in the climate fight because of how their healthy development is entwined with a healthy, climate-resilient society. ECFC, Health and Environmental Funders Network, Children, Youth and Family Funders Roundtable and Capita, co-convener of the Early Years Climate Action Taskforce, co-hosted this discussion to learn more about the crossroads of climate change and early childhood development. Co-Panelists: Diana Rauner (Start Early), Tonja Rucker (Institute for Youth, Education, and Families), Sara Slaughter (W. Clement and Jessie V. Stone Foundation). Moderated by Elliot Haspel	Virtual. View Recording Here

Apr 10, 2023	Learning Session: Community Climate Justice (Speaker)	Internal Learning Sessions sponsored by the Merck Family Foundation	This learning session to the Merck Family Foundation trustees explored the topic of participatory grantmaking and how philanthropy can learn how to better support the needs of frontline communities by investing greater trust in their expertise through their lived experience.	Virtual
Apr 15, 2023	Crossroads and Confluence: An Examination of Gender and Race in the Movements of Ecological and Economic Justice (Panel Speaker)	Lifelong Learning series at Union Theological Seminary	A discussion about the role of religion and spirituality in social justice work and what individuals and community members can do to address injustice. Moderator: Liz Theoharis (Union Theological Seminary)	Virtual
Apr 19-22, 2023	Environmental Justice, Climate Change, and Water as a Human Right learning track Co-Facilitator)	the State of the Black World Conference V. Sponsored by the Institute of the Black World	This learning track focused on access to water is a human right and access is inextricably tied to Black Liberation. Using a Problem/Hope/Solution model, frontline community leaders throughout the US detailed the challenges they face in accessing water and specific examples, including participatory budgeting, of how communities are making their own change. Speakers included Tonnelle Byrd (Until Justice), Raychel Gadson (South Baltimore Community Land Trust), Raquel Higginbotham (Phenix Environmental Justice Collective, Diane Nininihazwe (PACJA), Dr. Makani Themba, Aleta Alston Toure (Parable of the Sower Intentional Community Cooperative), Dr. Karen Weaver (former mayor of Flint, MI).	Baltimore, Maryland
Apr 26, 2023	It's Time (Plenary Speaker)	Climate Generation	A bold vision of climate justice, Just Transition and Black Liberation, and how the broader environmental movement needs to shift to meet this vision.	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Apr 27, 2023	The Climate Connection (Panelist)	Connect + Reflect: Radical Resources annual convening sponsored by the Donors of Color Network	A focus on the next two years – 2023, with the largest federal investment in environmental justice in history and 2024, with a pivotal election – years that are poised to be critical for climate justice. This panel grounded attendees in how climate justice movement leaders and policy makers are setting a bold, transformative agenda for the next two years of climate justice advocacy. Co-Panelists: Felicia Davis (HBCU Green Fund), Rev. Yearwood (Hip-Hop Caucus). Moderated by Abdul Dosunmu (DOCN).	Atlanta, Georgia
Apr 27, 2023	Women and the Green Economy (WAGE®) Award recipient and Speaker	Climate Leadership gala sponsored by earthday.org	The goal of the WAGE® Campaign is to engage top women business, government, and NGO leaders in accelerating the transition to a green economy. The reality, however, is that there continues to be a scarcity of women players in bodies that govern and shape our economy, specifically in approaching global solutions to climate change. This award recognizes women who use their leadership to drive change.	Washington, DC

May 8, 2023	Centering Racial Equity in Climate Justice (Keynote Speaker)	Interfaith Power and Light annual national conference	Recognizing that the systemic underpinnings of the climate crisis are the same roots of racial injustice, climate solutions must be grounded in racial equity. This keynote described the systemic basis for racial and climate injustice, how it manifests in our society and communities, and most importantly what are the multi-solving approaches that are already underway.	Washington, DC
May 13, 2023	People's Health Tribunal on Fossil Fuel Extraction in Africa (Member and Participant)	People's Health Hearing collective	The People's Health Tribunal raised awareness of key struggles across Africa, amplified the voices of communities resisting, and built connections between different injustices across time and space – including how these related to injustices in the imperial core.	Virtual
May 19, 2023	Bringing Healing Justice to the Movements for Environmental Health and Justice (Plenary Panelist)	Health and Environmental Funders Network annual meeting	Rooted in the political and the sacred, this plenary session showcased how the healing justice framework (developed by visionary Southern Black women) intersects with the environmental and climate justice movements - beyond notions of individual self care - to build collective power, care and safety by replenishing and rebalancing our relationships to our lands, ourselves and each other. Co-Panelists: Bineshi Albert (Climate Justice Alliance), Konda Mason (Jubilee Justice). Moderator: Iris Garcia (Kataly Foundation)	New Orleans, Louisiana
May 19, 2023	Ambition 2030 Environmental Justice Considerations: Transportation, Oil & Gas, Heavy Industry, and Power (Session Speaker)	Ceres Climate and Energy Team annual retreat	Ceres' Climate Justice and Energy Team is working to identify key environmental justice issues and how they might further integrate these issues into their work decarbonizing the highest emitting sectors in the US economy (Transportation, Heavy Industry, Oil & Gas, Electric Power). This session began with a grounding on key environmental justice issues and the Just Transition framework; sector teams then worked in groups to develop environmental justice-focused projects to include in their 2024 work plans.	Virtual
May 23, 2023	Two-Pronged Approach to Advancing Collective Strategy (Session Speaker)	Equitable Building Electrification Fund Learning Community Collaboratory	In the Fall of 2022, the EBEF Governance Assembly introduced a two-pronged strategy (pursuing both local and national strategies) and a collective model of shared learning, vision, and an allocation of funds. This presentation reviewed the two prongs and EBEF's unique contributions to the field. Session participants then brainstormed how they can continue this approach in the philanthropy space.	Detroit, Michigan

May 25, 2023	Justice 40, Inflation Reduction Act, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and Frontline Communities: Harvesting Opportunities and Mitigating Harm (Panel Speaker)	ABA Forum on Affordable Housing and Community Development Law	The Biden administration's environmental and climate justice agenda and communities' demands to directly address the harms to and disinvestment in frontline communities have resulted in the Justice 40 Initiative and the potential of large-scale investments from the Inflation Reduction Act and the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. This panel of environmental and climate justice experts reviewed the legislative and policy mandates, discussed examples of where and how these investments are materializing, and evaluated their potential community impacts. Co-Panelists: Leslie Fields (Sierra Club), Adrienne Hollis (National Wildlife Federation) Moderator: Dorcas Gilmore (Gilmore Khandhar)	Washington, DC
May 31, 2023	A Conversation on Climate, Reproductive Justice, and Resilience for Women of African Descent (Panel Speaker)	Second Session of the Permanent Forum on People of African Descent hosted by the United Nations	Afrodescendant experts from civil society, government and the UN system gathered to highlight the interconnectedness of climate, racial and gender justice. The event examined how society's poorest and most vulnerable, despite having contributed very little to the global climate crisis, are too often left to deal with its worst effects. The session also underscored action points brought forward by civil society organizations and practitioners including recognizing the role of racism, investing in research on how climate change affects Afro-descendant communities and amplifying Afro-descendant voices and expertise along the road to climate justice. Co-Panelists: E. Tendayi Achiume (UCLA Promise Institute for Human Rights), Ayesha Constable (GirlsCARE and Youth for Climate Action), Kwoollane Felix (WEDO), Marina Marcal (Institute for Climate and Society), Patricia da Silva (UNFPA). Moderator: Gaynel Curry (Independent Expert Member of the UNFPA)	New York, New York
May 31, 2023	"Re-Membering Purpose" (In Conversation)	Red Emma's Bookstore	This conversation with author and co-Executive Director of Soulfire Farm Dr. Ife Kilimanjaro explored the theses of her new book, <i>Re-Membering Purpose</i> , and the lessons learned from her ancestors, the Earth, her grandchildren, and more in helping to guide her journey to co-create a better world.	Baltimore, Maryland
Jun 6, 2023	Environmental Racism and the Impacts to the World House (Panel Speaker)	The King Center for Nonviolent Social Change's Beloved Community Talks series	Discussion of the global systemic history of environmental racism and its impact on communities of color. How do we "save the planet" and protect the dignity of people who are a part of the Beloved Community? Co-Panelists: Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali (NWF), Angelo Logan (Liberty Hill Foundation), Bill McKibben (Third Act), Fatimeh Shafel (Spelman College) Moderator: Dr. Vonnetta L. West (The King Center)	Virtual. View Recording Here

Jun 9, 2023	In The Eye of the Storm (Session Speaker)	Climate and Health Equity Fellowship program at the Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health	The goal of the Fellowship is to empower doctors of color from populations that face greater burdens from climate effects and are under-represented in medicine to become leaders in climate and health equity education, advocacy, and policy solutions. This session focused on equity in emergency preparedness planning in collaboration with frontline communities.	Virtual
Jun 9, 2023	Utilities Disconnections Dashboard Launch Event (Keynote Speaker)	Utilities Disconnections	Partially inspired by the NAACP's Lights Out in the Cold Report, the Utility Disconnections Dashboard tool was designed to provide information and historical data of utility shut-offs from both IOUs and municipalities, as well as state policies that protect customers from utility disconnections.	Virtual View Recording Here
Jun 14, 2023	Meet the Climate Museum (Speaker)	The Climate Museum	A celebration of the progress of the Climate Museum, the first museum in the US dedicated to the climate crisis.	Washington, DC
Jun 29, 2023	Nature-Based Solutions, Environmental Justice, and Climate Adaptation in Urban Environments (Panel Speaker)	30th Regular Session of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation Council and Meeting of the Joint Public Advisory Committee	In response to the North American Environmental Cooperation Agreement's (ECA) mandate to facilitate partnerships, linkages and other new channels for the development and transfer of knowledge and technologies with national and subnational governments to promote the development and exchange of best practices and environmental information, this session gathered experts from the three countries working on climate action in urban settings, exploring North American challenges and responses to climate change in the urban environment. Co-Panelists: Deborah Carlson, (West Coast Environmental Law), Mario Duarte (Ministry of the Environment, Mexico City) Javier Garduno Arredondo (Global de Ciudades Resilientes - Resilient Cities Network), Matt Holmes (California Environmental Justice Coalition). Moderator: Evan Lloyd (CEC)	Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
Jul 18, 2023	Women, Climate, and the Just Transition (Panelist)	Women Deliver Conference	A conversation with African movement leaders on the urgent need and growing opportunities to build cross-sectoral collaborations to address climate as a problem of systemic inequality, while delivering women-led, community-based solutions advancing gender and economic justice. Co-Panelists: Makoma Lekalaka (EarthLife Africa), Thuli Makama (Oil Change International), Sheila Oparaocha (International Network on Gender and Sustainable Energy). Moderated by Ellen Dorsey (Wallace Global Fund).	Kigali, Rwanda, Africa

Jul 20, 2023	Environmental Justice (Panelist)	Environmental Law Institute Summer School series	This session explored the foundations of environmental justice, as well as recent federal developments, current opportunities for environmental and climate justice legislation, and obstacles facing environmental justice. Panelists: Tanya Nesbitt (Thompson Hine), Brittany Shaw (Southern Environmental Law Center). Moderated by Christine Appah (Columbia Climate School)	Virtual View Recording Here
Jul 28, 2023	Building Health Equity Through Climate Resilience and Preparedness (Panelist)	National Urban League Conference	Black communities are often disproportionately affected by, and less resilient to, the health impacts of extreme weather and climate-related disasters. These populations are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change due to a myriad of factors including location, lack of funding for climate mitigation infrastructure and reduced emergency preparedness capacity. Creating resilient communities that are prepared to respond to climate related events is imperative to building health equity in Black communities. Co-Panelists: Colette Pichon Battle (Taproot Earth), Beverly L. Wright (Deep South Center for Environmental Justice), Doug Lawson (CommonSpirit Health), Kelly Crawford (Department of Energy). Moderator: Mustafa Ali Santiago (National Wildlife Federation)	Houston, Texas
Aug 9, 2023	The Strength is Within Us: Harnessing the Power of Collective Resilience in Riding the Wave of the Climate Crisis (Speaker)	Resistance in the Anthropocene (RITA) Summit sponsored by the Loka Institute	Whether it is the global experience of our three hottest days in history, or the record flooding from Vermont to Madagascar, to Pakistan, to the global displacement of communities whose lands are being overtaken by sea level rise - we are already in a time that calls for us to center resilience against the myriad shocks of climate change. This requires strategy, investment, and commitment across all sectors and systems - and it's already happening! We just need to follow the lead of frontline communities.	Virtual View Recording Here
Aug 14, 2023	Women and Youth's Transformational Leadership: Women at Decision-Making Tables (Co-Panelist)	Parliament of World Religions Convening	Women at decision-making tables of religion, governments and funding organizations brings balanced feminine and masculine leadership and a greater vision for humanity. Women's unique gifts of nurturing, intuition, creativity, emotional and spiritual intelligence are essential in cocreating sacred relationships with one another and the natural world. Vital conversation to ensure women and girls full participation in leadership roles that increases the human potential for finding solutions and real help in times of poverty, conflict and climate crises. Co-Panelists: Aina-Nia Ayo'dele (Aina-Nia Learning Journey), Christine Budzowski (The Guibord Center). Moderator: Kehkashan Basu (Parliament of World Religions)	Chicago, Illinois

Aug 16, 2023	Caring For Creation: Women on the Frontlines of Climate Action (Panelist)	Parliament of World Religions Convening	Women are at the forefront of many climate action initiatives around the world. Even though they often face additional barriers due to their gender, from unequal access to resources and recognition, women have been leading the charge in grassroots movements, advocacy for policy change, technological innovation, and more. This interfaith panel featured grassroots and institutional women leaders who are taking on climate change in their communities. Co-Panelists: Orielle Osprey Lake (WECAN International), Great Grandmother Mary Lyons (Anishinaabe-Ojibwe elder), Nina Simons (Bioneers). Moderator: Emily Echevarria (Parliament of World Religions)	Chicago, Illinois
Aug 17, 2023	Climate Actions: All Can Help (Session Moderator)	Parliament of World Religions Convening	We all have a part to play in addressing the climate crisis. Small actions, such as conserving energy and choosing sustainable transport options, can make a big difference when done on a large scale. This panel explored topics such as how to reduce your carbon footprint, what changes you can make in the home and workplace to lower emissions, and how to engage with other organizations that are devoted to climate change. We need all hands-on deck to reverse, restore, and regenerate. Panelists: Grove Harris (United Religions Initiative), Lauren Van Ham (Temple of Understanding), Sarah Paulos (Interfaith Power and Light).	Chicago, Illinois
Sep 12, 2023	Environmental Justice and Economic INpowerment: There's EJ Gold Up in Dem Hills (Panelist)	Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, & Health Conference	Frontline communities would like to see significant investments in clean water and sanitation, clean energy, climate resilience, public transit, tackling legacy pollution by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, etc. However, with new funding to finally help address decades of environmental degradation, infrastructure problems, economic inequality, and health inequities in overburdened and underserved communities, there comes the risk of organizations jumping into the environmental justice space, usurping funding, when they had historically been EJ antagonists and EJ deniers. This panel discussed the issues of empowerment and liberation and the negative consequences of EJ tourism during the EJ gold rush. Co-Panelists: Mustafa Ali (National Wildlife Federation), Michelle DePass (Upside Tech Alliance), Vernice Miller-Travis (The Metropolitan Group). Moderator: Sacoby Wilson (CEEJH).	Virtual View Recording Here

Sep 12, 2023	Say Her Name: Roe v. Wade and Reproductive Justice (Panelist)	Community Engagement, Environmental Justice, & Health Conference	The reversal of <i>Roe v. Wade</i> placed many women's right to make choices about their own bodies in jeopardy and ignited discussions about the impact on marginalized communities, who may face even greater challenges in accessing reproductive healthcare services. Furthermore, the connection between reproductive justice and environmental justice highlights the broader implications of such legal decisions. A safe and healthy environment is crucial for individuals to make informed decisions about their reproductive health. Co-Panelists: Kimala Price (San Deigo State University), Tianna Shaw Wakemen (Black Women for Wellness). Moderator: Blean Girma (CEEJH).	Virtual View Recording Here
Sep 14, 2023	Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed post-screening discussion (Panelist)	Feminist Funded 2023 conference	A screening and discussion of the new documentary of Shirley Chisholm's historic 1972 Presidential campaign. Co-Panelists: Rep. Candi King (Virginia House of Delegates); A'shanti F. Gholar (Emerge).	Washington, DC
Sep 19, 2023	Creating a Healthy and Just World in the Face of Climate Change: The Role of Early Childhood Professionals Environmental Trauma Shows up Through the Lifecycle (Co-Presenter)	Zero to Three LEARN conference	As the greatest threat to public health in the 21st Century, climate change can feel completely overwhelming, especially as its impact exacerbates existing inequities. But the world we want to create is worth imagining and pursuing—a world in which children can thrive. Co-Presenter: Lisa Patel (Stanford School of Medicine)	Minneapolis, Minnesota
Sep 20, 2023	Climate Solutions are Equity Solutions (Panelist)	National Health + Climate Forum hosted by George Washington University Milliken School of Public Health	Our problems are intersectional, and our solutions must be as well. We have an incredible opportunity to take action on climate, repair harm to marginalized and vulnerable communities, and prevent future harm. Hear about solutions that help limit the impacts of climate change while addressing persistent disparities. Co-Panelist: Natasha DeJarnett (White House Council on Environmental Quality) Moderator: Dr. Georges Benjamin (American Public Health Association)	Washington, DC
Sep 20, 2023	Gender Just Energy Transition Event (Speaker)	SHINE and The Wallace Global Fund	Community-driven, women-led renewable energy access is fundamental to a Just energy transition away from fossil fuels, and towards a sustainable, regenerative, and adaptive economy for all. Co-Speakers: Bridget Burns (WEDO), Mela Chiponda (SHINE), Ellen Dorsey (Wallace Global Fund), Jane Fonda (activist)	New York, New York
Sep 21, 2023	Wisdom Circle (Facilitator)	Black Climate Leadership Summit & Liberation Lounge hosted by Taproot Earth	Taproot Wisdom Circles are informal, small-group discussions where climate/environmental justice leaders share their stories, work, insights, and advice with 10-15 emerging leaders.	New York, New York

Sep 22, 2023	Where Do We Go From Here (Panelist)	The New South Global Summit sponsored by the New Alpha Community Development Corporation	A discussion of the ways we can further develop solidarity between individuals, communities and NGOs throughout the global South. Co-Panelists: Alex Easdale (SCEN), Rev. Fletcher Harper (Greenfaith). Moderator: Mustafa Santiago Ali (National Wildlife Federation)	New York, New York
Sep 22, 2023	How World Views and Climate Justice Can Remake a World in Crisis (Co-Panelist)	WECAN	We are at a choice point for humanity. As social and ecological crises escalate globally, the dominant cultural worldview, informed by colonization, patriarchy, capitalism, and racism, is displaying a relationship with Nature and each other that is devastatingly unjust and out of balance. To live in a healthy and equitable world, we must fundamentally change how we respect and interact with the Earth and one another. To change the present and future, it is imperative to change the narrative and amplify worldviews and stories of climate justice solutions that transform the dominant worldview from an extractivist, colonial paradigm of "exploit and extract" to a sustainable, globally-conscious one of "respect and restore." Casey Camp Horinek (Ponca Nation), Helena Gualinga (Kichwa from Sarayaku), Osprey Orielle Lake (WECAN). Moderator: Antonia Juhasz (Human Rights Watch)	New York, New York
Sep 30, 2023	Global to Local Approach to Climate Change (Keynote speaker)	NAACP Alachua County Climate Change Summit	Climate change is a global issue, and we must act globally as well as locally. Individuals and communities can make a difference at the local, regional, and state level to drive true global change.	Gainesville, Florida
Oct 4, 2023	From Ideas to Implementation (Respondent)	Ubuntu Climate Initiative Strategy Convening	An overview of The Chisholm Legacy Project's work with Freedmen's Settlements and diverse ways to engage with communities, including cultural work to tell each settlement's unique story.	Atlanta, Georgia
Oct 5, 2023	FortyFest (Panelist)	The Shalom Center 40th anniversary event	A conversation on the importance of remembering holidays, past events, and dates of significance to help drive future action. Co-Panelists: Bill McKibbin (Third Act), Heather Booth (Democracy Partners). Moderated by Rabbi Arthur Waskow (The Shalom Center).	Virtual
Oct 11, 2023	Black Americans and Climate-Forced Migration (Speaker)	City Harvest Speaker Series	The intersection of racism and climate disasters, with a focus on climate-forced migration.	Virtual
Oct 14, 2023	The Black Child's Future: Cultivating a Future Where All Black Children Breathe Clean Air and Drink Clean Water (Panelist)	NBCDI Annual Conference	Discussion of the factors that contribute to the higher levels of exposure of Black children to toxic air and water. This panel also addressed the barriers to change and how Black children and their families can be centered to ensure a better future environment. Co-Panelists: Gloria Blevins (NBCDI), Joan Lombardi (NBCDI), Nse Obot Witherspoon (Children's Environmental Health Network). Moderator: Lee Johnson (NBCDI)	Charlotte, North Carolina

Oct 18, 2023	Federal Funding for Climate Justice: How Philanthropy can Support Building Towards Just Transition for a Regenerative Economy (Plenary Session Speaker)	CHANGE Unity Summit hosted by the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy	There are billions of dollars available for climate work through the Inflation Reduction Act. What role can philanthropy play in helping to ensure that frontline organizations get these dollars? There is a stated commitment to equity in the legislation, but how do we make sure that commitment is real? How can these federal dollars complement philanthropic investments in creating a just transition? This plenary discussed the federal funding earmarked for climate work and infrastructure investment and explored the ways to close the equity gap and what frontline movements need from philanthropy to make the most of these funds. Co-Panelists: Sharon Chen (Front and Centered), Mitty Owens (People's Solar Energy Fund), Erik Stegman (Native Americans in Philanthropy). Moderator: Senowa Mize-Fox (National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy)	Los Angeles, California
Oct 21, 2023	Everybody Can Do Something for Mother Earth (Speaker)	Green Tent Circle Illuminator series	The Illuminator series convenes leaders in diverse spaces to share their light, wisdom, and to engage in deep discussion.	Virtual View Recording Here
Oct 27, 2023	Keynote Conversation (Speaker)	Transatlantic Forum for Environmental and Climate Justice hosted by Pocacito	An overview of environmental and climate justice with illustrative examples from St. James Parish in Louisiana. Co-Speaker: Sharon Lavigne, Rise S. James Moderator: Max Gruenig, Pocantico	Washington, DC
Oct 31, 2023	Climate Change and Health Disparities: What Our HBCUs Need to Know (Speaker)	Howard University College of Medicine Center of Excellence Speaker Series	A discussion about the health impacts of climate change on Black communities. In Conversation with Dr. Goulda Downer (Howard University)	Virtual
Nov 2, 2023	Museums as Sites for Climate Protest (Panelist)	Oberlin College	Ongoing climate change protests taking place at art museums have been the subject of headline news in recent years. This panel explored how the climate crisis, activism, and museums intersect, including the history of museums as activist institutions, why museums may be implicated in the climate crisis and a potent site for protest. Co-Panelists: Heather Galloway (Galloway Art Conservation), Renee Romano (Oberlin College). Moderator: Sam Adams (Oberlin College)	Oberlin, Ohio
Nov 4, 2023	Leveraging Private Businesses for Climate Justice: An Oxymoron or an Opportunity? (Speaker)	Chesapeake Watershed Forum	This session explored the critical intersection of private businesses and frontline communities within the context of climate justice. It laid out a vision for fostering meaningful collaboration between the private sector and communities, while examining unfortunate instances where such efforts have gone awry, enabling us to glean essential lessons in avoiding common pitfalls	Shepherdstown, West Virginia

Nov 15, 2023	Redistributing Resources: Federal Funds and Philanthropy (Panelist)	Taproot Earth Summit on Climate and Environmental Justice, Race, and the Law	The Summit on Climate Justice, Racism, and the Law was a space to share knowledge and build relationships - across regions, roles, and movements - and move towards collective action to build movement standards toward a just transition. This Panel explored how public and philanthropic funds can be redistributed to shift power, as well as the legal barriers and opportunities to shift those resources. Panelists: Daniel Aldana Cohen (University of California at Berkeley), Al Huang (NYU Law) Moderator: Senowa Mize-Fox (National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy)	Durham, North Carolina
Nov 29, 2023	Solutions in Scarcity: Financing for gender and environment data (Panel Moderator)	Global Conference on Gender and Environment Data	Panel Description: Closing the gender data financing gap requires more than just an increase in spending. It requires a larger strategic effort to make funds go further and put gender data at the heart of national, regional, and international action for gender equality and sustainable development. This session provided an overview on the current financial landscape for gender data and the financial needs and challenges from governments to produce gender-environment data and highlight commitments and actions taken to scale up investments in gender and environment data. Panelists: Joshua Amponsem (Youth and Climate Justice Fund), Verona Collantes-Lebale (Global Environment Facility), Mariam Ibrahim (Development Initiatives), Sana Kapadia (2XGlobal), Neema Lekule (Ukamaa Community Resource Team), Barbara Rambousek (European Bank for Reconstruction and Development)	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Dec 6, 2023	JTLI Cohort Live Session (Presenter)	Just Transition Lawyering Institute	A presentation to the JTLI cohort about the biggest and most pressing issues facing frontline communities.	Virtual
Dec 10, 2023	Dual Natures Panel (MC)	Entertainment + Culture Pavilion and USCAN	A screening of the short documentary film "Garden Ministry" and interactive panel discussion, which asked us to consider how we are more than just advocates, artists, youth, government officials, etc.; and how we are many natured people whose lives, work, faith, and reactions are shaped by the multiple identities we hold; and how we can use those identities to shape a new world. Speakers: Shravya Jain-Conti (Climate Nexus), Jason CrazyBear (7 Directions of Service), JiYu Chen (TzuChi International). Moderator: Dallas Conyers (USCAN).	Dubai, United Arab Emirates
Dec 11, 2023	Global Voices and Women-Led Calls to Action in Response to COP 28 (Speaker)	WECAN	Around the world, peoples' movements are responding to the escalating climate crisis, rising to address the urgency and needs of people and the planet. This included a wide-ranging conversation from women on the ground at COP28 to report out on negotiations, share highlights, report releases, calls to action, and demands from women globally. Speakers included: Tzporah Berman, Crystal Cavalier, Eriel Deranger, Brianna Fruean, Casey Camp Horinek, Great Grandmother Mary Lyons, Patience Nabukalu, Ayshka Najib, Roishetta Ozane, Liane Schalatek	Dubai, United Arab Emirates