Climate Justice: Advancing Health Equity in the Face of a Changing Climate
Agenda

Context: Inclusive Impact Summit & Climate Crisis
Climate Justice Definitions
Organizations Leading the Way
Common Themes
Speaker Panel Discussion
FIGURE 1.3

"Identify the most severe risks on a global scale over the next 10 years"

1st Climate action failure
2nd Extreme weather
3rd Biodiversity loss
4th Social cohesion erosion
5th Livelihood crises
6th Infectious diseases
7th Human environmental damage
8th Natural resource crises
9th Debt crises
10th Geoeconomic confrontation

Climate change - the biggest health threat facing humanity

- Climate change is the single biggest health threat facing humanity
- According to the IPCC, the world must limit temperature rise to 1.5°C.
- People in low-income and disadvantaged countries and communities are those whose health is being harmed first and worst by the climate crisis, and they least contribute to its causes.
What is Climate Justice?
Climate Justice, a.k.a Environmental Justice Definitions

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines environmental justice as “the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”

*Source [https://www.nj.gov/dep/ej/](https://www.nj.gov/dep/ej/)
Disproportionate Health Impacts on low-income communities in New Jersey

- Historically, New Jersey’s low-income communities and communities of color have a disproportionately high number of environmental and public health stressors.

- As a result, these communities suffer from increased adverse health effects including asthma, cancer, elevated blood lead levels, cardiovascular disease, and developmental disorders, et al.
Organizations that are supporting Climate Justice

More information on what each of these is doing on climate justice can be found at this link: https://ricsi.business.rutgers.edu/our-outreach/ricsi-webinar-series
Common themes organizations are using to support Climate Justice

- Reducing harmful emissions, particularly greenhouse gases
- Advancing energy efficiency and clean energy
- Strengthening communities' resilience and livability
- Spreading awareness about environmental and health-related issues affecting local communities
- Supporting new laws that protect communities and the environment
Our Speakers

Philip Dahlin, Global Director of Sustainability, Johnson & Johnson
Phil leads J&J’s environmental health strategy development and execution and develops partnerships that aim to improve environmental quality and human outcomes, in support of J&J’s broader mission of improving global health. Phil also co-leads J&J Environmental Policy Council and is responsible for J&J’s company-wide approach to encourage the design and development of more sustainable products and solutions.

Kristin Stevens, Director of Climate & Disaster Resilience, Americares
Kristin oversees the strategic direction of Americares resilience programming in the U.S. and around the world. She is responsible for designing and implementing programs that provide health centers with the tools to prepare for future disasters and the impacts of the climate crisis.
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