

8th Annual Empowering Sustainability Gathering



MONDAY, JULY 16. EDU 1111

9:00 am

Local Futures, Debjeet Sarangi

Mr. Sarangi is manager trustee at Living Farms. He has been working with indigenous communities in the eastern states of India since 1990 to strengthen access to and control over the commons, connecting consumers and producers, and reclaiming the community's sovereign food system. In 2016, he advised the state government to incorporate poly cultural farming, nutrition gardening, and community mobilization as part their program to reduce malnutrition of women and children.

10:40 am

Living Netukulimk: The Mi'kmaw Concept of Sustainability in Everyday Life.

Adrian Downey, PhD Student in Education, University of New Brunswick (Mi'kma'ki/Canada)

Thinking About Intangible Heritage as Social Development: Practitioner's Reflection.

Nicolas Lozano, Advisor of Intangible Cultural Heritage, Instituto Distrital de Patrimonio Cultural (Colombia)

Healing the Earth Through Healing Ourselves.

Daniela Solano, Researcher and Project Coordinator at Fundacion Saimiri (Costa Rica)

Critical Pedagogy: In Between Social Movements and Academia.

Mariann Dosa, Coordinator of Education Programs at the School of Public Life (Hungary)

South Philadelphia: A Community at Risk.

Kathleen Hibbert, Post-doctoral Researcher at Environmental Protection Agency (United States)





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Mainstreaming Urban Resilience, Abena Sackey Ojetayo

Ms. Ojetayo is the first Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Tallahassee. She has worked as planner in Greece following a devastating earthquake, and in the flood prone Anam New City, Nigeria, a project that was recognized by the Clinton Global Initiative as a promising approach to international sustainable development. She was named among the "10 New Faces of Civil Engineering" by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), highlighting her as one of the industry's next leaders.

2:15 pm

Empowering Access to Higher Education for Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Central European University's Open Learning Initiative.

Logan Strenchock, Environmental and Sustainability Officer, Central European University and Organic Garden Team Member, Zsamboki Biokert (Hungary)

Repurposing and our Future.

Sonya Park, UCI Alumni and Treasurer for a non-profit Corporation (United States)

CDS: Educating through example in the Amazonian Cloud Forest, Peru.

Lorena Er<mark>bur</mark>e, Consultant and Instructor, Management of Protected Areas & Eco-regional Development (Uruguay)





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TUESDAY, JULY 17. EDU 1111

EMPOWERING SUSTAINABILITY IN FRAGILE AND CONFLICT-RIDDEN STATES

9:00 am: Welcome. Dr. Stergios Skaperdas, Professor of Economics, Clifford S. Heinz Chair, Director of the Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies.

9:15 am: Building Stability and Resilience: IDA 18 Fragility, Conflict and Violence Mitigation Regime. Julia Komagaeva, Central Asia Knowledge Network Coordinator at the World Bank.

10:50 am: Mapping the Propagation of Drought Impacts Across the World. Dr. Amir Aghakouchak, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at UCI.

Lunch Break

1:30 pm: Sustainable Efforts in Developing Countries: How to Achieve Them and How to Scale Them. Lydia Natoolo, Founder of Love A Community.

2:15 pm: A Case for Pro Bono Representation at the African Court.

Uloma Onuma, Attorney.

3:30 pm: Trajectories of Conflict and Peace: Cities in Divided Societies. Dr. Scott Bollens, Professor of Urban Planning and Public Policy, and Warmington Chair in Peace and International Cooperation at UCI.

4:45 pm: The Global Neonationalist Wave and Its Implications for the World Order. Dr. Sergei Plekhanov, Associate Professor of Political Science at York University and Former Deputy Director of the Russian Academy of Sciences Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies.

