



AGENDA

(Please note all times are Mountain Time)

DAY 1

(MAY 12)

12:00 P.M. GETTING GROUNDED: OPENING CEREMONY

Tm Stevens, The Kendeda Fund, IMWFN Chair

Pat Smith, President and CEO, The Funders Network

Plus: Short Film by **Pita Juarez**, Chispa National Communications Director and Filmmaker

12:30 P.M. GETTING CENTERED: RACIAL EQUITY AT THE HEART OF THE MATTER

Through a conversation that engages participants, speakers will help uncover pathways to moving racial equity from aspiration to foundational philanthropic action.

Melanie Mitros, Vitalyst Health Foundation, in conversation with **Dion Cartwright**, Director of Equitable Initiatives & Leadership Development, The Funders Network

1:20 P.M. INTERLUDE AND MOVEMENT

**1:30 P.M. GAINING PERSPECTIVE:
VIEWS ON THE MOUNTAIN WEST FROM 30,000 FEET**

This dynamic panel will establish broad context for three major drivers of philanthropic activity throughout the region: Climate & Water, Economic Recovery & Transition, and Indigenous Communities. Presenters will help connect choices and consequences- for people, policy, and place- to highlight opportunities for funder alignment.

Ben Alexander, Resources Legacy Fund

Raymond Foxworth, First Nations Development Institute

Jill Ozarski, Walton Family Foundation

Paula Randolph, Babbitt Center for Land & Water Policy (moderator)

2:15 P.M. INTERLUDE & MOVEMENT

2:20 P.M. MAKING THE CONNECTION: TOPICAL FUNDER EXCHANGES

This the best time for you to add to the previous conversation or get some answers and feedback to questions of the facilitators or your peers. These 3 different break-out rooms are designed to delve deeper into the topics raised in the plenary. We'll poll you for your room assignment prior to the meeting.

- Chantal Unfug, Colorado Division of Local Affairs with Ben Alexander on Rural and Small Town Economic Development, Transitional Economies, Conservation & Outdoor Recreation Economics
- Tim Stevens with Raymond Foxworth on funding in and with Indigenous people and communities
- Paula Randolph with Jill Ozarski on Water Management, Water & Climate

We will briefly reconvene to share highlights.

3:30 P.M. ADJOURN DAY 1

DAY 2

MAY 13

12:00 P.M. WELCOMES & WELCOME BACK

12:10 P.M. JUST TRANSITION TO A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Drawing from work in Colorado and Arizona, this conversation will highlight the spectrum of activities funders and partners are taking to create inclusive economies in rural and urban communities. Model efforts bring promising economic development, equity policy and the environmental sustainability activities together.

Alicia Marseille, ASU Global Institute of Sustainability & Innovation, Rob and Melani Walton Sustainability Solutions Service

Whitney Johnson, Gates Family Foundation and Colorado Employee Ownership Commission

Jessica Gonzalez, LISC Phoenix (moderator)

12:50 P.M. INTERLUDE & MOVEMENT

1:00 P.M. HORIZONS: FUNDERS AS EXPLORERS OF TRENDS IN THE SECTOR

Three different break-out rooms will be led by funders who will provide more informal time to allow you to network and learn about the interests of peers. These will be relaxed, welcoming, and engaging spaces and your work need not be centered in these themes to enjoy participating.

- Jessica Gonzalez, Inclusive Economies
- Chantal Unfug, Working with Government
- Tim Stevens, Land Conservation

1:45 P.M. INTERLUDE & MOVEMENT

1:55 P.M. MIND MAPPING: MORE THAN MENTAL NOTES

Throughout the convening, participants will be offering responses to questions posed by moderators. Responses will be compiled using virtual collaboration tools. In this session, we'll both reflect on your collective input and use them to generate your thoughts about the future.

2:15 P.M. ONWARD! ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEXT STEPS

2:30 P.M. ADJOURNMENT