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Governor of Hawaii David Ige to address Climate panel at First LEED platinum building in San Francisco Eco Center Park @ Heron's Head

Aquarium of the Bay at PIER 39 to host 5 Global Climate Action Summit
Affiliated events.

This week marks a historic moment for the world of climate literacy in San Francisco as leaders of climate leadership gather at hundreds of venues- with five events hosted from our twin locations. The first set, welcomes the Governor of Hawaii - at our Award winning LEED platinum Eco Center at Herons Head Park venue- the first off the grid building in San Francisco.

The second set of events are being hosted at California's only Smithsonian Affiliated Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco located at Pier 39, on the embarcadero that welcomes 15 million visitors who come to San Francisco each year.

Given the operative word for this Global Climate Summit being **ACTION**- we have stepped up to the need of the hour by conceiving the first of its kind **Climate Literacy and Ocean Conservation living museum**- the vision for this landmark institution will be unveiled following the summit on October 5. The key note address for this beacon of hope for the future will be delivered by **Dr. Jill Biden** with opening remarks by **Dr. Sylvia Earle**. (www.bayecotarium.org)

*Bay.Org DBA Bay Ecotarium and its six branches are united under one mission to enable conversations on climate resilience and ocean conservation globally, while inspiring actionable change locally by protection and preservation of the San Francisco Bay and its ecosystems, from **Sierra to the Sea**™.*



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***From Puerto Rico to Hawaii:
How U.S. Island Jurisdictions are Confronting Climate Change
September 11, 2018***

Event Outcomes

- *Highlight the valuable role that community foundations and other place-based funders can play in addressing climate change.*
- *Showcase the opportunities, innovations, and challenges that U.S. islands, including barrier island communities, must consider as they respond to climate change.*
- *Create and strengthen relationships among funders, advocates, foreign governments, and local officials interested in supporting the climate-change-related initiatives of U.S. island communities.*
- *Explore the possibility of developing a network or community of practice focused on climate change and U.S. island communities.*
- *Identify specific actionable items that would benefit from multi-jurisdiction collaboration, particularly measures that would protect entire communities rather than only individual properties.*

Agenda

2:00 – 2:10 pm *Opening Address – Governor David Ige of Hawaii*

2:10 – 2:25 pm *Welcome and Framing Remarks – Carlos Garcia, San Francisco Foundation, and Arturo Garcia-Costas, The New York Community Trust*

2:25 – 3:30 pm *Panel: For Island Communities, Climate Change is a Present Threat not a Future Concern*

Moderator/Presenter: Robert Ottenhoff, President and CEO, Center for Disaster Philanthropy

Panelist: Pablo Méndez-Lázaro, University of Puerto Rico – Environmental Health Department/ Puerto Rico Community Foundation

Panelist: Dawn Shirreffs, Director of Public Affairs, the Miami Foundation

Panelist: Ella Delio, Director of Environmental Programs, the Greater New Orleans Foundation

Panelist: Dan Hodapp, Senior Waterfront Planner, Port of San Francisco

3:40 – 4:40 pm *Panel: U.S. Islands Lead the Way in New Climate Economy*

Moderator: Dana Okano, Program Director, Hawaii Community Foundation

Panelist: Laurie Schoeman, Senior Program Director for National Resilience and Disaster Recovery at Enterprise Community Partners

Panelist: Melissa Miyashiro, Chief of Staff, Blue Planet Foundation

Panelist: Lew Milford, President, Clean Energy Group

Panelist: Arturo Garcia-Costas, Program Officer for the Environment, the New York Community Trust

4:40 – 5:00 pm *Facilitated Brainstorming and Closing Remarks – Nicola Hedge, Director of Environmental Initiatives, San Diego Foundation*



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Eco Center Park at Heron's Head



Winner of the 2018 Secretary's Award for Excellence in Environmental Sustainability from the California Museums Association, the EcoCenter at Heron's Head Park is a community center that uses sustainable on-site power, water and wastewater systems. Owned and maintained by the Port of San Francisco and operated by The Bay Institute Aquarium Foundation, the EcoCenter is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Platinum building. Nearly every feature of this facility is designed to educate the public about renewable energy, pollution and greenhouse gas reduction, environmental justice, wastewater treatment, sustainable building materials, rainwater harvesting, and the green economy. It is San Francisco's only "off-grid" environmental education facility, and produces and stores its own electrical energy via rooftop solar arrays and on-site battery storage. All electrical wiring conduits inside the facility are exposed to inform visitors of the sources and pathways of electricity from the rooftop through the building to the devices and fixtures it powers. The EcoCenter also features a wildlife-friendly green roof, a rainwater harvesting system, permeable pavement, onsite wastewater treatment, a constructed wetland, and sustainably harvested, sourced, reused, and recycled building materials



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