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**SUSTAINABILITY, HEALTH
EQUITY, AND ANTIRACISM IN
THE 21ST CENTURY**

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PROGRAM

2:00 pm

Opening Remarks

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi

Founding Director, BU Center for Antiracist Research

2:05 pm

FIRESIDE 1: Moving from Denialism to Climate Justice and Antiracism

This fireside panel discusses the connections between racism and climate change. Perspectives from leaders in antiracism, environmental health, and medicine discuss how climate change magnifies existing vulnerabilities and present initiatives that center the marginalized communities.

Moderated by: Kimberly Atkins Stohr

Dr. Patricia Fabian, Associate Professor, Environmental Health, BU School of Public Health

Dr. Tamarra James-Todd, Associate Professor, Environmental Reproductive Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Dr. Ibram X. Kendi, Founding Director, BU Center for Antiracist Research

2:45 pm **FIRESIDE 2: Indigenous Communities, Authentic Academic-Community Partnerships, and Environmental Justice**

This fireside panel features a conversation at the intersection of academia and community about the challenges of the ecological crisis and injustices explicitly experienced by Indigenous peoples. Indigenous experts and community researchers working in environmental justice discuss how they are mobilizing to address environmental racism and build a more sustainable future.

Moderated by: Sonya Soni

Dr. Rosalyn LaPier, Professor, History, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Ruth Ann Norton, President and CEO of GHHI

Dr. Darren Ranco, Chair, Native American Programs, University of Maine

3:25 pm **INTERMISSION**

3:40 pm **FIRESIDE 3: A Conversation with Community Leaders: Policy, Environmental Justice, and Science**

This fireside panel includes speakers dedicated to understanding climate change as a public health crisis. Local leaders in policy, academia, and health care provide diverse insights on targeting the urgency of climate change while addressing racial and economic inequities in the quest for sustainability.

Moderated by: Katharine Lusk

Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, Executive Vice President, National Wildlife Federation

Dr. Thea James, Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, Boston Medical Center/BU School of Medicine; President, Boston Medical and Dental Staff; Vice President, Mission; Associate Chief Medical Officer

Senator Ed Markey, US Senator

4:20 pm **FIRESIDE 4: Collaborative Approaches for Sustainability and Health Equity**

Concluding this symposium is a fireside keynote dedicated to the future directions for sustainability and health equity. With perspectives from consumer industry to healthcare, panelists will discuss various approaches to cultivate environmentally responsible companies and promote increased access to healthy living.

Moderated by: Dr. Monica L. Wang

Julia Matthews, Vice President, Peloton ESG Strategy

Rebecca Pearl-Martinez, Executive Director, BU Institute of Sustainable Energy

Muhammad Umar, Divisional Vice President, Talent, Diversity and Change Management, REI

4:55 pm **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Monica L. Wang

Symposium Chair

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