

## Collaborating for Equitable Climate Preparedness

**A team of USDN members recently collaborated with the Georgetown Climate Center to bring together city officials, environmental justice leaders, and state and federal partners to discuss ways of fostering local collaboration for more equitable climate adaptation.**

The workshop, held in partnership with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN) in April 2016, had a focus on city-level action.



Participants worked together to discuss the root causes of disproportionate climate-related risks for communities on the frontlines of climate change impacts. Workshop participants were challenged to reflect on their own planning processes and strategize regarding ways that communities can address unequal risks; increase diversity, community participation and leadership in adaptation planning; and ensure climate change preparation efforts are benefiting and not negatively affecting those most at risk of impacts.

Workshop participants discussed adaptation policies and projects that could help cities achieve social justice, economic development, and climate adaptation goals. The participants also identified lessons for the Georgetown Climate Center's upcoming equity portal in their [Adaptation Clearinghouse](#).

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