

# Communities, Climate Change, and Health Equity—State-Level Implementation

## Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief

### Potential Actions Suggested by Workshop Participants

Area of Focus	Potential Actions	Possible Actors <sup>a</sup>
Community-driven action		
Facilitating community-driven action	Form co-equal partnerships for co-production of knowledge and action	Community-based organizations Nongovernmental organizations Governments
	Recognize and address the role of structural racism in the challenges communities face via a racial equity framework and restorative justice	Federal government State governments Industry
	Build trust with communities through transparency, honesty, and practical measures such as language interpretation	Governments Researchers Nongovernmental organizations
Enabling cross-sector collaboration	Build broad coalitions to facilitate community-driven action and incorporate climate into health equity policy implementation	Governments Nongovernmental organizations Community-based organizations Industry
Driving incremental and systemic change	Integrate health equity and a just transition in climate action	Governments Nongovernmental organizations Community-based organizations Industry
	Facilitate political engagement, such as through voting and the protection of voting rights	Community-based organizations
Building knowledge and awareness	Collect and share neighborhood-level data on the health impacts of climate change	Local governments State governments Hospitals/healthcare organizations Researchers Community-based organizations
	Partner with trusted messengers within communities to guide engagement	Governments Researchers Nongovernmental organizations Community-based organizations

	Incorporate health equity, environmental justice, and climate impacts into educational curricula and youth engagement	Educators and administrators State governments Local governments Community-based organizations Nongovernmental organizations
	Continuously communicate about the health equity impacts of climate change with the public	Governments Foundations Industry Nongovernmental organizations Community-based organizations Researchers Hospitals/healthcare organizations
Informing funding strategies	Provide adequate and sustained funding to support community-driven action, with guidance and guardrails to ensure best practices and accountability	Federal government Nongovernmental organizations
	Ensure transparency and incorporate restorative justice as appropriate to ensure funding is aligned with community interests	Governments Industry Nongovernmental organizations Community-based organizations
	Invest in community-based infrastructure	Community-based organizations Government funding agencies Philanthropic funders Industry
<b>State-level action</b>		
Building coalitions and facilitating collaborative action	Incentivize or require (and measure) community engagement, including through formal structures and dedicated funding	Government funding agencies Foundations
	Bridge silos to facilitate cross-agency and cross-sector collaboration, including through the establishment of formal structures and coordinating bodies	State governments Legislators
Identifying priorities and strategies	Develop and share screening tools to help identify priority needs	Federal government State governments
	Develop and share scorecards to help track implementation and impacts	Federal government State governments
	Establish consortia to exchange information and models	State governments Nongovernmental organizations
Devoting and leveraging resources	Leverage partnerships and collaborations	Community-based organizations Nongovernmental organizations

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	Create accountability structures to measure performance and alignment with goals	Government funding agencies Philanthropic funders
Collecting and using metrics	Collect quantitative data to understand baseline needs of frontline communities	State governments Local governments Nongovernmental organizations Community-based organizations
	Improve metrics for community engagement and program participation	Government funding agencies Philanthropic funders
	Collect and integrate health equity data that can be incorporated into regulatory decisions	Governments Hospitals/healthcare organizations
Communicating with the public	Enhance public communication about the health impacts of climate change and their relationship to existing health inequities	Federal government State governments Nongovernmental organizations

<sup>a</sup>Actors have been inferred where attendees did not explicitly identify them.

NOTES: This table lists potential actions suggested by workshop participants, grouped by similarity, as topics were discussed from different angles at different points during the workshop. This table does not include all actions mentioned by participants. For additional details, refer to the section of text with the same area of focus. These actions are not consensus conclusions or recommendations of the National Academies.