Hosted by The University of Arizona's HSI Initiatives Office and RII
Thursday, September 3, 2020 • 9:00am - 1:00pm
This event will be hosted virtually via Zoom

USDA’s Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) develops and maintains partnerships focused on solutions to challenges facing rural and underserved communities in the United States, and connects those communities to the education, tools, and resources available to them through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and initiatives.

The USDA Arizona Community Prosperity Virtual Summit is an event designed to foster hope and opportunity, asset building, and wealth creation in communities with a bottom-up locally driven effort that leverage best practices, models, existing resources, programs and initiatives to empower and assist communities in addressing specific needs and capacity-building opportunities. The summit will convene local, state, federal, Hispanic Serving Institutions, land-grant colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, faith-based leaders, veterans, youth organizations, and other strategic partners to:

- Assist communities in the development of local prosperity councils, create wealth and build assets
- Illustrate successful practices for developing key partnerships
- Connect attendees to USDA and other relevant federal programs
- Model success for communities and future generations of communities

WEBSITE https://research.arizona.edu/events/9143usda-arizona-community-prosperity-virtual-summit
REGISTRATION https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NZwU5YRsSFozKfZ4u2Xg
AGENDA

9:00 A.M.  Emcee/Moderator: Dr. Marla Franco (Assistant Vice Provost, HSI Initiatives, The University of Arizona)

Welcome and About the Host
Dr. Robert Robbins (President, The University of Arizona)
Dr. Elizabeth Cantwell (Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation, The University of Arizona)
Dr. Jeffrey Silvertooth (Associate Dean and Director, Economic Development & Extension)

9:10 A.M.  Greetings and Remarks
Mike Beatty (Director, USDA-OPPE)

Snapshots by Arizona State Food and Agriculture Council – SFAC
Jack Smith (Arizona State Director, USDA-RD)
Keisha Tatem (Arizona State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS)
James Mago (Arizona State Executive Director, USDA-FSA)

9:45 A.M.  Overview of K-12, 2-Year, and 4-Year USDA-NIFA Pipeline Grants
Dr. Irma Lawrence (National Program Leader, USDA-NIFA)

USDA Lincoln Leaders Fellowship Program
Dan Wueste (Program Lead, USDA-HSI)

10:15 A.M.  The University of Arizona – Yuma
Dr. Tanya Hodges (Agriculture and Life Sciences & Engineering and Applied Science)

Arizona Western College in the Greater Yuma Area
Reetika Dhawan (Associate Vice President of Workforce Development, Career & Technical Education)

Pima Community College District
Dr. Ian Roark (Vice President of Workforce Development and Strategic Partnerships)

10:45 A.M.  Break

10:55 A.M.  Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity - Arizona Commerce Authority
Ashley Wilhelm (Workforce Arizona Council Manager, Arizona@Work)

Arizona Department of Agriculture
Lisa James (Grant Program Manager, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program)

11:15 A.M.  Break

11:25 A.M.  Local First Arizona Foundation
Kimber Lanning (Executive Director, Local First Arizona Foundation)

Arizona Department of Economic Security
Leah Landrum Taylor (Assistant Director of Community Engagement)

11:40 A.M.  Asset-based Mapping: Conversations and Discussions with Breakout Sessions

12:40 P.M.  Debrief, Wrap-Up, and Q&A

1:00 P.M.  Adjourn

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