

Thank you for registering for the 15th Annual Vermont Energy & Climate Action Network Conference. We hope that you're as excited to attend the conference as we are to see all of you! This email is an overview with key details about all of the conference sessions, so please be sure to keep this email in a place where you can reference it again.

Saturday Plenary Session Details - 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Registration: If you haven't already registered to join us for Saturday's plenary conference session, [you can do so here](#). Please register and plan to join us promptly on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. We have a full and, we think! fantastic agenda for the day. *NOTE: If you already registered, you should have received a unique link to join via Zoom already.*

Morning Networking Opportunity: Before we get started on Saturday, we'd love it if you can join us and fellow local energy leaders for an informal networking opportunity from 8:30-9:00 a.m. Grab your coffee or tea, and join us [via this Zoom link](#).

Breakout Discussions & Jamboard How-To: As part of Saturday's program, we'll be moving into breakout rooms for smaller, robust conversations with fellow attendees. We want to be sure to hear from everyone - and capture your thoughts, insights and ideas. We will announce and remind everyone when it's time to move into this portion of the day, but just in case, you can join the small group discussion portion of the day [via this Zoom link](#) (the same link as the morning networking link above).

Saturday Program: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

9:00: Welcome & Preview of Agenda for the Day and Week of Workshops Ahead

9:10: *Climate, Energy and Environmental Justice - An Opportunity to Build an Equitable Transition Together*

- **Jared Duval**, Energy Action Network, Executive Director
- **Jane Lazorchak**, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Director of the Vermont Climate Office
- **Karla Raimundi**, Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Civil Rights Coordinator
- **Senator Kesha Ram Hinsdale**

Facilitated Q&A with Presenters and Attendees

10:30: **Break.** *Stretch, get water, coffee, whatever you need to dig back in....*

10:45: **Senator Sanders**, U.S. Senator for Vermont

11:00: *Legislative Look Forward*

- **Senator Andrew Perchlik**
- **Representative Gabrielle Stebbins**
- Facilitated Q&A with Participants

11:35: **Move into [new Zoom link](#) for Small Group Discussions**

The Conference Continues! Join Us for a Weekday Workshop Webinar Series **Monday-Friday, December 12th-16th - Noon-1:30 p.m.**

Registration Details: We hope that you can register to join us for some or all of the great weekday workshops we have planned to follow Saturday's plenary session. Each workshop will be taking place from 12:00-1:30 p.m., and will be recorded and shared afterwards.

- **Monday, December 12th:** Understanding and Identifying Strategies for Addressing Energy Inequities – [Register here.](#)
- **Tuesday, December 13th:** Act 172 – Vermont’s Opportunity to Achieve Municipal Energy Resilience and How Your Community Can Support Success – [Register here.](#)
- **Wednesday, December 14th:** Transforming Transportation – Maximizing the Short Term While Planning for the Long Term – [Register here.](#)
- **Thursday, December 15th:** Powering Our Lives – New Opportunities for Additional Local Renewable Energy Generation & Creative Community Ownership Models – [Register here.](#)
- **Friday, December 16th:** Tackling the Split Incentive – Addressing Weatherization in the Multifamily Sector to Create a More Just Energy Transition – [Register here.](#)

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Our generous sponsors help make this event possible – and do so much more. Each of our conference sponsors offer different and critically important resources for climate-concerned Vermonters. We hope you will learn more about what they are doing to inform what we can all be doing together to make needed progress. [Please take some time to check out all of the wonderful organizations that have helped us make this year’s event free and accessible to all!](#)

Live Captioning: We’ll be using a transcription service to provide live captioning for all of the conference sessions. When you join each session, you may see a note that the meeting is being livestreamed. This is how Rev, the captioning service, works to provide real time captions and the meeting isn’t actually being livestreamed. However, sessions will be recorded. **To show captions in Zoom:** in the bottom of the Zoom window, click the “^” up arrow button next to “Closed Caption” and then click on “Show Subtitle”. Please note: this setting affects only your Zoom window. Each participant will have the option to show / hide Rev Live Captions in their Zoom window.

Lastly! We are considering a **late May/June 2023 in person VECAN gathering** – and we will be following up to get your input on that idea. We will also be following up with you all after this full conference series with a survey to get your input on what we covered – or didn’t – and what you’d like to see VECAN partners, communities and the State of Vermont tackle in the coming year and beyond when it comes to essential, bold, equitable climate action.

Thank you again for registering to join us for some or ALL of this year’s virtual conference! If you have any questions or need assistance troubleshooting any technical aspects of the conference, at any point throughout the next week of conference sessions, please email ghasler@vnrc.org.