AGENDA

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.  Networking

9:00 – 9:20 a.m.  Introductions and Welcome
Description:
Opening remarks and welcome to the USDA Agency Forum

Draft Agenda:
Remarks (2 minutes): Yvette Delgado
Remarks (6 minutes): Sara Clemente
Remarks (6 minutes): Pete Neito
Remarks (6 minutes): Liz Archuleta

LULAC Participant:
Sara Clemente Sosa, Director of Federal Affairs, LULAC

USDA Participants:
Liz Archuleta, Director of External and Intergovernmental Affairs
Pete Nieto, USDA NIFA
Yvette Delgado, USDA AMS

9:20 – 9:35 a.m.  Overview of Secretary’s Priorities
Description:
Opening remarks about the Secretary’s five major priorities.

Draft Agenda:
Remarks (15 minutes): Maribel Duran

USDA Participants:
Maribel Duran, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations

9:35 – 10:35 a.m.  Making USDA a Great Place to Work
Description:
Dialogue with mission area career staff and take Q&A/suggestions on how to make USDA a great place to work.
Draft Agenda:
Opening Remarks (5-10 minutes): Maribel Duran
Roundtable Discussion (50 minutes): Roundtable discussion facilitated by Maribel Duran with below USDA career staff

Draft Questions: TBD

USDA Participants:
Maribel Duran, Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy
Jose Hernandez, Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)
Angela French-Bell, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
Tina Terrell, Forest Service (FS)
Kenya Nicholas, Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE)
Dr. Sharese C. Paylor, Rural Development (RD)
Dr. Irma Lawrence, National Institute for Food Agriculture (NIFA)
Adriano Vasquez, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)
Juan Jordan Saiz, Food Safety and Inspection Service

10:35 – 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 – 12:00 p.m.  What is Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility? Why is important in the workplace?
Description:
Presentation from Dr. Goldmon followed by a fireside chat discussion moderated by Dr. Ramirez.

Draft Agenda:
DEIA Presentation (30 minutes): Dr. Dewayne Goldmon
Fireside Chat (30 minutes): Discussion facilitated by Dr. Ramirez and including Dr. Dwayne Goldmon and Angela French-Bell

USDA Participants:
Dr. Dewayne Goldmon – Senior Advisor for Racial Equity
Dr. Lisa Ramirez – Director of Partnerships and Public Engagements
Angela French-Bell, APHIS
Adriano Vasquez, FAS

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.  Dialogos: Empowering Latinos for a Better Future.
Description:
Small group discussion led by Dr. Lisa Ramirez followed by a large group readout discussion. A brief read-ahead material may be sent around to the group to spur conversation.
Draft Agenda:
Opening Remarks (5 minutes): Dr. Lisa Ramirez
Small Group Discussion (60 minutes): Groups of 5
Large Group Discussion (25 minutes): Whole Group

Draft Questions:
As a Latino leader, what kept you from giving up?
Is it important to have mentors?
What type of impact do you want to have through your work?
What advice would you give to your younger self?
Looking back, would you have done anything different in your career?

USDA Participants:
Maribel Duran, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations
Liz Archuleta, Director of External & Intergovernmental Affairs
Dr. Lisa Ramirez, Director of Partnerships & Public Engagement
Pete Nieto, NIFA

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.  Addressing the Needs of Underserved Communities
Office of Partnership and Public Engagement and Office of the Secretary
Senior Advisor for Racial Equity
Description:
Presentation by OPPE with a specific focus on equity in action through USDA’s work featuring participation from career staff.

Draft Agenda:
Presentation (45 minutes): Dr. Lisa Ramirez
Group Conversation (45 minutes): Facilitated by Dr. Lisa Ramirez with Staff Participation

USDA Participants:
Dr. Lisa Ramirez, Director of Partnerships & Public Engagement

3:30 – 4:00 p.m.  Check out/Closing
Description:
Closing Remarks

Draft Agenda:
Remarks (15 minutes): Liz Archuleta

USDA Participants:
Liz Archuleta, Director of External & Intergovernmental Affairs

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.  Networking Break