



USDA AGENCY FORUM
2022 LULAC National Convention and Exposition
Puerto Rico Convention Center | Room 208-A
San Juan, Puerto Rico
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Monday, July 25, 2022

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 – 12:00p.m.

What is Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility? Why is important in the workplace?

Description:

Presentation from Dr. Goldman followed by a fireside chat discussion moderated by Dr. Ramirez.

Draft Agenda:

DEIA Presentation (30 minutes): Dr. Dewayne Goldman

Fireside Chat (30 minutes): Discussion facilitated by Dr. Ramirez and including Dr. Dwayne Goldman and Angela French-Bell

USDA Participants:

Dr. Dewayne Goldman – 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