

# AGENDA

## Green Jobs – Finding the Right Path Forward

K-State's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Dialog on Sustainability

Leadership Studies Building

July 22, 2010



**7:30 a.m. Registration**

**8:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks** (Room 114 – Town Hall Auditorium)

Presenters: Larry Erickson (KSU Center for Hazardous Substance Research), Ben Champion (KSU Director of Sustainability)

**8:10 a.m. Opening Exercise – What is Green about Your Job? Think, Pair and Share** (Room 114)

Presenter: Wendy Griswold (KSU Center for Hazardous Substance Research)

**8:30 a.m. Kansas Wind Industry – Current Business Environment for Renewable Energy** (Room 114)

Moderator: Blase Leven

Panelists: Joe Arb (Trade Wind Energy), Rick Windholz (Advanced Manufacturing Institute), Secretary Garner (Kansas Department of Labor), Deputy Secretary Kelly (Kansas Department of Commerce), Ruth Miller (KSU Electrical and Computer Engineering)

The wind generating capacity in Kansas has more than tripled since the beginning of 2008, making it one of the nation's top 10 states for wind energy production. This rapid increase in capacity, coupled with the state's wind potential, has positioned Kansas among the elite states for wind energy production. Kansas has met Governor Parkinson's goal of producing 10% of the state's electricity from renewable sources by 2010, and there is strong interest for expanding the use of both large and small-scale wind energy. (Excerpt from the Kansas Department of Commerce)

**9:30 a.m. Poster Break** (Rooms 123, 127), Refreshments are available from Radina's Coffee Counter

**10:00 a.m. Greening Food Systems – Employment and Production** (Room 114)

Moderator: Becky O'Donnell

Panelists: Rhonda Janke (KSU Horticulture Forestry and Recreation), Daniel Dermitzel (Kansas City Center for Urban Agriculture), Ed Reznicek (Kansas Rural Center)

Sustainable agriculture implies an integrated system of animal and plant production practices that satisfies food demands, while enhancing the natural environment base upon which the agricultural economy depends. To be successful, sustainable agriculture business plans must integrate three main goals: environmental stewardship, farm profitability, and prosperous farming communities. (Excerpt from the Wikipedia page on Sustainable Agriculture)

**11:00 a.m. Developing a Vision for a Sustainable Community – Building a Local Economy** (Room 114)

Moderator: Oral Saulters

Panelists: Dorothy Barnett (Climate and Energy Project), Lee Skabelund (KSU Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning), Gary Coates (KSU Architecture), LaBarbara Wigfall (KSU Landscape Architecture and Regional and Community Planning), Valerie Evans (KSU Business Management), Richard Mabion (Breaking the Silence)

How do you imagine a safe, livable, healthy community might look like? In many communities – large and small, rural and urban – citizens are coming together to create a vision of what their community might be and taking steps to make those visions come true. They are demonstrating how innovative strategies can produce communities that are more environmentally sound, economically prosperous, and socially equitable. (Excerpts from Sustainable Communities Network)

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12:00 p.m.

**Lunch** (on your own) **Poster Break** (Rooms 123, 127) Refreshments are available from Radina's Coffee Counter

1:15 p.m.

## **Small Group Discussions – Education and Research Needs for a Green Economy**

Based upon your interests, please join our morning panelists and other experts for in-depth discussions about the educational and research needs necessary to prepare the future work force for green jobs in agriculture, industry, or community development; and what higher education can do to prepare adults to meet these needs. Feedback from these small group dialogs will be presented to the larger audience as a whole afterwards. Please feel free to attend more than one discussion group throughout the span of our discussions.

- **Developing Sustainable Communities** (Room 111)
  - a. Discussion Experts – Dorothy Barnett (Climate and Energy Project), Lee Skabelund (KSU), Gary Coates (KSU), LaBarbara Wigfall (KSU), Valerie Evans (KSU), Richard Mabion (Breaking the Silence)
  - b. Facilitator – Wendy Griswold
  - c. Recorder – Oral Saulters
- **Encouraging Sustainable Agriculture** (Room 112)
  - a. Discussion Experts – Rhonda Janke (KSU), Daniel Dermitzel (Kansas City Center for Urban Agriculture), Ed Reznicek (Kansas Rural Center), Jerry Jost (Kansas Land Trust), Scott Staggenborg (KSU Agronomy), Marcia Fisher (The Merc)
  - b. Facilitator – Ben Champion
  - c. Recorder – Becky O'Donnell
- **Green Industry Needs** (Room 126)
  - a. Discussion Experts – Joe Arb (Trade Wind Energy), Rick Windholz (AMI), Secretary Garner (Department of Labor) invited, Deputy Secretary Kelly (Department of Commerce) invited, Ruth Miller (KSU), Barbara Anderson (KSU Apparel Textiles and Interior), Keith Hohn (KSU Chemical Engineering)
  - b. Facilitator – Blase Leven
  - c. Recorder – Ryan Green

2:30 p.m.

**Poster Break** (Rooms 123, 127), Refreshments are available from Radina's Coffee Counter, LEED Building Tour

3:00 p.m.

## **Large Group Discussion – Educational and Research Needs** (Room 114)

Discussion Facilitators – Wendy Griswold, Larry Erickson

Recorder – Blase Leven

Small Group Reporters – Oral Saulters, Becky O'Donnell, Ryan Green

4:00 p.m.

## **Closing Remarks and Wrap Up** (Room 114)

Presenter: Larry Erickson

7:00 p.m.

## **Dialog on Sustainability Book Discussion – The Green Collar Economy**

Join us at the Hoffman Lounge in Justin Hall on the K-State campus at 7:00 p.m., and participate in a discussion of **The Green Collar Economy: How One Solution Can Fix Our Two Biggest Problems**. Van Jones, author, was a former 'Green Jobs' advisor for the Obama administration, and is the founder of *Green For All*, a national organization working towards a green economy. The book discusses issues that must be addressed in order for the nation's economy to be built around a more sustainable platform, and what roles the public and government can play in facilitating the creation of green jobs.