



Center for Innovative Media  
The George Washington University  
805 21st Street NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20052  
[www.planetforward.org](http://www.planetforward.org)

## **NEWS RELEASE**

For Immediate Release

Contact

Email: [press@planetforward.org](mailto:press@planetforward.org)

### **PLANET FORWARD ANNOUNCES SPEAKER LINEUP FOR ANNUAL SUMMIT**

#### *GINA McCARTHY WILL GIVE THE MORNING KEYNOTE*

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Planet Forward announces EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy as the keynote speaker for the Planet Forward Summit on Sustainable Cities at the George Washington University on April 21. McCarthy, who recently unveiled a report showing human-made global warming is making America sicker, will address how to ensure we build healthy, equitable and sustainable cities.

The Summit also will feature the president of the National League of Cities and sitting Joplin, Missouri, Councilwoman Melodee Colbert-Kean, as well as prominent rainforest expert/biologist and George Mason University professor Tom Lovejoy.

Also hear from mayors, architects, scientists, NGOs, farmers, business leaders and sustainability superstars. Here is a list of those speakers:

- **Che Axum**, University of the District of Columbia
- **Mayor Tommy Battle**, Huntsville, Ala.
- **Enock Chikava**, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- **Mark Edge**, WEMA, Monsanto
- **David Enders**, International Journalist (VICE Media, McClatchy Newspapers)
- **Dr. Royce Francis**, The George Washington University

SPEAKERS

- **Jordan Goldstein**, Gensler Architects
- **Sharlene Leurig**, Texas Environmental Flows Project
- **Mayor Jeri Muoio**, West Palm Beach, Fla.
- **Chris Policinski**, Land O'Lakes, Inc.
- **Frank Sesno**, School of Media and Public Affairs and Planet Forward
- **Megan Smith**, King County (Washington) Executive Office

The Planet Forward Summit on Sustainable Cities will be held April 21-22 on George Washington University's campus. The Summit will engage a new dialogue on our future cities. During the two-day Summit in our Nation's capital, we will discover and discuss the stories, innovations and people who will transform our cities in the coming decades. More information about the Summit can be found at [planetforward.org](http://planetforward.org).

Planet Forward is an organization out of George Washington University's School of Media and Public Affairs that engages young people and innovators in search of solutions to the biggest challenges facing our planet. We use web, video, social media, television and events to empower new voices and lead a global conversation on the planet's future.

Contact Planet Forward at [press@planetforward.org](mailto:press@planetforward.org) for more information.

###