

Day 1 - Tuesday, Aug 30th

TIME	ROOM	SESSION	SPEAKERS
11 - noon	Venture Hall	Check in	
noon - 12:30	Venture Hall	Lunch	
12:30 - 1:30	Venture Hall	NC Environmental Agency Policy Panel Secretary Biser and Secretary Wilson discuss legislative and policy priorities for their respective agencies, current areas of concern, and opportunities for progress moving forward.	<i>NC Department of Environmental Quality Secretary Elizabeth Biser and Natural and Cultural Resources Secretary Reid Wilson</i>
1:30 - 2:30	Venture Hall	Foundation Leaders Panel Foundation leaders focused on environmental nonprofits discuss their perspectives on the future of funding in NC. Our moderator will also facilitate a Q&A session.	Caitlin Burke , <i>Z. Smith Reynolds</i> Melanie Allen , <i>Hive Fund</i> Jamie Cole , <i>Energy Foundation</i> Facilitated by Nicole Stewart , <i>A.J. Fletcher Foundation</i>
2:30 - 2:45		Break	
2:45 - 4:00	Calypso	Working in a Conservative Political Climate How can organizations strategize to make progress or play defense in a conservative political climate? Speakers share case studies from North Carolina, featuring topics including: the biggest challenges and risks, how organizations can form unusual alliances, and the best messaging tactics and techniques.	Andrew Hutson , <i>Audubon NC</i> Julie Robinson , <i>Robinson Consulting</i>
	Zanzibar A	Better Meetings Third Space Studio share the crème de la crème of their Better Meetings Training. They discuss their favorite tools for thinking through big questions and crafting engaging, impactful, and high-value organizational meetings.	Meredith Emmett , <i>Third Space Studio</i>
4:00 - 4:15		Break	
4:15 - 5:30	IMAX Theater	Lightning Round of Success The Lightning Round of Success showcases short and sweet stories of success from folks in our community. A quick, fun way to share some of the work organizations have been up to the last few years.	Facilitated by Kate Fulbright , <i>NC Conservation Network</i>
5:30 - 7:00	Marbles Courtyard	Happy Hour	
7:00 until (optional)		Dinner and drinks at Transfer Food Hall	

Day 2 - Wednesday, Aug 31st

TIME	ROOM	SESSION	SPEAKERS
9:00 - 9:30	Venture Hall	Coffee and Breakfast	
9:30 - 10:30	Venture Hall	What Role the Media Does - and Doesn't! - Play An in-depth, conversational roundtable on the role the media does/does not/could play in advancing environmental goals in North Carolina. Featuring influential voices who would make useful contacts for your organization.	Travis Fain , <i>WRAL</i> David Boraks , <i>WFAE</i> Cathy Clabby , <i>News & Observer</i> Melba Newsome , <i>veteran journalist</i> Facilitated by Brian Powell , <i>NC Conservation Network & Melissa Williams</i> , <i>National Sierra Club</i>
10:30 - noon	Calypso	Essential Communications Tools Our guest media and research expert discusses the tools, resources, and skills your organization can use to build a story that news organizations will find useful and compelling.	Lisa Sorg , <i>NC Policy Watch</i>
	Zanzibar A	Managing Staff to Win Explore big-picture staff management topics with some of the best in our business! Hear valuable information about hiring and recruitment, ways to set staff up for success, and some of the sticky situations that can come with HR in nonprofit management. Learn tools and strategies to be a better supervisor and get the most out of your team.	Michelle Hughes , <i>NC Child & Michelle Hughes Consulting</i> Kim Freeman , <i>consultant</i>
noon - 12:30	Venture Hall	Lunch	
12:30 - 1:30	Venture Hall	Identifying, Understanding, and Addressing Disparities Environmental Justice professionals with a wide variety of experience and expertise - including organizing, communications, data analysis, and policy advocacy - share their insights into how our partners can identify opportunities to advance environmental justice work in their own organizations, communities, and issue areas.	Daisha Williams , <i>CleanAIRE</i> NC Crystal Lee Pow Jackson , <i>RTI</i> Ana Flores-Dolbow , <i>Toxic Free NC</i> Ghanja O'Flaherty , <i>NC Environmental Justice Network</i> Facilitated by Sherri White-Williamson , <i>NC Conservation Network</i>
1:30-1:35	Venture Hall	Closing	

