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**Environmental Leaders, Cabinet Secretaries to Participate in First White House
Environmental Justice Forum**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On December 15, Obama Administration officials will convene the first-ever White House Forum on Environmental Justice. Environmental leaders from across the country will attend the day-long forum featuring White House Council on Environmental Quality Chair Nancy Sutley, EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson, Attorney General Eric Holder, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis, Secretary of Health and Human Services Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Energy Steven Chu, and Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano.

This Forum will focus on the Obama Administration's commitment to ensuring that overburdened and low-income communities have the opportunity to enjoy the health and economic benefits of a clean environment. The event will bring together environmental justice and community leaders, Cabinet members, and senior officials from Federal, state, local and tribal governments for a discussion on creating a healthy and sustainable environment for all Americans.

Chair Sutley and Administrator Jackson also will host an online question-and-answer session to engage with the public on the subject of environmental justice. The White House Forum and the question-and-answer session will be streamed live at www.whitehouse.gov/live.

Information on the Forum agenda is below.

WHO: Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Eric Holder, Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice
Ken Salazar, Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior
Hilda Solis, Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor
Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Steven Chu, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy
Janet Napolitano, Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

WHAT: White House Forum on Environmental Justice

WHEN: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 10:00 AM (EST)

WHERE: South Court Auditorium
Eisenhower Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20500

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WHO: Nancy Sutley, Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality
Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WHAT: Live Questions and Answer Session on Environmental Justice

WHEN: Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at 12:50 PM (EST)

WHERE: To watch the chat live go to www.whitehouse.gov/live
Questions will be taken from viewers at
<http://apps.facebook.com/whitehouselive/>

AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. **Opening Plenary Session** featuring Nancy Sutley, *Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality* and Lisa Jackson, *Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency*
- 10:20 a.m. **Green Jobs, Clean Energy Session** featuring opening remarks by Hilda Solis, *Secretary of Labor* and Steven Chu, *Secretary of Energy*
- 11:40 a.m. **Legal Framework for Advancing Environmental Justice Session**, featuring opening remarks by Eric Holder, *U.S. Attorney General*
- 1:50 p.m. **Healthy Communities and Place-based Initiatives Session**, featuring opening remarks by Kathleen Sebelius, *Secretary of Health and Human Services*
- 3:15 p.m. **Climate Adaptation Session**, featuring opening remarks by Ken Salazar, *Secretary of the Interior* and Janet Napolitano, *Secretary of Homeland Security*
- 4:25 p.m. **Closing Session**, Nancy Sutley, *Chair, White House Council on Environmental Quality*

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