

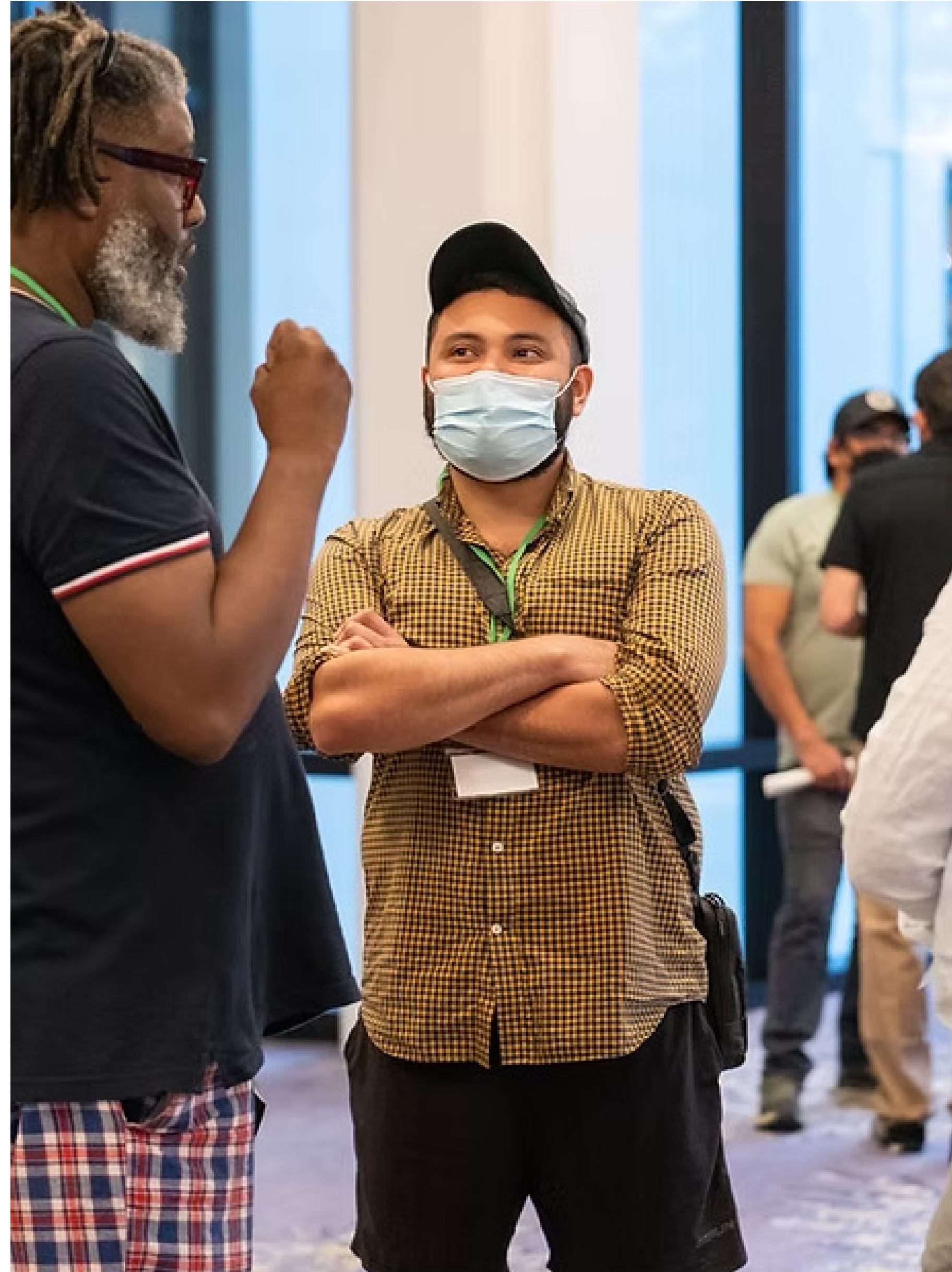
A photograph of a group of approximately ten people sitting around a long, dark wooden conference table in a meeting room. They are all wearing face masks. The room has a patterned carpet, a whiteboard on an easel, and exit signs above the doors. The lighting is warm and indoor. The text 'Sounding the Call' is overlaid in large white font across the middle of the image.

Sounding the Call

The Sounding the Call Convening is an aligned collaboration of practitioners within the national movement ecosystem who hold various roles that build capacity and relationships between government and community to take action on climate equity and climate justice.

Our Purpose

Sounding the Call's purpose is to connect our diverse and aligned theories of change so that we can be guided by shared principles and a desire to activate the sum of our parts while evolving our practice to support long-term implementation of solutions. This work is grounded in our vision for a more proactive network of relationships and field of capacity-building practice that supports increased access to resources among frontline communities, technical knowledge, and shifting and transforming power for climate equity and justice.



Sounding the Call Convenings



VIRTUAL

Sounding the Call 2021

The first Sounding the Call convening was held in June 2021 and was a meeting of the minds and hearts of those embedded in building the capacity of the national movements toward justice and equity in climate work.



ORLANDO, FL

Sounding the Call 2022: Community Climate Shift I

Sounding the Call 2022 took place in May 2022 and was a space for climate equity & justice capacity-builders to apply the movement accountable principles for alignment affirmed and elevated in STC 2021 through an early-stage funding opportunity that was brought to Climate Innovations.



PHILADELPHIA, PA

Sounding the Call 2023: Community Climate Shift II

This year's larger Sounding the Call Convening will be postponed. Instead, we are gearing up for Sounding the Call: Community Climate Shift II which will take place this May. This gathering will be a continuation of last year's dialogue, the progress of work to date with its current partners, and the plan ahead for this effort guided by its co-developed strategic compass

About Sounding the Call

Learn more about the partnership behind Sounding the Call, the structure of Sounding the Call convenings, or find answers to FAQs

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Sounding the Call Convenings

Learn more about previous Sounding the Call convenings and find out about our upcoming events

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About

The Sounding the Call Team

Coordinating partners of Sounding the Call are People's Climate Innovation Center, a fiscally sponsored project of Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs and a network partner of Movement Strategy Center, Facilitating Power, and Kapwa Consulting, LLC.



Sounding the Call involves three gatherings

Gathering 1

Virtual

A half-day, virtual planning meeting which helps identify the purpose, goals, agenda, and invitee list for the multi-day in-person convening.

Gathering 2

In-Person

At in-person convening where practitioners from across the ecosystem with expertise at the intersection of climate equity & justice will dive deep into dialogue. Participants may identify Move(s) which are a set of actions that can emerge from the convening. Moves can be a strategic compass, a research project, a design process, or more.

Gathering 3

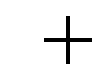
Virtual

A virtual debrief meeting which summarizes the lessons learned from the convening and presents the Move(s). During this meeting, participants identify the roles they would like to play in advancing the Move(s). This can be as low-touch as staying informed or as high-touch as being an active design partner.

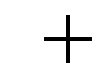
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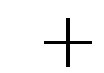
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Frequently asked questions



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During an initial planning session exercise, one of the participants, Sasha Forbes of NRDC, who is Jamaican, shared the cultural relevance of “sounding the abeng, and its relation to the intent and purpose of our convening.” The abeng, historically an animal horn, is an instrument used to rally people together. This tradition passed on from the Twi people of West Africa to the Caribbean, and was notably associated with Maroon people in Jamaica. To sound the abeng was to sound the call to come together to organize strategies of collective resistance—so appropriate for what we aim to accomplish. As such, Sounding the Call was born.

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The 2021 Sounding the Call convening was funded through Kapwa Consulting's work on the American Cities Climate Challenge with NRDC. The convening itself was intended as an investment towards field building and capacity in overall climate equity work. The 2022 Sounding the Call: Community Climate Shift convening was funded by The Kresge Foundation, Energy Foundation and Institute for Market Transformation (IMT). Both funders and IMT are part of the formation known as Community Climate Shift (CCS), with People's Climate Innovation Center. Together, as CCS, they are responsible for organizing the [\\$100M fundraising effort](#), coordination of existing and prospective equity and climate justice partners, coordination of technical partners, and tracking of the [National Building Performance Standards \(BPS\) Coalition](#) (launched by President Biden, White House) opportunity in the cities and states that have and will sign on.

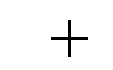
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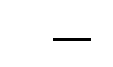
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When is Sounding the Call 2023?



Please mark your calendar for the week of May 15-19. More details are forthcoming, so please bookmark our website to stay in the loop on future updates.

Convenings

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Sounding the Call 2023

Sounding Call's next
convening coming this
May!

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ORLANDO, FL

Sounding The Call 2022

STC 2022 built on STC
2021 and furthered
cooperation and
alignment in the field

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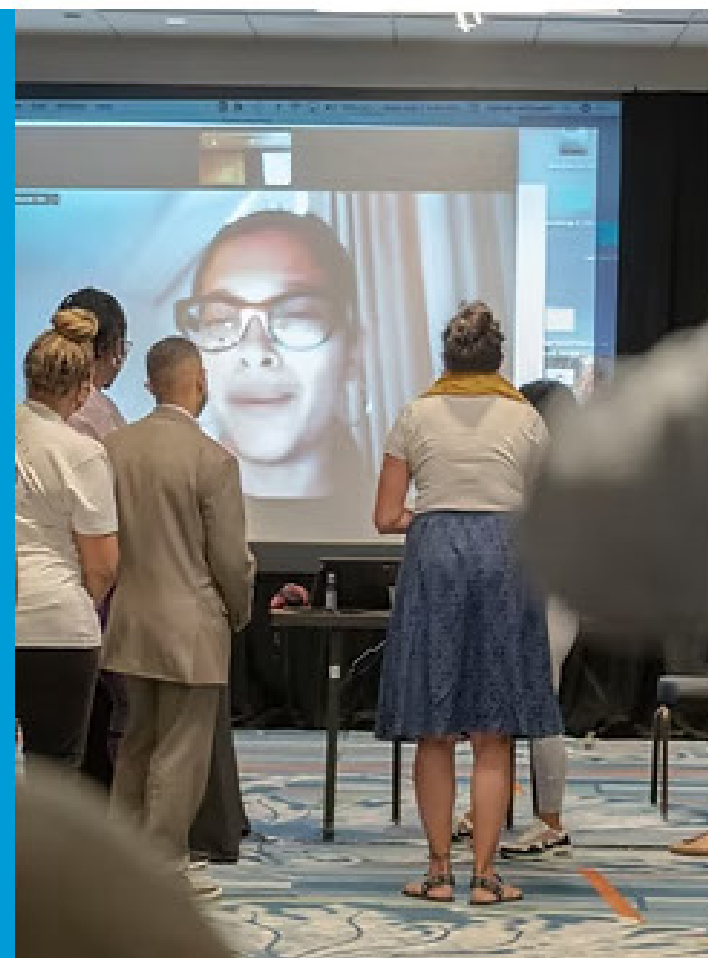


Virtual

Sounding the Call 2021

STC's inaugural
convening, which took
place virtually due to the
COVID-19 Pandemic

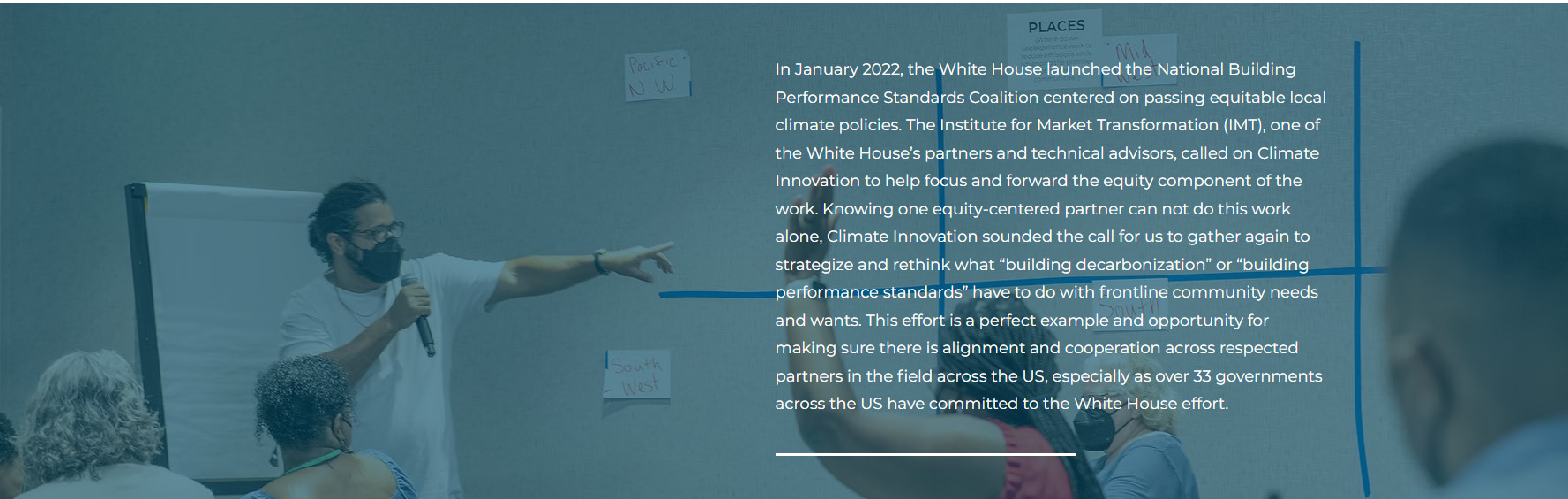
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In January 2022, the White House launched the National Building Performance Standards Coalition centered on passing equitable local climate policies. The Institute for Market Transformation (IMT), one of the White House's partners and technical advisors, called on Climate Innovation to help focus and forward the equity component of the work. Knowing one equity-centered partner can not do this work alone, Climate Innovation sounded the call for us to gather again to strategize and rethink what "building decarbonization" or "building performance standards" have to do with frontline community needs and wants. This effort is a perfect example and opportunity for making sure there is alignment and cooperation across respected partners in the field across the US, especially as over 33 governments across the US have committed to the White House effort.



Sounding the Call 2022 took place on Seminole lands now known as Orlando, FL. The planning and debrief meetings were virtual.

A group of people, mostly women, are seated at a long table in a meeting room. They are wearing face masks and appear to be engaged in a discussion or workshop. The room has a whiteboard in the background and various items like water bottles and papers on the table. A large green rectangular overlay is positioned in the center of the image, containing white text.

Sounding the Call 2023: Community Climate Shift II

This year's larger Sounding the Call Convening will be postponed. Based on survey responses we discovered that the initial timing did not work for a number of participants, and also many of our participating organizations are experiencing transitions. Because of this, we will be doing some outreach over the coming months to find out more about what is needed for participating organizations and design an event that is accessible and relevant to your organizational priorities.

Instead, we will be having a smaller gathering for Sounding the Call: Community Climate Shift (CCS) II which will be a continuation of last year's dialogue, the progress of work to date with its current partners, and the plan ahead for this effort guided by its co-developed strategic compass.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns or want to get involved with Sounding the Call, please fill out the contact form below.

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