

Sustainability Research and Training Program

The Next Generation of Sustainable Communities

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Dear Participant:

Thank you for your participation in *The Next Generation of Sustainable Communities* conference. This challenging time requires new visions of the future. The climate crisis grows more severe by the day. The need for social equity and affordable housing is urgent. Political will and leadership in many parts of the world are seriously lacking. We need new ideas about how to create more sustainable communities, and about how policy frameworks, private sector initiatives, NGO action, university research, and institutional change can foster such transformation.

This invitation-only conference evaluates lessons learned from large-scale sustainable community projects worldwide, and strategies for maximizing the success of the next generation of sustainable community initiatives. Participants come from government, academia, civil society, and business. We envision our conversations leading to a book and other materials which will include local, state and national policy recommendations.

We encourage your active involvement throughout today's event. We especially welcome your contributions to cutting-edge ideas during breakout sessions, in full-group discussions, and on the conference's shared documents after the event. To contribute to the conference's shared documents, please see the paper inset included in your conference folder or visit the conference website at [nextgencities.ucdavis.edu](http://nextgencities.ucdavis.edu) for more information.

We thank you again for your participation in today's event!

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