



Mini-Workshop: Applying Equity in Energy Policy and Program Development

Tuesday, February 5, 1:00-2:30 pm

Longworth Room, Fairmont Hotel, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

(Open to Registered NASEO State, Territory, and Affiliate Members and Invited Guests)

This mini-workshop will focus on ways that states and their partners can more effectively reach underserved communities, as energy technologies, markets, financing, and incentives evolve. Results of the session will be used to guide NASEO's work with states on equity issues and the creation of a taskforce to encourage peer-to-peer exchange and dialogue.

The objectives of this workshop include:

- Explore fundamental principles that State Energy Offices can use to apply an equity lens in their policy, program, and project development role.
- Identify State Energy Offices' key needs and priorities in energy equity across various issue areas, including energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy assurance, transportation, grid modernization, and workforce development.
- Identify potential State Energy Office members for the newly-forming NASEO Energy Equity Taskforce and refine its approach, short-term goals, and member commitment (see following page for further detail).

Agenda

1:00 pm – 1:10 pm: Welcome and Introductions

This opening to the Equity Mini-Workshop will review key takeaways from past NASEO discussions on energy equity.

- Michael Furze, Assistant Director, Energy Division, Washington State Department of Commerce

1:10 pm – 1:30 pm: Key Fundamentals of Energy Equity

An equity thought leader will walk participants through the basics of energy equity, including key terms, stakeholders, and processes that can help result in equitable energy and climate policy and program strategies.

- Basav Sen, Project Director, Climate Policy, Institute for Policy Studies

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm: Reflections and Discussion

NASEO staff will briefly share a preliminary vision for NASEO's forthcoming Taskforce on Energy Equity. Workshop participants will work through two brainstorming and discussion exercises. These

exercises will share information about states' energy equity interests, needs, and priorities, and identify high-priority energy equity issues and challenges that states are facing and refine the overall direction of the Energy Equity Taskforce.

- Sandy Fazeli, Managing Director, Policy, NASEO

Exercise 1: *“1-2-4-All: What do you see as the top challenge(s) in pursuing energy equity?”*

1. Individually: silent self-reflection (2 minutes)
2. Pair up: share and build on ideas with a partner (2 minutes)
3. Foursomes: share and develop ideas with a partner group; note areas of commonality and difference (4 minutes)
4. All: each group shares one idea that stood out in your conversations (5 minutes)

Exercise 2: *“What, So What, Now What”*

1. **WHAT?** What key facts or observations have stood out for you?
 - a. Reflect individually (1 minute)
 - b. Share in small group (4 minutes)
2. **SO WHAT?** Why are these facts and observations important? What patterns or conclusions are emerging?
 - a. Reflect individually (1 minute)
 - b. Share in small group (4 minutes)
3. **NOW WHAT?** What actions should follow? What makes most sense to tackle first? What are some key priorities?
 - a. Reflect individually (1 minute)
 - b. Share in small group (4 minutes)
4. **GROUP SHARE** (2 minutes)

2:15 pm – 2:25 pm: Key Next Steps and Action Items

A “what have we heard” reflection and review of key takeaways will be identified. Workshop participants will be invited to express interest in further participation in the Energy Equity Taskforce and provide feedback on commitment level and Taskforce structure. Following the workshop, NASEO will share an updated vision for further review, feedback, and implementation.

- Michelle Gransee, State Energy Office Manager, Clean Energy and Programs, Minnesota Department of Commerce

2:25 pm – 2:30 pm: Last Word

Participants will be invited to share one “last word” in reflecting on their experience within the mini workshop.

2:30 pm: Workshop Adjourn