Sustainability Speaker Series for the Federal Community

The Biden Administration will be holding a series of presentations throughout 2022 to educate the Federal workforce on sustainability and climate change topics. The series will feature speakers that are dynamic and thought-provoking leaders and innovators within the climate and sustainability space. This series supports President Biden's Federal Sustainability Plan by enhancing the sustainability and climate literacy of federal staff. Registration for each of the webinars is free, however employees must register in advance and space is limited.

The Sustainability Speaker Series for the Federal Community held its first session on Wednesday, January 19 at 2:00 p.m. ET with a discussion on tackling climate change with Dr. Katharine Hayhoe. The primary discussion topic focused on our current decade (the 2020s) as the deciding period for whether future global warming stays under 1.5 °C. Dr. Hayhoe untangled the complex relationship between our past and current choices and their future impacts on global warming. She also emphasized empowering the federal workforce to make changes towards reducing climate change. A recording of this session is available on the White House YouTube channel.

A total of four sessions are planned for 2022. In addition to the January session, future presentations will be held in April, August and December. The dates and times of these presentations will be posted on the <u>Council on Environmental Quality website</u>. Bill Nye has been announced as the speaker for the April session, which is sure to be another interesting discussion! Check the CEQ webpage or our <u>NEMS</u> <u>website</u> in the future to keep track of the topics and times for the other sessions in this series!