



# ARIZONA COMMUNITY PROSPERITY VIRTUAL SUMMIT

Hosted by The University of Arizona's HSI Initiatives Office and RII

Thursday, September 3, 2020 • 9:00am - 1:00pm

This event will be hosted virtually via Zoom

USDA's Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement (OPPE) develops and maintains partnerships focused on solutions to challenges facing rural and underserved communities in the United States, and connects those communities to the education, tools, and resources available to them through U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs and initiatives.

The USDA Arizona Community Prosperity Virtual Summit is an event designed to foster hope and opportunity, asset building, and wealth creation in communities with a bottom-up locally driven effort that leverage best practices, models, existing resources, programs and initiatives to empower and assist communities in addressing specific needs and capacity-building opportunities. The summit will convene local, state, federal, Hispanic Serving Institutions, land-grant colleges and universities, non-profit organizations, faith-based leaders, veterans, youth organizations, and other strategic partners to:



- Assist communities in the development of local prosperity councils, create wealth and build assets
- Illustrate successful practices for developing key partnerships
- Connect attendees to USDA and other relevant federal programs
- Model success for communities and future generations of communities



**WEBSITE** <https://research.arizona.edu/events/9143-usda-arizona-community-prosperity-virtual-summit>

**REGISTRATION** [https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_NZwU5YRsSFOzK2fZH8u2Xg](https://arizona.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NZwU5YRsSFOzK2fZH8u2Xg)

# AGENDA

- 9:00 A.M.**    **Emcee/Moderator:** Dr. Marla Franco (Assistant Vice Provost, HSI Initiatives, The University of Arizona)  
**Welcome and About the Host**  
Dr. Robert Robbins (President, The University of Arizona)  
Dr. Elizabeth Cantwell (Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation, The University of Arizona)  
Dr. Jeffrey Silvertooth (Associate Dean and Director, Economic Development & Extension)
- 9:10 A.M.**    **Greetings and Remarks**  
Mike Beatty (Director, USDA-OPPE)  
**Snapshots by Arizona State Food and Agriculture Council – SFAC**  
Jack Smith (Arizona State Director, USDA-RD)  
Keisha Tatem (Arizona State Conservationist, USDA-NRCS)  
James Mago (Arizona State Executive Director, USDA-FSA)
- 9:45 A.M.**    **Overview of K-12, 2-Year, and 4-Year USDA-NIFA Pipeline Grants**  
Dr. Irma Lawrence (National Program Leader, USDA-NIFA)  
**USDA Lincoln Leaders Fellowship Program**  
Dan Wueste (Program Lead, USDA-HSI)
- 10:15 A.M.**    **The University of Arizona – Yuma**  
Dr. Tanya Hodges (Agriculture and Life Sciences & Engineering and Applied Science)  
**Arizona Western College in the Greater Yuma Area**  
Reetika Dhawan (Associate Vice President of Workforce Development, Career & Technical Education)  
**Pima Community College District**  
Dr. Ian Roark (Vice President of Workforce Development and Strategic Partnerships)
- 10:45 A.M.**    **Break**
- 10:55 A.M.**    **Arizona Office of Economic Opportunity - Arizona Commerce Authority**  
Ashley Wilhelm (Workforce Arizona Council Manager, Arizona@Work)  
**Arizona Department of Agriculture**  
Lisa James (Grant Program Manager, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program)
- 11:15 A.M.**    **Break**
- 11:25 A.M.**    **Local First Arizona Foundation**  
Kimber Lanning (Executive Director, Local First Arizona Foundation)  
**Arizona Department of Economic Security**  
Leah Landrum Taylor (Assistant Director of Community Engagement)
- 11:40 A.M.**    **Asset-based Mapping: Conversations and Discussions with Breakout Sessions**
- 12:40 P.M.**    **Debrief, Wrap-Up, and Q&A**
- 1:00 P.M.**    **Adjourn**