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Mission:

Specializes in policy research impacting socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Makes policy recommendations for Farm Bills and other agriculture policies to improve the success of socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers.

National Center:

Created from the 2014 Farm Bill and is national in scope with a strategic focus on the 18 states with 1890s land-grant universities to assist in reaching SDFR.



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MISSISSIPPI MINORITY FARMERS ALLIANCE 8th ANNUAL RURAL AMERICA SMALL FARMERS CONFERENCE "Equity, Economic Development, Education, and Entrepreneurship in Rural America"

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022
8:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M.





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 Saturday, January 22, 2022 • 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Meeting ID: 937 5601 8225 • **Passcode:** 203552 • **Dial In:** 312 626 6799

Facilitator: Dr. Elizabeth B. Myles, Associate Director
 Alcorn State University Mississippi Small Farm and Agribusiness Center

Continental Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Prayer.....	Ms. Bre Jones, 4-H Club Member
Scripture.....	Ms. Coretta Richardson, 4-H Club Member
4-H Pledge.....	Helping Hands Natural Resources 4-H Club
Welcome.....	Ms. Akeelah Patton, 4-H Club Member
8:00-8:15	Purpose.....Ms. Carolyn Jones, Director, Mississippi Minority Farmers Alliance
	Community Health Update.....Dr. Vernon Rayford, Chairman, NEMS Coalition Against COVID
8:15 – 8:30	Community Engagement.....Hon. Paul Lyles, Mayor Shannon, MS Congressman Rickey Thompson
8:30 – 8:45	Policy Center Update.....Ms. Eloris Speight, Director, SDFR Policy Research Center, Alcorn State University
8:45 – 9:00	Entrepreneurship.....Dr. Cindy Ayers, CEO, Foot Print Farms
9:00 – 9:15	Education.....Ms. Manola Erby, 1890 4-H Program Leader/Youth Specialist, Alcorn State University
9:15 – 9:30	Financial Business Structure.....Mr. Darrell Tennie, CEO, The Tennie Group
9:30 – 9:45	Economic Development.....Mr. Wes Miller, Broader Horizons Ms. Zahn Patin, Director, MS Minority Development Agency
9:45 – 10:00	Equity.....Mr. Brandon Presley, Northern District Public Service Commissioner
10:00 – 10:30	Introduction of Special Guest.....Ms. Latrice Hill, USDA National Outreach Director Special Guest: Mr. Thaddeus Fairley, MS State Executive Director, Farm Service Agency
10:30 - 11:00	Introduction of Keynote Speaker.....Mr. Kurt Readus, State Conservationist, Mississippi Keynote Speaker: Mr. Terry Cosby, Chief, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
11:00 – 11:45	Partnerships.....Mr. Anthony Branick, Director GreenSky Gives Mr. John Jones, Partner, Genlra 16 Enterprises Ms. Ruth Canada-Painter, HUSA Engagement and Outreach Program Officer, Heifer International
11:45 – 12:00	Legislative Update.....Congressman Trent Kelly, Mississippi 1st District

****Lunch****

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