



# Conference Agenda

**Registration – 7:00-8:30 am ET**

**Security Screening – 7:30-9:00am ET**

**Opening Plenary – 9:30am ET**

Location: Amphitheater

*Welcome remarks and an overview of the National Strategy by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.*

*Remarks by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.*

*Ambassador Susan E. Rice in conversation with Chairman Jim McGovern, Senator Cory Booker, and Senator Mike Braun, the bipartisan sponsors of the Conference.*

**National Strategy Pillar Panel Sessions – 11:20am ET (session A) and 12:10pm ET (session B)**

*Panel sessions for each of the five pillars of the National Strategy.*

*Participants will have the opportunity to attend two different panel sessions.*

Panel Session A

- **Pillar 1A – Nourishing Brighter Futures: Ensuring affordable food for all children and families.**

Location: Atrium Hall

*Mike Curtin, Jr. moderates a conversation with Shavana Howard, Donna Martin, Mark Ramos, and Shannon Razzadin on supporting children and families in accessing affordable food in schools and at home.*

- Mike Curtin, Jr., CEO, DC Central Kitchen (moderator)
- Shavana Howard, Assistant Secretary of Family Support, Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services
- Donna Martin, Director of School Nutrition Programs, Burke County Public Schools (GA)



- Mark Ramos, President, United Food and Commercial Workers International Union Local 1428
- Shannon Razsadin, President and Executive Director, Military Family Advisory Network

- **Pillar 2A – Food is Medicine: Bringing nutrition out of the health care shadows.**

Location: Ballroom B

*Dr. Rajiv Shah in conversation with Dr. Kofi Essel, Dr. Sachin Jain, and Karen Pearl on the integration of nutrition into health care training, coverage, and delivery.*

- Dr. Rajiv Shah, President, Rockefeller Foundation (moderator)
- Dr. Kofi Essel, Pediatrician, Children’s National Health System and Director,  
The George Washington University Culinary Medicine Program
- Dr. Sachin Jain, President and CEO, SCAN Group and Health Plan
- Karen Pearl, President and CEO, God’s Love We Deliver

- **Pillar 3A – Look Locally: Growing partnerships to expand local food options.**

Location: Ballroom A

*Chuck Conner leads a discussion with Charlene McGee, Tara Roberts-Turner, Sherrie Tussler, and Phoebe Wong on bolstering local food systems to offer nutritious food, strengthen local economies, and support farmers and ranchers.*

- Chuck Conner, President and CEO, National Council of Farmer Cooperatives (moderator)
- Charlene McGee, Program Manager, Multnomah County Department of Health (OR)
- Tara Roberts-Turner, Founding Farmer and General Manager, Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative
- Sherrie Tussler, Executive Director, Hunger Task Force
- Phoebe Wong, Student, College of the Holy Cross



- **Pillar 4A – Fit for Life: Creating communities designed for activity.**

Location: Pavilion

*Tom Farrey speaks with Al Bangoura, Jaci McCormack, and CiCi Rojas on promoting physical activity and building communities with safer roads and greater access to parks.*

- Tom Farrey, Founder and Executive Director, Aspen Institute Sports and Society Program (moderator)
- Al Bangoura, Superintendent, Minneapolis Park System
- Jaci McCormack, Founder, Rise Above
- CiCi Rojas, Board Chair, YMCA
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- **Pillar 5A – Evidence to Action: Using research to guide policy and scale pilots.**

Location: Horizon

*Senator Bill Frist in conversation with Swati Chandra, Angela Odoms-Young, and Ross Wilson on leveraging research and data to expand pilot programs and inform policy.*

- Senator Bill Frist, Former Senate Majority Leader (moderator)
- Swati Chandra, Director, Los Angeles County Food Equity Roundtable
- Dr. Angela Odoms-Young, Associate Professor of Maternal and Child Nutrition, Cornell University
- Ross Wilson, Executive Director, Shah Family Foundation

### Panel Session B

- **Pillar 1B – Public-Private Partnerships: Collaborating to increase affordable food options in underserved communities.**

Location: Atrium Hall

*Erin Fitzgerald leads a discussion with Mary Blackford, Diana Tellefson Torres, and Kamau Witherspoon on working together to make it easier for everyone to access affordable foods.*

- Erin Fitzgerald, CEO, U.S. Farmers and Ranchers in Action (moderator)
- Mary Blackford, Founder, Market 7



- Diana Tellefson Torres, Executive Director, United Farm Workers Foundation
- Kamau Witherspoon, CEO, Shipt
- Mindy Woods, Human Services Program Manager, City of Edmonds, WA

- **Pillar 2B – Breaking Barriers: Bridging the gap between nutrition and health.**

Location: Ballroom B

*Dr. Shereef Elnahal in conversation with Dr. Thea James, Walter Murillo, and Denise Scott on cultivating community development and advancing health equity to improve nutrition and health.*

- Dr. Shereef Elnahal, Under Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Dr. Thea James, Vice President of Mission, Boston Medical Center
- Walter Murillo, CEO, NATIVE HEALTH
- Denise Scott, President, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

- **Pillar 3B – Making Healthy Choices Easy: Why improving food environments matters.**

Location: Ballroom A

*Lazarus Lynch moderates a discussion with Kaster Dee Garrett-Adimora, Shane Grant, Dr. Susan Mayne, and Nadia Torney on enabling healthier choices where people shop, work, and play.*

- Lazarus Lynch, Chef and Host, *Chopped U* (moderator)
- Kaster Dee Garrett-Adimora, Senior Store Manager, Everytable
- Shane Grant, CEO, Danone North America
- Dr. Susan Mayne, Director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Nadia Casseus Torney, Administrator, Kimball Elementary School (Washington, DC)

- **Pillar 4B – The Power of Play: Supporting physical activity for kids.**

*Lysa Ratliff moderates a conversation with Cathy Grano, Jermaine Harris, and Ann Marie Krautheim on promoting children’s lifelong health through physical activity in schools and communities.*



Location: Pavilion

- Lysa Ratliff, President & CEO, KABOOM! (moderator)
- Catherine Grano, School Nurse, Middletown Township Public Schools (NJ)
- Jermaine Harris, Community Policing Sergeant, Chicago Police Department and Co-Founder, Chicago Westside Sports
- Ann Marie Krautheim, CEO, GENYOUth

- **Pillar 5B – Advancing Equitable Research: Developing innovative and inclusive policy solutions.**

Location: Horizon

*Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young speaks with Dr. Maribel Campos-Rivera, Jimmieka Mills, Mia Ives-Ruble, and Dr. Donald Warne on ensuring nutrition and food security research accounts for all communities and informs policies.*

- Dr. Chavonda Jacobs-Young, Undersecretary for Research, Education, and Economics, U.S. Department of Agriculture (moderator)
- Dr. Maribel Campos-Rivera, Professor and Founder, University of Puerto Rico Center for Community Outreach and Health Across the Lifespan
- Jimmieka Mills, Co-Founder, Equitable Spaces
- Mia Ives-Ruble, Director of the Disability Justice Initiative, Center for American Progress
- Dr. Donald Warne, Professor and Co-Director, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Center for American Indian Health

### **Lunch Break – 1:05pm ET**

Location: Atrium, Ballroom A/B

### **Afternoon Plenary – 2:05pm ET**

Location: Atrium Hall

*Secretary of Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra in conversation with Chairwoman Rosa DeLauro, Chairwoman Debbie Stabenow, and Mayor Eric Adams.*



*Keynote address by Chef José Andrés.*

**Small Group Working Sessions – 3:10pm ET**

Location: Atrium, Ballroom A/B

*Conference participants break into small groups to collaborate and identify actions they will take individually and collectively to help achieve the goal of ending hunger and reducing diet-related diseases.*

**Closing Plenary – 4:20pm ET**

Location: Atrium Hall

*Stories of action by community leaders and a conversation with young changemakers charting the path forward. We will hear from Kari Miller-Ortiz (Director of People and Culture, Move United) and Rebecca Onie and Rocco Perla (Co-Founders, The Health Initiative), followed by Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff and Ambassador Susan E. Rice in conversation with Joshua Williams (Founder, Joshua's Heart Foundation) and Avani Rai (Healthy Living Advocate, National 4-H Council).*

Program Ends 5:00pm ET

\*Timing subject to change.