NOTE: Unless otherwise noted, all sessions are at Resources for the Future (RFF) 
Seventh Floor Conference Room, 1616 P Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036

Sunday, March 24 – Arrival and Set Up for the Week
Arrive and check in: Darcy Hotel
1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036
6:30 Social Half-Hour – Ellington Room, Darcy Hotel
7:00 Welcome Dinner (Informal) Set Up for Week, Review of Final Agenda and Q & A
Mollie Field, Events Manager
Lea Rosenbohm, D.C. External Affairs Advisor
Roberta Tugendreich, Program Manager

Monday, March 25 – Day 1 – Overview: Understanding Washington and the Key Actors
7:30-8:30 Breakfast on own
8:30 Meet in Hotel Lobby to walk to RFF
9:00-10:15 Intro to the Federal Government: Key Actors in the Environmental Policy System
Daniel Weiss, CEO, Oak Park Strategies
Phil Sharp, President, Resources for the Future (retired)
11:00-12:15 Science and the Federal Agencies
Carolyn Snyder, Director, Climate Protection Partnerships Division, EPA
Sharlene Weatherwax, Associate Director of Science for Biological and Environmental Research (BER), Office of Science, DOE
Holly Summers, Biotechnology Regulatory Services, USDA
12:30-1:30 Lunch: with speaker
Hilary Tompkins, Partner, Hogan Lovells (former Solicitor, U.S. Department of the Interior, 
2009-2017; Stanford Law School ’96)
2:00 Walk to Green Building Council
2:30-4:30  **NGOs – role in the policy process**  
**Location:** U.S. Green Building Council, 2101 L Street, NW. #500

*Elizabeth Beardsley*, Senior Policy Counsel, U.S. Green Building Council  
*Chloe Koseff*, Policy Associate, National Audubon Society  
*Sharon Buccino*, Senior Director, Land Division, Nature Program, Natural Resources Defense Council  
*Sarah Cooley*, Director, Ocean Acidification Program, The Ocean Conservancy

6:00-8:00  **Dinner with speaker: Kameran Onley**, Director, U.S. Government Relations, The Nature Conservancy  
**Location:** Honeysuckle Restaurant, 1990 M Street, NW

**Tuesday, March 26 – Day 2 – A Focus on Congress**

Before 7:45  Breakfast on your own

8:00  Meet in Hotel Lobby

9:00-9:45  **Inner Workings of a Congressional Office**  
**Location:** Longworth HOB Room 1629  
*Jeremy Marcus*, Deputy Chief of Staff and Legislative Director, Congressman Cartwright (D-PA)

10:00-11:00  **Hearings**

11:30-12:30  **Meeting with House Natural Resources Committee staff**  
**Location:** TBD  
*Austin Hacker*, Professional Staff

12:30-2:00  **Lunch** in Hart Cafeterias or Union Station Food Court  
**Gallery visits**

2:00  Meet in front of Capitol for RELP group photo

2:30-3:30  **Meeting with Senator Harris’ Environmental staff**  
**Location:** Hart Senate Office Building, Room 112  
*Ike Irby*, Legislative Fellow

4:00-4:45  **Role of Committees in the Legislative Process**  
**Location:** Dirksen SOB, EPW Hearing Room 406  
*Richard Russel*, Majority Staff Director, Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works

* Dinner on your own
Wednesday, March 27 – Day 3 – Communications, Messaging and Network Building

7:30-8:30  Breakfast – Darcy Hotel – Ellington Room

8:30-10:30  Interactive Workshop – Making your two-minute pitch
Location: Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Ellington Room

RELPM participants will rotate tables in small groups to get feedback from 4-5 different perspectives. Discussion leaders:
Lexi Shultz, Vice President of Public Affairs, American Geophysical Union
Brian L. Wolff, Executive Vice President, Public Policy and External Affairs at Edison Electric Institute (EEI)
Alex Bozmoski, Managing Director, RepublicEn
Eva Zanzerkia, Program Director, Earth Sciences, National Science Foundation

11:00-12:30  Local Government – Engagement on Environmental Matters
Location: Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Ellington Room
Michael Bueno, Energy and Climate Coordinator, National Caucus of Environmental Legislators
Devashree Saha, Director, Environment and Energy, Council of State Governments
Judy Sheahan, Assistant Executive Director for the Environment, US Conference of Mayors

Afternoon  Time for individual appointments

Dinner on your own

Thursday, March 28 – Day 4 - Communications, Messaging and Network Building (cont’d)

8:00-9:00  Breakfast on your own

9:00  Walk to National Geographic

9:30-11:00  Working with Media to get your Message out
Location: National Geographic Society, 1145 17th Street, Hubbard Room
Interactive Session – cohort rotates tables in small groups to practice being interviewed by a journalist

Host: Brian Howard, Senior Editor, Environment, National Geographic
Dan Stone, Contributing Editor, National Geographic
Meaghan Parker, Executive Director, Society of Environmental Journalists
Niina Heikkinen, Reporter, E&E
Rob Meyer, Associate Editor, The Atlantic

11:00-12:00  Tour and walk to Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW
12:00-1:45  **Lunch with panel - International Development and Sustainability**  
*Location:* Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW

*Abigail Jones,* Water and Sanitation Specialist, USAID  
*Greg Watson,* Lead Specialist, Natural Capital Lab, Climate Change & Sustainable Development Sector, Inter-American Development Bank

2:00-3:00  **Bob Perciasepe,** President, C2ES  
*Location:* Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW

3:30-5:00  **Think Tanks: Turning Science into Policymaking**  
*Location:* Hoover Institution, 1399 New York Avenue, NW

*Alice Hill,* Research Fellow, Hoover Institution  
*Andrew Light,* Distinguished Senior Fellow, Global Climate Program, World Resources Institute  
*Kristin Hayes,* Director, Energy Resources for the Future

6:00-7:00  **Reception with Chris Field**  
*Location:* Darcy Hotel

**Dinner on your own**

**Friday, March 29 - Day 5 – Looking Ahead – Fellowships**

8:00 - 9:00  **Breakfast** – Darcy Hotel – Ellington Room

9:00-10:30  **Exploring the World of Science Policy: Science Fellows Share Their Views**  
*Location:* Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, Ellington Room

*Moderator:* **Lea Rosenbohm,** D.C. External Affairs Advisor  
*Georges Comair,* World Bank Early Career Fellow  
*Loren LaPointe,* AAAS S&T Fellow, USDA  
*Julia Mason,* Knauss Marine Policy Fellow  
*Rebecca Gilsdorf,* World Bank Early Career Fellow (former RELPer)

10:30-11:30  **Certificates + Brief Debrief**  
*Location:* Darcy Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, Ellington Room  
*Chris Field,* Director, Stanford Woods Institute

12:00  **Celebration Lunch (informal)**  
*Location:* Agora, 1527 17th St NW

By 2:00  **Wrap Up & Return to the Bay Area**