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2017 EJ Summit Agenda

*Building People's Power Against State Violence Through the Lens of Environmental Justice**

October 20-21, 2017 at The Franklinton Center in Whitakers, NC

Friday, October 20

12:00pm-1:00pm Registration, Lunch
1:00pm-1:20pm Welcome: Naeema Muhammad, Ayo Wilson, & Onté Johnson (NCEJN Leaders)
1:20pm- 3:30pm Research Presentations
(15 minute break -- Check out the Research Posters)
3:45pm-4:45pm NC Department of Environmental Quality Presentation + Q&A
(15 minute break -- Check out the Research Posters)
5:00pm-6:15pm Community Speak-out and Government Listening Panel
(15 minute break -- Check out the Research Posters)
6:30pm-9:00pm Dinner and Performance by *Fruit of Labor Singing Ensemble*
9:00pm-bedtime Networking, drum circle and other music, Hurricane Matthew informal meeting

Saturday, October 21

7:30am-8:30am Breakfast
8:30am-8:45am Welcome
8:45am-9:45am Opening Plenary:
(15 minute break -- Check out the Research Posters)
10:00am-11:15am Concurrent Sessions 1 & 2:
1) School to Prison Pipeline
2) Direct Action Training
(15 minute break -- Check out the Research Posters)
11:30pm-1:00pm Lunch, Awards Ceremony, and Keynote Speaker: Mustafa Ali,
Hip Hop Caucus - Senior Vice Pres. of Climate, Environmental Justice & Community Revitalization
(15 minute transition time)
1:15pm -2:30pm Concurrent Sessions 3 & 4:
3) Energy Justice
4) Climate Change, Disaster Preparedness, & Surviving Hurricane Matthew
(15 minute break -- Check out the Research Posters)
2:45pm-3:15pm Closing

***Theme Description:** When we say state violence, we are talking about the willful and negligent actions of government at all levels that cause harm to our most marginalized and dispossessed communities, through policies, laws, individual acts, and representation. We call such actions *violence* because they are just as effective at dehumanization and disempowerment as any physical harm. Legislative acts like voter ID laws and more recently HB 467, which eroded the people's right to pursue health and financial compensation from harmful industrial agribusinesses, tells communities of color and poor communities that they are not worthy of representation or protection. It tells them their lives and livelihoods are not as worthy as corporate profits. We are committed to calling out *state violence* in all forms, whether it comes from the barrel of a police officer's gun or from the pen of a regulatory agency. Both harms are equally real, and we will fight equally as hard against them.