



**TRIBAL LEADERS CONSULTATION ON  
CONSULTATIONS AND RACIAL EQUITY/BARRIERS  
March 9 and 11, 2021  
Virtual Consultation**

**AGENDA**

- 11:30am ET INTRODUCTION**  
 Welcome, Heather Dawn Thompson; Director, Office of Tribal Relations  
 Opening Prayer  
 Introductions OTR Staff  
 Overview of Tribal Consultation on Consultation Best Practices  
 Overview of Tribal Consultation on Barriers to Accessing USDA Programs
- Noon ET TRIBAL CAUCUS**  
 Co-hosted by Intertribal Agriculture Council (IAC), National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI)
- 2-5:30pm ET USDA TRIBAL CONSULTATION**
- WELCOME – OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**
- OVERVIEW – OFFICE OF TRIBAL RELATIONS (OTR)**
- OPENING PRAYER**
- TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON CONSULTATION BEST PRACTICES**
- **Introduction:** Heather Dawn Thompson, Director, OTR
  - **Discussion:** Consultation Best Practices
- TRIBAL CONSULTATION ON USDA BARRIERS AND SOLUTIONS**
- 1) TRADE, FOOD SECURITY, AND SAFETY**  
*Mission Areas:* Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services (FNCS), Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs (TFAA), and Food Safety  
*Agencies:* Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS), Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), and Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
- **Introduction:**
    - Deputy Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition, Consumer Services (FNCS), Stacy Dean
    - Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs (TFAA), Jason Hafemeister
    - Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Food Safety (FS), Paul Kiecker
  - **Discussion:** Barriers and Solutions with Tribal Leaders



**2) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

*Mission Area: Rural Development (RD)*

- **Introduction:** Under Secretary for Rural Development, Justin Maxson
- **Discussion:** Barriers and Solutions with Tribal Leaders

**3) FARMING, RANCHING, AND CONSERVATION**

*Mission Area: Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC) and Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP)*

*Agencies: Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Risk Management Agency (RMA), and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)*

- **Introduction:**
  - Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC), Gloria Montañño Greene
  - Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP), Mae Wu
- **Discussion:** Barriers and Solutions with Tribal Leaders

**4) FORESTRY AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT**

*Mission Area: Natural Resources and Environment (NRE)*

*Agency: Forest Service*

- **Introduction:** Acting Deputy Under Secretary for National Resources and Environment (NRE), Christopher French
- **Discussion:** Barriers and Solutions with Tribal Leaders

**5) EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

*Mission Areas: Research, Education and Economics (REE)*

*Agencies: National Agricultural Statistic Service (NASS), Agricultural Research Service (ARS), Economic Research Service (ERS), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), and 1994 Tribal Colleges*

- **Introduction:** Acting Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics (REE) & Acting USDA Chief Scientist, Chavonda Jacobs-Young
- **Discussion:** Barriers and Solutions with Tribal Leaders

**ACTION ITEMS AND NEXT STEPS**

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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