

**Title: True Sustainability: Cutting Edge Regional Design and Placemaking**

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### **Program Summary**

This session will present history and status, illustrations, and benchmarked data of some the world's most compelling cutting edge ecologically based regional design/urban developments. This current and holistic information will be made available for the first time in this presentation.

Also the discussion will include two ecologically-based regional/city restorative projects: the Clinton Climate Initiative in 12 cities around the world, and New Orleans' post-Katrina experiences related to sustainable housing, community scale development, and successfully coordinated efforts by public authorities and private enterprise. This work has created a permanent new economic base for the city, and eventually the ecological region, in sustainable industries.

Attendees will benefit by seeing how to expand the scope of their practices, by learning benchmarked data from actual projects, and obtaining information on research they can perform. Attendees will be enabled/empowered with the conviction that they can immediately influence their projects and communities at a profound scale.

Participants will be engaged during the session by compelling open-ended questions, opportunities to speak, and microphones to begin a dialogue with each other and with the three speakers. Community building and communication will continue using the new social network site that will be made operational at the convention: The True Sustainability Community [www.truesustainability.ning.com](http://www.truesustainability.ning.com) .

### **Learning objectives**

Benchmark, review and evaluate data on cutting-edge, world-wide regional/urban design trends

List specific topics for further research, study and education

Understand the key components used in planning regionally based sustainable reinvestment in cities to provide health, safety and welfare for the environment including its citizens

**Provider:** The Committee on the Environment

### **Speakers:**

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