









12th Annual **SUSTAINABLE Empowerment** Conference

Branching Communities Together through Sustainability

9AM - 9:30AM

Light Breakfast, Networking and Community Building



Welcome & Opening Remarks

Jeffrey A. Robinson, Ph.D., Provost & Interim Chancellor, Rutgers-Newark Nicole Hewitt-Cabral, Chief Sustainability Officer, City of Newark

10AM - 11AM

Panel Discussion:

Creating Better Health and Wellness, for Our Communities & Our Environment

Moderator: Nicole Miller, MnM Consulting

Panelists: Abeni Ramsey, Owner-Operator, City Girl Farm

Chesha Hodge MPA RDN, Founder, **The Balanced Diet**, **LLC**

Robin Peacock, *Executive Director*, **MEND**

Kim Gaddy, Founder & Director, SWEA

11AM – 12PM

Roundtable Discussions:

Sustainability through the Lens of Community & Economic Development

Year 2035: Preparing for an equitable green economy and pathway to green jobs.

- Extending philanthropy and corporate contributions to grassroots led initiatives.
- Building a network of healthy food access for a more sustainable and equitable food system.
- Community green development integrates sustainable agriculture with green technology and ecological infrastructure to address social, environmental & economic issues.

12PM – 12:15PM **Roundtable Report Outs: Next Steps**

12:15PM – 1PM Closing Remarks, Lunch, Networking & Community Building



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