

SEPT. 24, 2025, HOUSTON, TX

9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Cullen Auditorium at Baylor College of Medicine
1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030

AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. ■ Registration, Continental Breakfast and Welcome Remarks**
Start your day by checking in, picking up materials, and enjoying a light continental breakfast. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow attendees and begin networking before sessions start.
- 10:00 a.m. ■ FIFA World Cup Host Committee Address**
Speaker: Elizabeth Carlson, Sustainability Subcommittee Lead, World Cup Host Committee
Elizabeth Carlson will share insights on the intersection of major sporting events and air quality. Her presentation will highlight sustainability goals and strategies to reduce emissions and promote clean air during large-scale events like the World Cup.
- 10:30 a.m. ■ Keynote Address: The Region's State of Air Quality**
Speaker: Bradley Flowers, Ph.D., Associate Vice President AECOM
Bradley Flowers, a recognized leader in air quality monitoring and policy advocacy, will deliver the keynote address. His presentation will offer an in-depth overview of air quality trends, emerging challenges, and opportunities in the Houston region and beyond. He will also share recent data, regulatory updates, and strategies aimed at improving air quality across the region.
- 11:00 a.m. ■ Air Quality and Public Health Impacts**
Speaker: Natalie Johnson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Texas A&M School of Public Health
This session will focus on health impacts of air pollution, particularly among vulnerable populations. Dr. Johnson will share research on exposure to fine particulate matter and volatile organic compound (VOC) mixtures highlighting connections between air quality and chronic health conditions, as well as strategies for reducing exposure and risk.
- 11:30 a.m. ■ Air Quality Data Tools and Online Resources**
Speaker: Patricia Grace Tee Lewis, Ph.D., Senior Health Scientist, Environmental Defense Fund
Dr. Lewis, a leading environmental epidemiologist, will present and demonstrate air quality data tools and regional online resources. She'll explain how these platforms can be used to better understand pollution trends, support community advocacy, and inform public health strategies.
- 12:00 p.m. ■ Networking Lunch**
Enjoy a networking lunch sponsored by the FIFA World Cup Houston Host Committee. Connect with fellow attendees, exchange ideas, build partnerships, and continue conversations sparked by the morning's sessions.

AFTERNOON BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Breakout A—Auditorium

- 1:00 p.m. ■ Air Quality and the Public Sector**
Discussion on public-sector policies, strategies, and leadership in air quality improvement.
- 2:00 p.m. ■ Air Quality and Health Panel**
A panel discussion exploring health impacts of air pollution and strategies for protecting vulnerable populations.
- 3:00 p.m. ■ Business & Industry Spotlight**
Highlights from the private sector on innovative approaches and solutions.

Breakout B—Room 111A

- Community Action & Advocacy Panel**
Features community-led efforts to improve air quality and advocate for policy change.
- Air Quality Co-Benefits Panel**
Highlights strategies that improve air quality while also delivering economic, social, or multi-pollutant benefits.
- University Engagement Spotlight**
Showcases university-level initiatives raise awareness and drive action on air quality issues.

- 3:50 p.m. ■ Closing Reflections**
We will conclude the summit summary of key takeaways from the event, reflections from panelists, and next steps for continued collaboration on air quality improvements.