Speaker Bios

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is Professor in the Center for Health and the Global Environment at the University of Washington. Dr. Ebi has an M.S. in toxicology from MIT, a Ph.D. and a Master of Public Health in epidemiology from the University of Michigan, and two years of postgraduate research at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

She has been conducting research and practice on the health risks of climate variability and change for 25 years, focusing on understanding sources of vulnerability; estimating current and future health risks of climate change; designing adaptation policies and measures to reduce risks in multi-stressor environments; and estimating the health co-benefits of mitigation policies.

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is an associate professor in the School of Sustainability at Arizona State University. She completed her PhD in 2012 at the University of Guelph in Canada and her post-doctoral degree with Health Canada.

She focuses on extreme heat, thermal comfort, and air pollution in her research, and examines health impacts on vulnerable populations, such as children and athletes. She is currently running numerous field projects in Arizona and collaborates with schools, government, and non-profits in community-based research.

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Savannah North, MPH is the Director of Administration & Climate Initiatives with the Public Health Alliance. She has a degree in Microbiology from UC Davis, and received her MPH in Sociomedical Sciences from Columbia University.

At the Public Health Alliance she works on advancing community climate resilience and justice in partnership with local public health jurisdictions, community-based and environmental justice organizations, and other cross-sector partners. Prior to joining the Public Health Alliance, Savannah served as a project manager with the Center for Climate Change and Health, and provided support and technical assistance to local public health departments across the US to demonstrate strategies to integrate climate change, health, and equity into local public health department programs and policies.