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Clean Energy Justice Convergence Calls on Global Clean Energy Ministerial to Support True, Clean Energy, Not False Solutions

Pittsburgh, Pa. – More than 45 local, national and global organizations will come together in Pittsburgh next week to stand in solidarity with people around the world working to advance truly clean energy justice and hasten the break from false solutions and fossil fuels – permanently.

The Clean Energy Justice (CEJ) Convergence will take place with 4 days of actions from Sept. 20 to Sept. 23, 2022, during the Global Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

CEJ will spotlight the voices of indigenous leaders from the Lummi Nation and frontline community activists from southwestern Pennsylvania, the Pacific Northwest and the Gulf Coast. Native leaders from the Lummi Nation embarked this week on a cross-country "Totem Pole Journey for Earth: The Chief's Pole" from their home in Washington State to bring their message of healing and clean energy to Pittsburgh and the global Ministerial.

Convergence partners will also raise awareness of the false solutions like carbon capture utilization and storage (CCUS) and fossil-fuel driven Blue Hydrogen which are being actively discussed in our region by political and industrial leaders.

The entire list of events including registration and voices of justice for media interviews may be found at cleanenergyjustice.com Events during the week may be subject to change slightly. Check the website.

Sept. 20, 21 and 23: **Steel, Gas and Petrochemical Tours offered to attendees at CEM**
Sept. 21 at 2 p.m.: **Student Led Youth Strike for Climate, Oakland**
Sept. 21 and 22 at 8 p.m.: **Public Art Installation: Public Projections by Future Studio** (Oakland and Downtown)
Sept. 22 at 10 a.m.: **Welcome of the Lummi Nation, Schenley Plaza**
Sept. 22 at 11 a.m.: **The Climate Reality Project Kayak for Clean Energy Justice, Allegheny River outside DLC Convention Center**

Sept. 22 at NOON: **PRESS CONFERENCE, Schenley Plaza, Oakland**
Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m.: **Clean Energy Justice Roundtable at Phipps Conservatory**
Sept. 23: **Steel Gas and Petrochemical Tours**

"The Clean Energy Justice (CEJ) platform elevates the voices calling for real clean energy solutions needed to meet the needs of impacted communities and meet essential climate goals," said Matthew Mehalik of the Breathe Project.   "The CEJ platform has come together because the energy ministerial agenda has sidelined community voices from impacted communities with fossil fuel infrastructures for the meeting. These communities continue to bear the brunt of health, economic, climate and environmental degradation from fossil fuel systems. This includes people in the Ohio River Valley, the region where the ministerial itself is being held."

The full [CEJ platform can be found here](#).

[Voices of Justice](#) including indigenous leaders, frontline activists and clean energy justice public health experts are available to media looking for interviews on the subject of clean energy justice.

Photos are available on Request

About the Clean Energy Justice Convergence

The Clean Energy Justice Convergence (CEJ) was formed in direct response to the Global Clean Energy Ministerial (CEM) coming to Pittsburgh. CEJ seeks to hold the CEM leadership accountable to a vision that serves people and communities first and advances a rapid transition to clean energy that will not harm people and the environment.

It is significant that the Ministerial is being held in Pittsburgh. A new initiative to develop a carbon capture and hydrogen hub in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia is expected to be announced during this week. The announcement expected from the Dept. of Energy and possibly Allegheny Conference calls on a partnership of steel, oil and gas companies that would deploy costly, unproven carbon capture, use and sequestration (CCUS) technology to address greenhouse gas emissions from the region's carbon-emitting infrastructure.

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