The Justice40 Initiative centers on environmental, racial, and economic justice for communities of color systematically affected by poverty, pollution, under-investment, and other inequities. This is the time to prioritize, resource, empower, and protect the nation’s most vulnerable and historically neglected communities — when we are experiencing unprecedented environmental catastrophes such as Hurricane Ida and other climate change disasters.

The Biden-Harris administration can fulfill its executive order to ensure that 40% of federal climate investments go directly to benefit under-resourced communities.

The “Making Justice40 a Reality” report provides a road map to help policy makers:

• **LEARN FROM STATE EXAMPLES:**
  The experiences of key states provide lessons the federal government can use to create a Justice40 framework.

• **IDENTIFY TOP PRIORITIES:**
  The report suggests “do’s and don’ts” to implement an equitable, effective, accountable Justice40 Initiative.

• **ENGAGE AND BE ACCOUNTABLE TO COMMUNITIES:**
  Implementing Justice40 recommendations ensures that solutions come from and benefit disadvantaged communities.

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**JUSTICE40 GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

**JUSTICE DRIVEN**

Resource and focus on disadvantaged communities.

**COMMUNITY POWERED**

Create systems that achieve transformational change from the bottom up.

**ACCOUNTABLE CHANGE**

Institutionalize equity and justice into government agency practices, policies, and systems.

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People and communities of color have been disproportionately and systematically harmed by pollution for decades.

**This is why Justice40 must become a reality.**

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STATE EXAMPLES TARGETING DISPARITIES WITH THEIR OWN CLIMATE AND CLEAN ENERGY INVESTMENTS

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THE REPORT: PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR MAKING JUSTICE40 A REALITY

- Develop an accountability framework with clear objectives rooted in equity to guide agencies as they implement the Justice40 Initiative.
- Identify who and where to target investments by using screening tools that identify and track the five types of disparities.
- Set clear, accessible funding guidelines for the communities that need them most.
- Update and design investment programs that strengthen frontline communities by providing technical assistance and capacity-building services.

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