Climate Justice Working Group
Meeting Procedures

Before beginning, a few reminders to ensure a smooth discussion:

• Working Group Members should be on mute if not speaking.
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Hand Raise

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Agenda

• Welcome and Roll Call
• Discussion with Advisory Panels
  - Transportation
  - Land Use and Local Government
• Discussion: Evaluation Rubric and Draft Indicator List
• Next Steps
Welcome and Roll Call
Advisory Panels Discussion:
- Transportation
- Land Use and Local Government
New York Climate Justice Working Group

Considerations for Indicator Selection and DAC Scoring Approach

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AGENDA

ADVISORY PANELS

APPLICATIONS OF DAC DEFINITION

GUIDING DEFINITION

INDICATOR SELECTION RUBRIC

DRAFT INDICATOR LIST
“State agencies, authorities and entities, in consultation with the environmental justice working group and the climate action council, shall, to the extent practicable, invest or direct available and relevant programmatic resources in a manner designed to achieve a goal for disadvantaged communities to receive forty percent of overall benefits of spending on clean energy and energy efficiency programs, projects or investments in the areas of housing, workforce development, pollution reduction, low income energy assistance, energy, transportation and economic development…”
Disadvantaged Communities Definition

Investment Criteria (Projects, Programs, Investments)

Benefits Framework
spending on....

in the areas of....

Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency

- Workforce Development
- Energy
- Pollution Reduction
- Transportation
- Housing
- Economic Development
- LI Energy Assistance
- Economic Development
We need a guiding definition

A definition will serve as a useful starting point, a framework from which we can detail out how to find disadvantaged communities.

What does a disadvantaged community mean to you?
Guiding Definition DRAFT

[Guiding definition]
Getting the Ball Rolling
1. Identify criteria: (a) factors/concepts, (b) indicators, (c) data sources

2. Evaluate indicators list

3. Geographic area

4. Gather data

High-priority factors/concepts or indicators

Develop/apply evaluation rubric
The rubric can be used by the CJWG, DEC staff and consultants to screen proposed DAC indicators and data, and identify high-priority indicators for inclusion in the DAC definition.

It can also serve as documentation of why some indicators were prioritized over others.
# Anatomy of an Indicator (Example)

*Areas with concentrations of people that are of low income...*

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>FACTOR / CONCEPT</th>
<th>INDICATOR (EXAMPLE*)</th>
<th>METRIC (EXAMPLE)</th>
<th>DATA SOURCE</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Low Income</strong></td>
<td><strong>Poverty Status</strong></td>
<td>Percent of families with incomes ≤ Federal Poverty Level (100% or 200%) for household size</td>
<td>Census</td>
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<td><strong>Median Income</strong></td>
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<td>Median household income</td>
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<td><strong>Median Income vs. Area Median Income</strong></td>
<td>Median household income ≤ 60% Area Median Income</td>
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<td><strong>HUD Qualified Census Tracts</strong></td>
<td>Binary indicator of QCT (50% of HHs with incomes &lt;60% of area median or poverty rate of 25% or more)</td>
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*These are examples of indicators and metrics and are not intended as recommendations*
A. Applicability to CLCPA Disadvantaged Communities Language

How well does the indicator...

1. [Pillar #1] Represent pollutions or hazards that lead to negative public health effects?

2. [Pillar #1] Capture the cumulative legacy of environmental pollution or hazards?

3. [Pillar #2] Represent people or communities who have historically experienced disparities in clean energy or energy efficiency investments or services?

4. [Pillar #2] Represent people or communities who have historically experienced discrimination in the areas of housing, workforce development, pollution reduction, low income energy assistance, energy, transportation or economic development ?

5. [Pillar #3] Reflect environmental or climate conditions or events that may be exacerbated by climate change?

6. [Pillar #3] Capture population or community characteristics that exacerbate risks of climate change?

The criteria in this section will be applied based on what “pillar” of the DAC definition in Section 75-0111 that indicator represents.
B. Actionable and Addressable by CLCPA Investments

How well does the indicator...

1. Represent exposures, risks, threats or vulnerabilities that are potentially actionable by New York State agencies?

2. Represent exposures, risks, threats, or vulnerabilities that could be addressed by clean energy or energy efficiency investments?

The criteria in this section will be applied to all indicators.
C. Contribution of Indicator to Scoring Approach

1. How **directly** does the indicator represent the Factor/Concept it is intended to represent? (e.g., is it a direct measure of the factor/concept (e.g., air pollution, environmental hazards, low income, race/ethnicity, storm surge risk), vs. an indirect or proxy measure?)

2. How **essential and unique** is the indicator to the DAC criteria? (i.e., does it contribute something **essential and unique** to the DAC definition, vs. being highly correlated with other indicators?)

*The criteria in this section will be applied to all indicators.*
D. Data Sufficiency and Quality

Is the data...

1. **Available statewide at the geographic level needed?** (e.g., available for all census tracts or block groups in New York State, pending decision on geographic level)

2. **Considered accurate, with limited measurement error?** (measurement error can come from, for example, small or non-representative samples or models with general/non-localized assumptions)

3. **Current / up-to-date?**

4. **Possible to obtain and include within the timeline needed?** (For the preliminary DAC definition: Before February ##. 2021?)

*The criteria in this section will be applied to all indicators.*