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DWEJ Policy Director brings environmental justice mission to Washington, D.C.

Kimberly Hill Knott presents to the World Bank and Congressional Black Caucus on DWEJ's collaborative approach to environmental justice

WASHINGTON, D.C. – **Kimberly Hill Knott**, director of policy for **Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ)**, today gave a presentation to the **World Bank** about the impact of environmental justice issues, including climate change, in urban centers. She was invited to speak about how the **Detroit Climate Action Collaborative (DCAC)**, an initiative of DWEJ, is collaborating with various sectors of the Detroit community to develop Detroit's first Climate Action Plan—a comprehensive plan to promote a healthier environment and prepare Detroit to cope with the impacts of climate change.

“The effects of climate change are exacerbated for low-income and communities of color, and Detroit's first Climate Action Plan will help ensure all Detroiters have clean air to breathe,” said Knott. “The Climate Action Plan will spark economic opportunities as well as identify solutions for reducing pollution and coping with the effects of climate change. We hope Detroit's plan will serve as a model for cities across the country, and around the world, who are still struggling with this vital challenge for their communities.”

On Friday, Knott will speak on a panel for the **Congressional Black Caucus's** issue forum “Environmental Injustice – The Air, The Water, The Toxic Threats Targeting Communities of Color,” hosted by Congressman Elijah Cummings [D-MD]. She will be joined by health professionals, agency officials and environmental justice advocates. The forum will focus on the correlation between pollution, poverty and race. Knott was invited because of her organization's innovative approach to addressing climate issues in Detroit.

“There is an intersection between poor environmental quality and poverty, which is why DWEJ trains low-income Detroiters for jobs in the clean energy and energy efficiency sectors,” said Knott. “We partner with local organizations to provide low-income, minority residents with good-paying jobs to promote economic mobility, all while making Detroit a healthier and more sustainable city.”

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