

# AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ADAPTATION PROFESSIONALS

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## ASAP's Solidarity Statement

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ASAP stands in solidarity with ALL COMMUNITIES OF COLOR in the fight against racism, police brutality, and injustice of all forms; this includes recognizing that the oppression and violence of white supremacy looks different for every community, but in those differences, we see systemic underlying causes.

Standing in solidarity, as a predominately white organization, means that we make space for Leaders of Color to dictate the actions needed at this time, that we respect the right of people to rise up against systemic oppression in all of its forms, and that we strive to align our vision for more climate resilient and equitable communities with the rightful demands of the people who are at the forefront of this fight. We honor and seek to learn from the knowledge and expertise of people and communities at the forefront of climate adaptation and climate justice, specifically Black people, Indigenous people, Asians, Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, and Latinx people, as we work to achieve transformative change.

The ongoing violent and deadly events show just how effective white supremacy is in turning oppressed communities against each other, making us believe the false promise of protection and inclusion in exchange of compliance. Today, we condemn the hate crimes committed against Asians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, and how they have been affected by hateful rhetoric in the wake of COVID-19, and by myths propagated to create division amongst our communities. We condemn the killings of Black and Brown kids at the hands of police officers, and above all, we condemn a system that keeps oppressing all people of color, and doesn't provide a pathway to healing, accountability, and justice.

We say their names and we honor their lives by working towards dismantling the systems of oppression that keep us all chained. All racist acts stem from the same source, and we cannot be free until everyone is free. Our liberation is tied together.

**"...We will not allow the actions of the past to dictate our future and we commit to leveraging our network and resources to promote justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion in the climate adaptation field and beyond." - ASAP JEDI Statement**

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