

Climate Week Events

Grantee Convening – NYC 2024

Climate Week 2024 Events for Lacuna Fund Grantees

These [2024 NYC Climate Week](#) events may be of interest to Lacuna Fund grantees who are planning to stay for Climate Week following the Lacuna Fund Grantee Convening. Inclusion on the below list does not represent an official endorsement or partnership with Lacuna Fund; rather, these are events that are relevant to climate change and AI as well as the domains of energy, health, and forests.

Note: Some of these events require registration or are private events by invitation only. If you are planning to stay for Climate Week, please make sure to register soon for the events that interest you. The event descriptions below include notes about some of these events; please let us know if you would like us to connect you to those specific events. Please continue to check the official website [2024 NYC Climate Week Events](#) as new events continue to be added, and check the event links for the most up-to-date information, in case times or locations may have changed.

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General / AI & Tech:	
Using the power of storytelling to fight insidious tech abuse	
<p>Wednesday, Sep. 18 2-4:15 pm 605 Third Avenue <i>(Between East 39th & East 40th Streets),</i> New York, NY, USA <i>(accessible by elevator)</i></p>	<p>Technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TF GBV) Storytelling event, in partnership with CSO Chayn</p> <p>Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To increase the understanding of the harms of tech abuse and the impact of that trauma • To share powerful stories from Global Majority and diaspora of tech abuse • To discuss the impact of sharing these powerful stories and how can they advance policy and advocacy goals of grassroots and international organisations • To introduce the work of UNFPA and Chayn to non-profits and media organisations who may not be aware of it • To build partnerships between organisations in media and GBV space

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<p>AI for all: How can we equitably deploy AI-powered adaptation solutions? (Google, The Climate Group)</p>	
<p>Monday, Sep. 23 7:30am-9am <i>Location TBD</i></p>	<p>Join this roundtable as it convenes leaders from across the public, private, and non-profit sectors to discuss how ensure they keep the needs of communities at the center of their strategy as they deploy AI tools. Participants will discuss how to effectively align AI tools with the unique challenges faced by different communities, share strategies for overcoming adoption barriers, and explore collaborative approaches to ensure equitable and impactful deployment.</p> <p>Note: Please let Lacuna Fund know if you are interested in attending this event, and we may be able to connect you with Google for an invitation.</p>
<p>Environmental Justice x Climate Tech (Our Climate)</p>	
<p>Monday 23 Sep. 10am-12pm <i>1038 Nostrand Ave, 11225, Brooklyn, NY</i></p>	<p>The panel will discuss project roll-out from technologies with an environmental justice lens to understand how to address various projects that may be proposed in our communities to help mitigate further burden on frontline communities. This event will also examine if or how intentional communication efforts are being made to reach frontline communities to gather input about proposed projects.</p> <p>Rationale: <i>Community engagement!</i></p>
<p>AI for Climate Action: From Data to Impact (Climate Change AI, Google DeepMind)</p>	
<p>Monday, Sept 23, 2:30 – 5pm <i>Glasshouse Chelsea at 545 W 25th Street, Floor 21, New York, NY 10001</i></p> <p>Public with RSVP.</p>	<p>Climate Change AI will host a public event “AI for Climate Action: From Data to Impact,” in partnership with Google DeepMind. The event will showcase impactful cross-sector collaborations leveraging AI for different climate-related challenges, and serve as the launch for Climate Change AI’s ongoing review of critical data gaps in the AI-for-climate space.</p>
<p>Building Green Digital Infrastructure in the AI Era (Climate Group)</p>	
<p>Monday, Sep. 23 3-4pm <i>Location TBD</i></p>	<p>The home of the internet; the data center sector is estimated to be responsible for up to 3% of global electricity consumption today and is projected to double by 2026. With AI and public demand for data expected to skyrocket, the onus is on the builders of digital infrastructure</p>

	<p>to drive down its carbon footprint at scale and at pace. We’re witnessing the sector’s ambition to green the compute driving the AI revolution and navigate its journey in scaling sustainably.</p> <p>Key questions to be addressed will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How is the world’s digital infrastructure coping with increased power demand? ▪ How is AI pushing the boundaries for energy-efficient data center design? ▪ What role is innovation playing in the modernization and retrofit of older facilities? <p>Rationale: <i>*This session would provide a basis for better understanding energy-efficient data design.</i></p>
<p>It's Time to unleash the power of innovation and technology to achieve net-zero</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24 9-10:30am <i>Location TBD</i></p>	<p>With the twin policies of the Inflation Reduction Act and the Green Deal Industrial Plan sparking a green subsidy manufacturing race in the Global North, and China accelerating ahead on green tech investment and EV deployment, the stage is set for innovative leadership, policy and clean technology to supercharge the transition to a net zero economy. We’ve come to rely on innovation to decarbonize, but the proof will be in the emissions and the power of technology to help make our net-zero future a reality in a scalable, replicable, and equitable manner. It’s Time for clean technology’s multiplier effect to kick-in and help keep the 1.5°C aligned pathway for our countries and corporations in sight.</p>
<p>Panel: AI is coming; can technology change the trajectory of climate change? (Page 8) (Climate Group)</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24 9:45-10:15am <i>Location TBD</i></p>	<p>The widespread use of artificial intelligence promises to help revolutionize our approach to fighting climate change. It is a lofty claim but with AI’s ability to learn, predict, and innovate currently forecast to help solve the world’s biggest scientific challenges – where can it help us on fast-forwarding climate action and how can we scale use in an equitable manner to ensure we all benefit?</p> <p>The panel will explore where next in terms of technology innovation and address AI's potential, limitations, and opportunities to transform our approach to climate mitigation. Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melissa Schoeb - Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Nokia (Confirmed) • Nitesh Banga - President and CEO, GlobalLogic (Confirmed) • Blair Swedeen – Global Head of Net Zero and Sustainability, Meta (Confirmed) • Moderated by Helen Clarkson, CEO, Climate Group
<p>Building a Global Community in AI for Climate: Stocktake and Vision for the Next 5 Years (Climate Change AI)</p>	

<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24, 10am – 1:30pm <i>Elsie Rooftop 1412 Broadway, New York, NY 10018, United States</i></p> <p>Invite Only</p>	<p>CCAI is hosting an invite-only event that will convene researchers, practitioners, funders, and decision-makers to take stock of the current state of the field, pinpoint opportunities and gaps, and forge collaborations in service of better advancing the AI-for-climate space, through a combination of plenary content and breakout discussions. In particular, this event will invite in-depth discussion on ways to further democratize and advance the AI-for-climate space by addressing critical gaps in expertise, education, coordination, and infrastructure.</p> <p>Note: <i>Climate & Health grantee Patricia Anne Faustino, Thinking Machines Data Science, will be presenting at this event.</i></p>
<p>Driving an inclusive green transition - closing the climate girls' gap (UNICEF)</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24 11am-12pm <i>Location TBD</i></p>	<p>This session emphasizes the urgent need for innovative partnerships, investments, and initiatives that help girls and women become confident climate leaders and active contributors to the green economy, which is expected to add tens of millions of jobs over the next several decades. What are some challenges girls and women face in accessing education and, in particular, learning the digital and green skills that would position them as leaders in the new green economy?</p> <p>Rationale: <i>This session could be relevant to other potential sessions on gender at the Grantee Convening.</i></p>
<p>Accelerating sustainability progress with Gen AI</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24 2-7pm <i>The Ritz-Carlton New York, NoMad, 25 W 28th St, NY 10001, New York City, New York</i></p> <p>Private Event</p>	<p>According to a recent study, 61% of executives are exploring the use of Generative AI (Gen AI) to drive sustainability initiatives, highlighting the growing importance of this technology in the pursuit of environmental and social responsibility.</p> <p>Join us for a half-day session, hosted by the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) and IBM, to explore the exciting potential of Generative Artificial Intelligence (Gen AI) in accelerating sustainability progress. During this session, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the fundamentals of Gen AI and its applications in sustainability, learn how leading companies are leveraging this technology to drive sustainability and reduce their environmental impact.</p>
<p>ClimateIQ: Exploring the Potential of AI Tools for Climate Risk and Resilience</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24 3-6pm <i>The New School University Center, Starr Foundation Hall,</i></p>	<p>The event will include a panel discussion with City agency representatives and practitioners from the Urban Design Forum's Rewire program, and showcase ClimateIQ – a freely accessible AI-driven climate hazard assessment tool being developed by The New School's Urban Systems Lab and partners with support from Google.org.</p>

<p><i>Starr Foundation Hall, 63 5th Avenue, 10003, New York, NY</i></p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>The session will conclude with an interactive user research workshop inviting participants to share their insights with climate hazard tools and threats to ensure ClimateIQ’s accessibility and usefulness in NYC and beyond.</p>
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[Climate Tech x AI](#)

<p>Wed, Sep. 25 3-8pm <i>29 Little West 12th St, 10014, New York, New York</i></p> <p>Private Event; may be able to register to attend</p>	<p>Event Highlights: Keynote Address: A TED-style talk by an expert speaker (TBA) on the future of AI and its enterprise applications. Exclusive unveiling of Climactic's updated market map showing the latest trends, companies and opportunities in the AI climate tech landscape. Interactive Workshops: Attendees will participate in solution-based discussions on AI-powered efficiency in business sectors Connect with AI leaders and influencers over refreshments and drinks. Start the session with Oda, providing an experiential live Hi-Fi connection to Costa Rica's protected forests.</p> <p>This event offers a unique opportunity to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain insights into the latest developments in AI and climate tech 2. Collaborate with industry leaders on practical AI solutions for climate challenges 3. Explore how AI can create solutions that both reduce emissions and boost income 4. Network with key players in the climate tech and AI ecosystems 5. Contribute to shaping the future of sustainability through technology
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GEDA (Gender and Environment Data Alliance)

<p>Thursday, Sep. 26 6-8pm <i>Population Council's NY office</i></p>	<p>Panel discussion and reception. This event will be an opportunity to raise awareness about GEDA and our members’ work, as well as to reach out to potential new members and funders.</p> <p>Note: <i>Please let Lacuna Fund know if you are interested in attending this event, and we may be able to connect you with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for an invitation.</i></p>
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Climate & Health

Note: For all health-related events at Climate Week 2024, see: [Health | Climate Week \(climateweeknyc.org\)](#). Please note that some events may require registration.

Civil society-led event on integrating gender in the Global Digital Compact

<p>Thursday, Sep. 19 8am-12pm</p>	<p><i>Details TBD</i></p>
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<p>Scandinavia House 58 Park Ave, New York, NY 10016</p>	<p>Note: Please let Lacuna Fund know if you are interested in attending this event, and we may be able to connect you with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for an invitation.</p>
<p>Climate of Emotions</p>	
<p>Monday, Sep. 23 5-8pm Location TBD</p>	<p>Join us in New York for Engaging for the Future — Climate of Emotions, a 3-hour experiential program that equips youth climate activists with emotional intelligence (EQ) skills to transform their eco-anxiety into eco-optimism. The event will be intergenerational, and will center youth as the primary speakers and facilitators. Participants, including UNICEF Youth Advocates (present for the UN Summit) plus youth climate activists (present for NYC Climate Week), will engage in interactive sessions designed to foster intergenerational collaboration, develop emotional resilience, and build a shared commitment to climate action.</p>
<p>Mental Health Liberation: Tools for Climate Activists (Sustaining all Life United to End Racism)</p>	
<p>Thursday, 26 Sep. 10:30am-12pm 12 East 41st Street, 7th Floor, 10017, New York City, New York</p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>In this workshop we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide information about the mechanisms of mental health oppression and ways to counter them • Create safe spaces to talk, listen and support each other • Build skills and capacities to be able to assist others to do the same
<p>Health Systems Implementing Climate Action Inaugural Meeting (With Marina Romanello, PhD, Executive Director of the Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change)</p>	
<p>Friday, 27 Sep. 8am-5.30pm 216 Fifth Avenue, 10029, New York, NY</p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>Event on sustainable health systems, held in tandem with the United Nations General Assembly, bringing together leading examples of health system climate readiness innovation. This event will convene business and health sector leaders to present the latest research and practice findings around low carbon, resilient healthcare delivery, and explore building sustainable systems through actionable and scalable solutions.</p>

Climate & Energy

Note: For all energy-related events at Climate Week 2024, see: [Energy | Climate Week \(climateweeknyc.org\)](#). Please note that some events may require registration.

[What will it take to run the grid on clean energy 24/7/365?](#)
(David Energy, Cathay Innovation, Union Square Ventures)

<p>Monday 23 Sep. 9am - 11am <i>Union Square Ventures, 817 Broadway, 10003, New York, NY</i></p> <p>Private Event; may be able to register for the waitlist</p>	<p>The panel discussion begins at 9 AM EST at Union Square Ventures. Panelists include leaders from David Energy, Unigrid, Paces, and Arcadia - all innovators in the energy space who are tackling the three-headed challenge of transforming America's power grid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivating consumers and businesses to adapt to increased electricity demand and manage their usage more efficiently • Shifting to renewable energy while managing the high variability in the price of power • Ensuring grid reliability in the midst of more frequent outages and higher delivery costs
<p>Reimagining the Built Environment for a Net Zero Future</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24 2:15-6pm <i>22 Vanderbilt, 335 Madison Avenue, NY10017, New York, New York</i></p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>This Financial Times briefing, held during Climate Week NYC and in partnership with Carrier and JLL, will explore the opportunities and challenges presented by AI. It will also cover the solutions and approaches that building owners, occupiers, solution providers, and policymakers need to adopt to build a more resilient and sustainable infrastructure in the face of rising demand and climate change.</p>
<p>Leveraging AI to optimize commercial real estate for energy transition (Cognizant Technology Solutions)</p>	
<p>Tuesday, Sep. 24 4-5pm <i>55 Hudson Yards, 10001, New York, New York</i></p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>Cognizant and Honeywell will have a panel discussion Leveraging AI to optimize commercial real estate for energy transition. We will have presentations, live demos, and finally a panel discussion.</p>
<p>Women on the Frontlines of the Climate Crisis: Ending the Era of Fossil Fuels and Implementing Solutions</p>	
<p>Wednesday, Sep. 25 4:45-8pm <i>777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY</i></p> <p>Free Event</p>	<p>During this in-person forum, women leaders in all their diversity will come together to share comprehensive and intersectional approaches and strategies to stop fossil fuel extraction, accelerate community-led climate solutions, and lead a Just Transition grounded in a climate justice framework. Critical topics include fossil fuel resistance; food sovereignty; forest protection; gender-responsive climate policies; Indigenous and human rights; Rights of Nature; strategic preparations for COP29 and COP30; uplifting care economies; community-led solutions; and transformative policies for our collective future. Women are leading the way!</p>
<p>From G20 to COP30: Lessons and Actions for Industry Decarbonization in the Global South</p>	

<p>Friday, Sep. 27 10am - 12pm</p> <p><i>Location TBD</i></p>	<p>The event aims to analyze the Brazilian presidency's approach to industrial decarbonization at the G20, highlighting the main outcomes and conclusions of this strategy. In addition, we will discuss how cooperation among Global South countries can accelerate this process, identifying essential international partnerships to achieve decarbonization goals.</p> <p>Another central point of the event will be the discussion on which topics Brazil should prioritize at COP30 and how the lessons from the G20 can be directly applied to the discussions. Opportunities for Brazil to lead the global decarbonization agenda will be highlighted, as well as the main challenges the country faces in assuming this leadership role. Financing will also be an important topic, with debates on the role of development banks in funding decarbonization projects and the exploration of alternative sources of resources for these initiatives. Additionally, concrete actions that can be immediately implemented in Brazil to advance industrial decarbonization will be proposed, addressing the main challenges to their implementation.</p>
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Climate & Forests

Note: For all forest-related events at Climate Week 2024, see: [Nature | Climate Week \(climateweeknyc.org\)](#). Please note that some events may require registration.

[Indigenous driven protection of forests in Colombia: a win-win showcase](#)

<p>Monday, 23 Sep. 11am – 1pm</p> <p><i>10E 46th St, New York NY (The Fred F French Building), 10017</i></p> <p>Hybrid Public Event</p>	<p>This event is an opportunity to learn first-hand about the experiences of the Huitoto, Muinane, Andoque, Tucano and Sikuani indigenous communities, representing 30 other communities, in the development of REDD+ projects in Colombia.</p> <p>Through them, more than 20 million hectares of valuable Amazonian ecosystems have been preserved and more than 20 million tons of CO2 have been reduced. In addition to forest conservation, the projects have enabled significant progress in the development of social housing of high architectural and technical quality, highly complex health care, and the strengthening of “chagras”, traditional systems of sustainable land management by indigenous communities.</p>
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[New forest carbon standards and monitoring technologies - solutions out of the VCM crisis?](#)

<p>Tuesday Sep. 24 7:30-9:30am</p> <p><i>The Westin New York at Times Square, 270 West 43rd Street</i></p>	<p>Earth Observation- and AI-supported carbon monitoring technologies can enhance the quality of the carbon data that underpin the development, financing and monitoring of forest carbon projects.</p> <p>Join this breakfast session to learn how new VCM standards, project developers and buyers of carbon credits are using new monitoring technologies to unlock investment at scale for trustworthy forest conservation and restoration.</p>
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Private Event: Registration must be approved	
Navigating Weather and Climate Data with Earthmover	
Tuesday, Sep. 24 6-8pm <i>Location TBD</i>	Our speakers will discuss the current state-of-the-art tech for analyzing weather and climate data and share visions of the future.
LEAP Fall 2024 Lecture in Climate Data Science: CLIMATE CHANGE + FLOOD RISK	
Thurs, Sep. 26 12-1:30pm <i>Columbia Innovation Hub, 2276 12th Avenue Room 206 New York, NY 10027</i>	LEAP presents this interactive discussion to explore the flood risks incurred by climate change, how modeling can support communities' efforts to adapt to climate change, and how flood risk models are being improved.
Free Hybrid Event; register for limited in-person space	During the workshop, participants will: 1. Learn about climate data and modeling, with a focus on flood risks; 2. Have the opportunity to ask questions to Columbia University flood risk experts; 3. Contribute ideas for how climate models can address their needs.

Regional Focus: Latin America

[Meet and Drinks. DeepTech LATAM Meetup](#)

[MenteX, Bogota Chamber of Commerce in partnership with SOSV and GridX]

Tuesday, Sep. 24 5-7:30pm <i>IndieBio. 7 Pennsylvania Plaza floor 9., 10001, NYC, New York</i>	"Discover the incredible potential of LATAM and connect with a vibrant community of entrepreneurs, business leaders, and investors in DeepTech."
Public Event	Event includes introduction to DeepTech LATAM Startups and opportunity for networking. Rationale: <i>*This is especially relevant for Lacuna Fund grantees from Latin America to strengthen ties in DeepTech Latin American ecosystem.</i>

Activities

#YouthLead: Shaping an Inclusive Digital Future for All

<p>Friday, Sep. 20 4:45-6pm <i>ECOSOC conference room, UNHQ, New York</i></p>	<p>This session is designed to provide participants with an overview of how young people see and often experience the different aspects of a growing digital divide. This interactive exchange will provide a platform for young leaders to advocate for actions and policies that ensure equitable access to digital resources and foster inclusive environments, including digital, where young people can thrive. The session will also aim to explore ways young people have already been using their creativity, energy, and innovative perspectives to drive positive social change with the help of digital technologies.</p> <p>Note: <i>While attendance at this event may not be possible due to the timing of the Grantee Convening, please let Lacuna Fund know if you are interested in the subject, and we may be able to connect you with the event organizers.</i></p>
<p>24 The Planet</p>	
<p>Saturday, Sep. 21 4pm to 4pm the next day (24 hour event) <i>Central Park, 10024, New York, New York</i> <i>In-person, public event</i></p> <p>Cost: To participate (to walk for one hour or 24 hours, would be Euro 48.5 per person)</p>	<p>The concept of 24 The Planet is straightforward: participants, supported by friends and family, walk nonstop for 24 hours in a central park to raise funds to fight climate change. The goal of the global movement, held in Amsterdam and Budapest as well as New York, is to regreen dry and degraded land in Africa.</p> <p>Rationale: <i>*This is an optional group activity for Lacuna Fund grantees to watch and cheer on (without paying to participate).</i></p>
<p>"Energies"</p>	
<p>Sunday, Sep. 22 On display Sept 11 – Jan 5 <i>38 St Marks Pl and numerous partner locations in the East Village, 10003, New York, NY</i></p> <p>Public event</p>	<p><i>"Energies"</i> explores global issues related to energy through a specific lens rooted in local history. Through artistic perspectives, the exhibition expands outwards from the 1970s East Village wind and solar array, looking at this small-scale historical model that collectively led to major change to imagine cautiously optimistic, community-driven energy futures. [...] Throughout the exhibition, a public program comprising community and education workshops, lectures, and panels, a symposium, a film program in partnership with Anthology Film Archive, a poetry and dance focused event with Poetry Project, and various other neighborhood activations, will complement the exhibition."</p> <p>Rationale: <i>*This activity may be of interest to Climate & Energy grantees.</i></p>
<p>Street Work Earth</p>	

<p>Sunday, Sep. 22 11-5pm 34th Avenue, 11372, Jackson Heights, New York</p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>A free street arts & climate action festival created by artists committed to fostering joyful, community-led action in public spaces. We'll spend the day experiencing and co-creating art alongside incredible artists and learning about concrete environmental & climate action on 34th Avenue's amazing Open Street in Jackson Heights, Queens.</p> <p>Rationale: <i>*Public Event pertaining to climate and art which may be relevant to some project teams.</i></p>
<p>Climate Week Walking Tour (Billion Oyster Project)</p>	
<p>Sunday, Sep. 22 5-7pm Nolan Park, Building 16 - Governors Island, 10004, New York</p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>Join us during Climate Week 2024 for an enlightening walking tour that delves into the vital work being done to restore New York Harbor's oyster reefs and their significant role in combating climate change through social change. Starting at the Public Exhibit House, our tours will provide an in-depth look at the Billion Oyster Project and its mission to create a rich, diverse ecosystem in the harbor.</p>
<p>PAUSE: A Space to Heal and Reconnect during Climate Week</p>	
<p>Thursday, Sep. 26 12-6pm 287 Park Avenue South, 10010, New York, NY</p> <p>Private Event</p>	<p>Join Mothers Out Front NY for a rejuvenating afternoon dedicated to moms, caregivers, and stewards of our planet navigating the stresses of climate anxiety. At this special event, we invite you to take a moment to "pause" and heal at the brand new, serene DOM New York. Immerse yourself in calming sound healing sessions and guided meditation designed to help you reconnect with inner peace amidst the challenges of our world.</p>
<p>Zero Day Launch Party</p>	
<p>Friday, Sep. 27 4-8pm Washington Square Arch, 10012, New York, NY</p> <p>Public Event</p>	<p>Hosted by the Zero Day founding team, this evening celebrates the launch of "Forest," Zero Day's groundbreaking solution to the world's food waste crisis. Zero Day will also unveil the art installation, "Rebuilding the system—block by block," a 40-foot-tall structure made of food waste processed by Zero Day machines to showcase the severity of the food waste problem.</p> <p>Rationale: <i>This is another way to integrate climate and the arts.</i></p>