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NATIONAL SUMMIT ON POVERTY AND EQUITY COMING TO NEW ORLEANS

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National Summit on Poverty and Equity coming to New Orleans

More than 1,800 leading advocates and policymakers to join together March 6 & 7 for "Regional Equity '08" National Summit

More than 1,800 of the nation's leading advocates, activists, academics and policymakers will join together March 6 and 7 in New Orleans to help chart a new path toward a more just and equitable America.

The two-day conference, "Regional Equity '08: The Third National Summit on Equitable Development, Social Justice and Smart Growth," will feature dozens of workshops, panel discussions and off-site learning opportunities to lay the groundwork for true policy change.

"At the summit, we will share innovative and cutting edge ideas that are making a difference in the lives of millions of people," said PolicyLink founder and CEO Angela Glover Blackwell. "Panelists, speakers and participants will inspire and nurture a movement for full inclusion in this country. Please join us as we launch a movement for change."

What: "Regional Equity '08: The Third National Summit on Equitable Development, Social Justice and Smart Growth"

When: March 6 and 7, 2008

Where: Sheraton New Orleans, 500 Canal Street, New Orleans

Highlights include:

A conversation with author and social activist Danny Glover about the new documentary, Trouble the Water. The film, which won the Grand Jury documentary prize at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival, follows New Orleans residents as they try to recover from Hurricane Katrina. (Noon to 2 pm, Thursday, March 6)

A lively discussion on "Keeping Race, Poverty and Equity on the Election '08 Agenda," moderated by Tavis Smiley and featuring Jim Wallis of Sojourners magazine and SEIU's Gerry Hudson, among others. (10:45 am to Noon, Friday, March 7)

More than 40 other workshops on affordable housing, equitable infrastructure, effective advocacy, Gulf Coast rebuilding and other vital equity issues.

The "Regional Equity '08" National Summit, sponsored by PolicyLink, will bring together more than 1,800 of the country's leading progressive advocates, activists, academics and policymakers to help craft a policy agenda to end poverty as we know it. The three-day Summit will feature more than 50 panels, workshops and on-site visits focused on innovative policies and strategies for advancing the causes of social justice, smart growth and affordable housing.

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For more information on the Summit, please visit www.RegionalEquity08.org

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