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## **Black Sustainability, Inc. and Second Nature Join in Partnership to Leverage the Power of Networks**

*Committed to advancing diversity, equity, and inclusion in the green economy*

United States (October 4, 2022) - Today [Black Sustainability, Inc.](#) and [Second Nature](#) announced a partnership focused on both elevating and amplifying the strength of their networks in an effort to accelerate climate action.

Second Nature, is an NGO whose mission is to accelerate climate action in, and through, higher education. Black Sustainability, Inc.'s mission is to connect people of [Afrikan](#) descent in sustainability fields to resources, development, networking, and employment opportunities.

Working in partnership, both organizations seek to create and expand opportunities for, and connections to, Black sustainability professionals in higher education.

Together, Second Nature and Black Sustainability Inc. will advance diversity, equity, and inclusion of the green economy in the following ways:

- connect BSI's members with Climate Leadership Network signatories, Second Nature partners, and institutional contacts,
- deepen engagement between BIPOC communities and Second Nature to amplify climate justice,
- heighten awareness about best practices for advancing climate justice through resources like Second Nature's Solutions Center,
- create a session on professional networking at the annual Higher Education Climate Leadership Summit to foster long term relationships between higher education institutions and Black sustainability professionals,

- increase intentional investments in BSI and promote contractual employment between campuses and Black sustainability practitioners

The Executive Directors of the organizations agreed our collective success would create an innovative pipeline of engagement and economic mobility.

*“It isn't that we [Black sustainability professionals] do not exist...we do,”* stated **Raina Turner-Greenlea**, co-founder and executive director, Black Sustainability, Inc. *“Our work has been to identify, categorize by skill set, and connect members to opportunities for work, collaboration and impact projects in Black communities.”*

*“We're thrilled to announce this mutually beneficial partnership with Black Sustainability Inc.,”* said **Tim Carter**, president of Second Nature. *“Any chance Second Nature has to directly respond to the needs of our members while providing a platform for Black and frontline communities to develop sustainable climate solutions, is a win! I appreciate the opportunity for Second Nature and Black Sustainability Inc. to work together to build a green jobs pipeline benefitting both of our networks and society writ large.”*

[Learn more](#) about the partnership and the ways that you can get involved.

### **Black Sustainability, Inc.**

Black Sustainability, Inc. has the largest global network of Black/African sustainability practitioners, with over 2,000 members. Black Sustainability, Inc.'s mission is to connect people of [Afrikan](#) descent in sustainability fields to resources, development, networking, and employment opportunities. [www.blacksustainability.org/](http://www.blacksustainability.org/)

### **Second Nature**

Second Nature is committed to accelerating climate action in, and through, higher education. They do this by mobilizing a diverse array of higher education institutions to act on bold climate commitments, to scale campus climate initiatives, and to create innovative climate solutions. Second Nature aligns, amplifies, and bridges the sector's efforts with other global leaders to advance urgent climate priorities. [secondnature.org](http://secondnature.org)

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