

## Environmental Racism: The Impact of Climate Change on Racialized Canadian Communities: An Environmental Justice Perspective

### An ACW Research Project in Collaboration with CBTU

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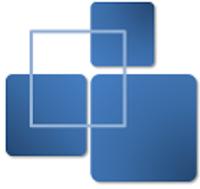
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This project is designed to explore the impact of climate change upon racialized communities within Canada. A significant amount of research has gone into exploring the impact of Climate Change upon indigenous peoples with the Idle No More movement. This project intends to bring this vision of community mobilization around climate change to other racialized communities by:

- Drawing Black Trade Unionists and other racialized communities into the fight to slow climate change.
- Linking this fight with the development of pathways to good green jobs for the aforementioned communities.

There are multiple stages to the project with a focus upon research and mobilization as follows:

1. Initially, bibliographies have been compiled on the subject of environmental racism to be utilized as a part of a social media campaign to engage anti-racist activists through a participatory research model.
2. The second stage of the project will be a workshop/focus-group of Black Trade Unionists to compile research data on the participants' experience surrounding climate change and environmental racism.
3. The third stage will provide a workshop open to the community as a forum for community engagement. Themes of the workshop include:
  - a. What is to be understood by the words “environmental racism”? How it is affecting communities and their environment?
  - b. Exploring case studies in Canada.
  - c. The present and future role of racialized communities in the “Green Economy”
  - d. Developing an Environmental Racism Charter.
4. The final stage of the project will be a collaborative report and video developed with the assistance of a Graduate Student. The video and collaborative report will be housed on ACW's website, as well as CBTU's.
5. Depending on outcome, further support for wide dissemination of the video may be sought.
6. Depending on the outcome, the CBTU-ACW team may explore a further project



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developing pathways to identify and access good green jobs for Black Trade Unionists.

## **Conclusion**

By working in collaboration on this project, ACW and CBTU will educate community activists and provide tools to both confront environmental racism within our communities and develop ways in which Black Trade Unionists can access good green jobs.