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PLENARY SESSION

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**INNOVATIONS IN FOOD, HEALTH & AGRICULTURE:
TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENTS,
ECOLOGICAL RESILIENCE AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY**

GENERAL SESSION

Opportunities at the Intersection of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition, and Health: Positioning the 1890 Land-Grant Universities

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Introductions	Gregory D. Goins
Greetings	M.C. Brown II Executive Director & Research Scientist Dr. N. Joyce Payne Research Center, Thurgood Marshall College Fund
Greetings and FANR Updates	Doug Steele Senior Vice President, Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources APLU
Opportunities at the Intersection of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition, and Health:Positioning the 1890 Land-Grant Universities	Dominique Foster Associate, Lewis-Burke Associates, LLC – Washington, DC Connie J. Rogers Senior Director of Health Initiatives College of Family and Consumer Sciences Head of Nutritional Sciences University of Georgia Anisa Zvonkovic Dean of Family and Consumer Sciences University of Georgia Vice Chair, APLU Board on Health and Human Sciences
ARD Responses to Involving the 1890s	Kiyana Kelly Executive Director, 1890 Center of Excellence for Nutrition, Health, and Quality of Life Southern University Alton Thompson ARD Executive Director

INTERACTIVE AUDIENCE Q & A SESSION

Closing Remarks	Wesley L. Whittaker Dean and Research Director, Land Grant Programs Sherman Lewis School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences Langston University
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1890 LAND GRANT UNIVERSITIES

1875	ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY
1871	ALCORN STATE UNIVERSITY
1887	CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY
1891	DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
1887	FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
1895	FORT VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY
1886	KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
1897	LANGSTON UNIVERSITY
1866	LINCOLN UNIVERSITY
1891	NORTH CAROLINA A&T STATE UNIVERSITY
1876	PRARIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY
1872	SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
1880	SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND A&M COLLEGE
1912	TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY
1881	TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY
1873	UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF
1886	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE
1882	VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY
1891	WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY