This special one-day event — hosted by Mayor Eric Adams and the Task Force on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health — will serve as a critical window into the crises our nation faces around hunger, nutrition, and chronic disease and explore how cities like New York can be part of the solution. With the White House set to host the first national conference on these issues in over 50 years, we have an incredible opportunity to rethink our food system to end hunger, enhance nutrition and improve health equity — this event will make a vital contribution to that thinking. By coming together for this dialogue, scientists, nonprofits, community organizations, industry representatives, and New York City leaders will help move us closer to the goal of ending hunger, improving nutrition, and reducing diet-related chronic diseases in the United States by 2030.

This Convening is not organized or endorsed by the White House, but represents an independent effort to convene diverse voices to help solve the issues at the heart of the Conference’s focus.

Opening Speakers:

**Mayor Eric Adams**
Mayor, New York City

**James Oddo**
Chief of Staff, Office of New York City Deputy Mayor of Operations Meera Joshi

Panelists:

**Richard Ball**
Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, New York State

**David C. Banks**
Chancellor, New York City Department of Education

**Dr. Michelle McMacken**
Executive Director of Nutrition and Lifestyle Medicine, NYC Health + Hospitals

**Dr. Ashwin Vasan**
Commissioner, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

*The opening session of the event can be viewed live at [this link](#).*

*Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the physical event is closed to the public.*