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Hawaiian Electric's Jamila Jarmon selected for Obama Foundation Leaders program 2024-25 Asia-Pacific cohort

HONOLULU, Sept. 18, 2024 – Jamila Jarmon, Hawaiian Electric's manager of growth strategy for the electrification of transportation, is among 205 leaders selected globally to join the Obama Foundation Leaders program.

The program engages participants around the world to develop their leadership skills and scale their work across public, private and nonprofit sectors. Jarmon will be one of just 35 leaders participating in the Foundation's Leaders Asia-Pacific program.

Jarmon oversees Hawaiian Electric's strategy to support the broad adoption of electric vehicles and determine the impact those vehicles will have on the grid. Jarmon is a graduate of the George Washington University and William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.

As part of the six-month program, participants will convene virtually each week for interactive sessions designed to help them drive change by honing their leadership skills, building deep relationships with their peers, and engaging with thought leaders and members of the Obama Foundation community. They will also have an opportunity to participate in various virtual experiences and special events, including one-on-one conversations with experienced mentors in the Foundation's global network.

President Obama's familial ties to the region, his time in Indonesia as a young man, and his upbringing in Hawai'i have informed his values and his faith in the passion of this generation of changemakers across the Asia-Pacific. Launched in 2019, the program is creating a network of leaders who drive positive, innovative change in their communities throughout the continent and across the globe. The 2024-2025 cohort of Asia-Pacific Leaders are working across a broad range of issues and focus areas, including the climate crisis, indigenous rights, education, and more.

The Obama Foundation Leaders program is designed to further inspire, empower, and connect emerging leaders from Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and the United States to change their respective communities and the world. To learn more, visit obama.org/leaders.

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