



**Deborah Scott**

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Deborah Scott, Executive Director of Georgia Stand-UP and founder of “It’s time to TRADE-UP”, is a 2012 “White House Champion of Change,” honoree and is a dynamic leader in national and local community empowerment initiatives. Deborah is a founding member and Executive Board Member of the TransFormation Alliance, the Atlanta SPARCC team that is focused on Equitable Transit Oriented Development. Deborah also serves a founding board member and current vice-chair of the National Board of Directors of the Partnership for Working Families (PWF). Driven by principles of social justice, economic and racial equity, and community inclusion, for more than a dozen years, Ms. Scott has served as the inaugural Executive Director and a co-founder of the non-profit (Georgia) STAND-UP, a “Think and Act Tank for Working Communities,” and founder of TRADE-UP, a DOL national model for skills training and workforce development. Deborah has innovated workforce development models with the Build-UP Program and WE SHOW UP, a entry-level prep-work force infrastructure program from film and television. Deborah has worked in State and City Government and with organized labor, community based and national civic engagement organizations, and has helped to build and sustain coalitions among neighborhood groups, labor, academic institutions, business, environmentalists, and government. Deborah has had significant success in community quality of life public policies, workforce advances, and training that enables workers and their families to advance. STAND-UP, is based in Atlanta, GA and is active in the southeast region, providing technical assistance to support collaborative partnerships, leadership, community benefit strategies, and basic organizing techniques. Stand-Up established a signature civic leadership training program in 2005 and has since graduated over 300 community leaders and over 250 interns. Deborah is a trainer, and expert implementer of complex, mission-driven initiatives and widely recognized as a visionary thought leader and “doer”. She is an active organizer, community engagement facilitator and has a heart and history of providing public service and community capacity building for marginalized communities in the South. Ms. Scott a graduate of Clark (College) Atlanta University, has lived and worked in the Atlanta and the southern region for more than 35 years, grew up in Oberlin, Ohio and Boston, MA. A nationally recognized leader, Deborah received numerous awards including the 2015 Rainbow Push Innovation Award and the National Black Women’s Roundtable “SiStar” Award in 2016, and Labor Leader of the Year in 2013. Deborah is passionate about developing leaders that are willing to think critically about how to solve community development issues, and those willing to help people change their lives, build collective power, and have the courage to Stand-up and Act “with” marginalized communities of color. Deborah is married to Lorenzo Scott a ‘labor-community love story ’ and is the proud mother of Kayla, a 25 year old artist activist. Deborah’s is inspired by Rosa Parks and Ella Baker, and subscribes to Ella Baker’s inspiring words “Give light and the people will find the way.”