Once you enter the event, you will see the **Reception area**. Think of the Reception area as the venue’s lobby. The other areas in the venue are on the left sidebar. These are Mainstage, Networking, Tables, and Sponsors + Partners.

**Which browsers work best?**

The latest versions of Chrome or Firefox guarantee the best experience. Please avoid Brave, Safari, Microsoft Internet Explorer, or Edge since these browsers lack the modern web technologies support necessary for online events to run in a web browser.

Mobile browsers: Safari on iOS and Google Chrome on Android.

**Note:** Sometimes, third-party extensions can affect the experience blocking some of the Hopin interface elements. That’s why we also recommend opening the event in Incognito mode (command+Shift+N on macOS or Ctrl+Shift+N on Windows) on Chrome or Private tab (command+Shift+P for macOS or Ctrl+Shift+P for Windows) on Firefox.

**The five (5) Areas of Hopin Virtual Event Platform**

1. **Reception:** The **Reception area** is the “lobby” of the event. Here you can quickly find out what is happening at the event currently: A welcome message, sponsors, the schedule, and speakers.
2. **Mainstage**: Click on the mainstage area to view anything that is happening on the mainstage. To find out when the mainstage is live, view the schedule in the reception area.

3. **The Breakout Sessions**: The Breakout Sessions is where you will go to find all breakout sessions. Click into “Breakout Sessions”, then click on the breakout session image to view the session.
4. Networking: Enter the Networking area for a 5-minute one-on-one engagement amongst all guests. The Networking area automates the discovery of new connections. When participating in the Networking, you are matched with a random guest.

You can click the Connect button during a call to exchange contact information and after the event the newly made contacts will appear at the Connections page of your individual Profile.
5. **Expo Hall:** Click into Expo area to learn more about our exhibitors.

**Chat messages:** At all times during the event, the chat box will be located on your right-hand side. To get a specific guest's attention type “@theirname” in the message. To directly chat a guest one-on-one, click on the people tab to look for the person to whom you want to send a message to. From here, simply select the person’s name and click send a message. A private conversation will start, and the person will receive a notification of your direct message.
How do I access the event?

1. You will receive an email saying: You are invited to attend the GARE Annual Meeting 2021- Governing for Racial Justice event, by Race Forward.

2. Click “Create account & Join Event”.
3. This will redirect you to Hopins landing page.

Hi Tiff Joy,
You're now registered for GARE Annual Meeting 2021- Governing for Racial Justice

Add to Calendar

a. We encourage you to add your details and photo to the platform under “Create your profile”, however it is optional.
5. You will get an email reminder 24 hours, and 1 hour before the event starts.