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SOUTHEAST FLORIDA REGIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COMPACT RCAP WORKSHOP #9:

Reducing Climate Risk and Creating Economic Opportunity

Florida International University - Graham Center | April 28, 2016

AGENDA

South Florida is known as one of the most vulnerable regions in the world to sea level rise and climate change. Local governments in South Florida have organized to address climate change adaptation and mitigation since 2009. The four counties and many cities in the region have been building capacity, training staff, adopting plans and investing in climate adaptation through diverse infrastructure investments. These efforts are reducing our risk. How can these efforts and investments not only reduce risk, but also spark economic opportunity? How do we value these investments in the eyes of the insurance industry and financial markets? Welcome to the first in a series of conversations focused on risk reduction, regional economics and coordinated leadership of government professionals, finance and business leaders.

- 7:00 – 7:30 AM Registration and Breakfast
- 7:30 - 7:35 Welcome
Mark B. Rosenberg, *President, Florida International University and Incoming Chair of Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce*
- 7:35 - 7:45 Introduction
Tony Vu, *University Treasurer, Florida International University*
- 7:45 - 8:00 Review of the Landscape – The Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact
A brief overview of the regional collaboration to plan for, and adapt to, the consequences of climate change with discussion on current and future risk as framing for the workshop conversation.
Jennifer Jurado, *Director, Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division, Broward County*

8:00 – 8:30

View from the Top: Mitigating Flood Risk – Implications for local government, finance, and business sectors

Learn how top local government administrators balance both community needs and their budgets as they invest in our future.

Moderator: James Murley, *Chief Resilience Officer, Miami-Dade County*

Speakers:

- Bertha Henry, *County Administrator, Broward County*
- Jimmy Morales, *City Manager, City of Miami Beach*
- Jack Osterholt, *Deputy Mayor, Miami-Dade County*

8:30 – 9:30

Calculating and Mitigating for Climate Risk – Different timelines and perspectives

Learn how the field of risk management is evolving to account for climate risk and exposures and about opportunities for public and private sectors to coordinate to capitalize on resilience investments.

Moderator: Jennifer Jurado, *Director, Environmental Planning and Community Resilience Division, Broward County*

Speakers:

- Alex Kaplan, *Senior Vice President, Global Partnerships, Public Sector Business, Swiss Re*
- John Burkholder, *Director, Risk Management Division, Broward County*
- Dorothy Gjerdrum, *Senior Managing Director, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.*
- Deepak Badoni, *Co-founder & President, EigenRisk*

9:30 – 9:50

Break

9:50 – 10:50

Financial Markets – How does risk mitigation translate to future economics?

Regional economics are strongly influenced by the cost of financing. This session will explore the influence of climate risk on various financial markets, how investments in risk mitigation relate to public and private financing, and broader economic considerations.

Moderator: Samantha Danchuk, *Assistant Director, Environmental Planning & Community Resilience Division, Broward County*

Speakers:

- Wendell Gaertner, *Senior Managing Director, Public Resources Advisory Group*
- Edward Marquez, *Deputy Mayor, Miami-Dade County*
- Michael Daniels, *Mortgage Loan Originator, Christensen Financial*

10:50 - 11:50

Preparing for the Pivot

Sea level rise and increased flood hazards are contributing to the major reworking of the FEMA flood program with implications for flood insurance requirements and affordability. Panelists will discuss how to reduce this exposure through project and site design, constraints and incentives for proactive risk management.

Moderator: Thomas Ruppert, *Coastal Planning Specialist, Florida Sea Grant*

Speakers:

- Leonard Vialpando, *Director, Environmental Regulations and Building Permitting, Broward County*
- Matis Cohen, *CEO, Kahunah Properties*
- Scott Robins, *President, Scott Robins Companies*

11:50 – 12:35 PM

Southeast Florida's Future

This final session is an opportunity for an open exchange with the audience. This facilitated discussion is designed to synthesize key themes and draw out next steps. Active audience engagement is encouraged.

Moderator: Susanne M. Torriente, *Assistant City Manager, Chief Resiliency Officer, City of Miami Beach*

12:35 PM

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