



2021 SOUTHWEST FLORIDA CLIMATE SUMMIT

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Southwest Florida Climate Leadership

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| 9:00 – 9:10 | Introductory Comments from Event Host and Sponsors |
| 9:10 – 9:15 | Senator Marco Rubio Video Address, U.S. Senate Climate Caucus |
| 9:15 – 9:20 | Director Jeanne Gettle, Water Division, Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 |
| 9:20 – 9:35 | Secretary and Chief Resiliency Officer Noah Valenstein, Florida Department of Environmental Protection |
| 9:35 – 9:40 | Audience Q&A with Secretary and Chief Resiliency Officer Noah Valenstein |

State of Climate Change in Southwest Florida

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| 9:40 – 10:00 | Southwest Florida Sea-level Rise and Storminess – <i>Dr. Joanne Muller</i> , Florida Gulf Coast University |
| 10:00 – 10:20 | Implications of Climate Change on Florida's Water Resources – <i>Dr. Wendy Graham</i> , Water Institute and Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering at University of Florida |
| 10:20 – 10:40 | Habitat Shifts and Migration in Response to Climate Change in Our Region – <i>Nicole Iadevaia</i> , Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Audience Q&A Session with Panelists |
| 11:00 – 11:10 | BREAK |

The Policy and Legal Framework for Climate Action

- 11:10 – 11:30 The State of Climate – *Elizabeth Gore*, Environmental Defense Fund
- 11:30 – 11:50 Working Together to Create More Resilient Florida Communities – *Whitney Gray*, Florida Department of Environmental Protection Office of Resiliency
- 11:50 – 12:10 Legal and Policy Issues Driving Local Government Climate Response– *Erin Deady*, Erin Deady Law
- 12:10 – 12:30 Audience Q&A Session with Panelists
- 12:30 – 1:30 LUNCH BREAK

Growing Climate Awareness in Southwest Florida

- 1:30 – 1:50 Regional Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment – *Jennifer Hecker*, Coastal & Heartland National Estuary Partnership Climate
- 1:50 – 2:10 Climate and Health – *Melissa Baldwin*, Florida Clinicians for Climate Action
- 2:10 – 2:30 Excuse me, Can We Talk Climate Change – *Dr. Ana Puszkin-Chevlin*, Growing Climate Solutions, Conservancy of Southwest Florida
- 2:30 – 2:50 Audience Q&A Session with Panelists
- 2:50 – 3:00 BREAK

Actions to Move Resiliency Forward in Southwest Florida

- 3:00 – 3:20 Economic Impacts of Climate Change and Statewide Climate Policy Initiatives – *Dawn Shirreffs*, Environmental Defense Fund
- 3:20 – 3:40 Climate Change Preparedness in Southwest Florida: Regional Resiliency Compact & Tools for Vulnerability Analysis – *Dr. Michael Savarese*, Florida Gulf Coast University
- 3:40 – 4:00 Audience Q&A Session with Panelists
- 4:00 – 4:10 FINAL REMARKS FROM HOST & SPONSORS

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