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Resilience 365 Conference to launch during Miami Climate Week

The Resilience 365 Conference will catalyze action and innovation to build more resilient communities.

CORAL GABLES, FL. – February 26, 2025 – The University of Miami Climate Resilience Institute, in partnership with [Miami Climate 365](#) and Miami-Dade County will host the [Resilience 365 Conference: Catalytic Conversations for the Next 100 Years](#) on March 24-25 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lakeside Village Expo Center on the Coral Gables Campus (1280 Stanford Drive, Coral Gables, Florida 33146). This conference serves as the cornerstone of the inaugural Miami Climate Week, a series of community-wide events designed to spark conversation, action, and network building around resilience.

“Making our communities stronger in the face of shocks and stresses is an inherently interdisciplinary undertaking,” said Michael Berkowitz, executive director of the Climate Resilience Institute. “This conference will foster conversations between innovators and resilience builders from academia, government, civil society and the private sector, enabling us to develop real solutions to our most pressing challenges.

The Resilience 365 Conference will convene leaders in resilience, public policy, finance, science, tech innovation, and community engagement for two days of inspiring conversations and networking. Some featured speakers will include Rebecca Benner, managing director for climate programs at The Nature Conservancy; Henk Ovink, executive director for the Global Commission on the Economics of Water; Jane Gilbert, Miami-Dade County Chief Heat Officer; Daniella Levine Cava, Miami-Dade County Mayor; and Geoffrey Supran, professor of environmental science and policy and director of Climate Accountability Lab at the University of Miami. The event aims to seed collaborations and knowledge-sharing opportunities that will drive forward-thinking work and innovation to address the challenges ahead. As the University of Miami approaches its second century of academic and research leadership, the University is proud to host this gathering of thought leaders and community members in partnership with Miami-Dade County.

“We are thrilled to kick off the week with the support of the University of Miami Climate Resilience Institute,” said David Duckenfield, executive director of Miami Climate 365 and Miami Climate Week. “The [Resilience 365 Conference](#) provides a crucial foundation for this week-long series of events and activities across the county, which will explore collective actions and opportunities to create a more resilient future.”

“Miami-Dade is a future-ready community, in which we commit to protect people and properties from risks, and help them recover from disasters,” said Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava. “I’m proud that Miami-Dade is a global leader in resilience.



We join hands with Miami Climate Week and Resilience 365 to help us build a stronger, more adaptable economy focused on climate resilience and innovation, creating a future that can withstand challenges and thrive for generations."

Miami Climate Week is taking place from March 23-29, 2025 and will bring together residents, community organizations, business and civic leaders to communicate, collaborate on solutions for unique climate challenges facing South Florida. The week will feature community activations aimed at raising awareness, driving engagement, and showcasing advancements in climate action. For more information on how to get involved, visit www.MiamiClimate365.com

About Miami Climate 365

Miami Climate 365 (MC365), a year-round initiative dedicated to reimagining and elevating community-based climate action across Miami-Dade County. The outcome focused collaboration aims to drive a shared vision that addresses the effects of climate change throughout the County and engage residents directly in those efforts.

About University of Miami Climate Resilience Institute

The Climate Resilience Institute (CRI) supports the University of Miami's schools and colleges in interdisciplinary, problem-driven research and education to train the next generation and deliver solutions to climate change impacts and other environmental stressors, in partnership with industry, government, universities, and other stakeholders. The Institute was created to directly address interdisciplinary challenges and establish partnerships that capitalize on the University's collective expertise and applied research strengths to build a more resilient environment, society, and economy.

About Miami Climate Week

[Miami Climate Week](#) is the signature event of the Miami Climate 365 initiative, designed to inspire and mobilize community-driven climate action across Miami-Dade County. This annual event brings together leaders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, along with residents, to collaborate on innovative solutions to the region's most pressing climate challenges. Through engaging workshops and community activities, Miami Climate Week fosters cross-sectoral partnerships and builds a shared vision for a sustainable and resilient future. It underscores the commitment to year-round action and long-term impact.

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