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## Aspen Ideas: Climate Returns to Miami Beach in March 2024; Preview Event Today to Focus on Climate Solutions in Housing Policy

*The third Aspen Ideas: Climate is set to take place March 11-13, 2024 bringing together hundreds of inspiring leaders and innovators together to focus on solutions to the climate crisis.*

*Today from 11:30am, Aspen Ideas: Climate presents a discussion on the future of climate resilient housing and previews plans for 2024. Watch live [here](#).*

**Miami Beach, FL** – The Aspen Institute and the City of Miami Beach will today preview [Aspen Ideas: Climate](#) 2024 at a discussion taking place at the New World Center. With plans well underway for next year's three-day event in Miami Beach, Aspen Ideas: Climate has established itself as an essential solutions-focused convening that brings together leaders from policymaking, science, business, technology, art, education, food, journalism, and the public, to jointly tackle one of the most vital issues of our time.

The third Aspen Ideas: Climate will take place from March 11-13, 2024, with "Early Bird" tickets [on sale](#) from today until the end of 2023, and press registration [open now](#). The [Future Leaders Climate Summit](#) takes place from March 9-11, bringing together hundreds of the next generation of climate leaders to discuss policy, communications, advocacy, and individual action with climate and energy experts.

Today at 11:30am, a preview discussion at the New World Center will feature Miami Beach Mayor **Dan Gelber** and **Aspen Institute** President and CEO Dan Porterfield sharing updates on Aspen Ideas: Climate 2024, followed by a conversation on the future of climate resilient housing, with a specific focus on South Florida. Speakers include:

- **Alexis Pelosi**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Climate, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- **David Martin**, CEO, Terra Group
- **Josh Sawislak**, Managing Director, Sustainability and Climate Solutions, Deloitte Consulting LLP
- **Destini Smith**, Leadership Program Manager, Catalyst Miami & 2023 Aspen Institute Future Climate Leader
- **Alex Harris**, Lead Climate Change Reporter, *Miami Herald* (Moderating)

For those unable to attend in-person, a livestream will be available [here](#) and high quality footage will be available afterwards.

“Our third annual Aspen Ideas: Climate conference is just around the corner,” said Miami Beach Mayor **Dan Gelber**. We look forward to hosting once again this premier convening of problem solvers and doers who are eager to address the world’s significant climate challenges.”

“While many pressing issues demand the world’s attention, we cannot lose sight of the need to make meaningful progress to address climate change,” said **Dan Porterfield**, President and CEO of the Aspen Institute. “I continue to be inspired by the creativity and enthusiasm of countless individuals from all backgrounds, who come to Aspen Ideas: Climate with the shared goal of protecting our planet. This convening has established itself as an essential global forum for advancing solutions, and we look forward to returning to Miami Beach next year with the spirit of hope for what’s possible.”

Aspen Ideas: Climate 2024 will feature a dynamic combination of main stage events, breakouts, roundtables, excursions, and arts programming focused on mitigating and adapting to climate change. In 2024, programming will explore [five key themes](#): cutting edge climate technologies; innovative design; strategies and tools to finance a sustainable future; elevating grassroots strategies created by communities directly touched by the climate crisis; and narratives of change: captivating stories that inspire change from some of the most unanticipated sources. Speakers already confirmed include Former EPA Administrator **Gina McCarthy**, renowned climate scientist **Katharine Hayhoe**; and **Hilton Kelley**, Founder & Director of Community In-Power and Development Association Inc., and a leading figure in the battle for environmental justice on the Texas Gulf Coast.

The Future Leaders Climate Summit will also return, gathering a diverse group of 200 young leaders for three days ahead of Aspen Ideas: Climate to discuss policy, communications, advocacy, and individual action with climate and energy experts. Attendees will then remain in Miami Beach for Aspen Ideas: Climate. Last spring, Vice President Kamala Harris [hailed](#) the 2023 cohort of Future Climate Leaders, saying “you make me so excited because you’re going to leapfrog over all of this.”

Aspen Ideas: Climate will also host the Climate Innovation and Technology Expo, which will showcase startups, public and private companies demonstrating climate solutions, and accessible arts program. And, ahead of the main event’s opening on March 11, members of the media will be invited to attend a series of roundtable discussions to explore engaging and inclusive approaches towards reporting on the climate crisis.

The inaugural Aspen Ideas: Climate took place in May 2022, followed by a second in March 2023, with both making headlines and establishing the annual event as the premier convening for multigenerational, multi-sector leaders from around the world to engage on climate solutions. Aspen Ideas: Climate has previously hosted speakers such as **Vice President Kamala Harris**, **Gloria Estefan**, **Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi**, **Bill Nye**, **Al Roker**, **Reverend Lennox Yearwood**, and **Utah Congressman John Curtis**, among others, to represent a wide range of expertise across policy making, science, business, technology, art, education, food, journalism, and more. Watch a recap of 2023’s event [here](#).

As part of organizers’ commitment to sustainable programming, Aspen Ideas: Climate has partnered with ClimeCo to offset the event’s carbon emissions, funding greenhouse gas abatement projects in Florida. Aspen Ideas: Climate is supported by title sponsors John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, The Related Group, and the Jorge M. Pérez Family Foundation. Additional sponsors include Howard and Caroline Draft, Ami and Jack Glottman, Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau, Lennar Foundation, LSN Partners, Miami-Dade County, and the Miami Beach Visitor and Convention Authority.

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