

# FUTURE LEADERS CLIMATE SUMMIT

May 9 – 12, 2022  
Miami Beach, FL

# TRACKS

- **Plenary/Keynote Panels** – These discussions are moderated mainstage conversations featuring experts, executives, and other thought leaders.
- **Breakout Sessions & Workshops** – These interactive sessions will take place simultaneously giving participants the opportunity to select various workshops based on their interests in a setting of not more than 25 of their peers. Participants are encouraged to attend a variety of workshops from the different tracks offered below:

**Track A: Climate Science, Technology & Policy** – As the impacts of the global climate crisis continue to worsen with each coming year, it is crucial that policy, scientific, and technological adaptation and mitigation strategies are implemented. The workshops of this track will focus on current and future climate change-induced migration issues; climate change resilience in Miami; the role of high greenhouse gas (“GHG”) emission countries in climate change issues within lower emission countries, and their responsibility to aid in the adapt, mitigate and reduce their climate impact.

**Track B: Climate Justice & Equity** – The worst impacts of the global climate crisis have and continue to be borne by disabled, socioeconomically marginalized, and/or sexual minority communities. The workshops of this track will focus on disabled and LGBTQIA2s+ climate activism; how and why such communities are on the frontlines of climate change; how to formulate and implement equitable and ethical climate change solutions; the impacts of climate change upon disabled, socioeconomically marginalized, and LGBTQIA2s+ communities; the relationship of colonialism and ecological conservation initiatives.

**Track C: Climate Communications: Changing the Narrative** – Despite the global scale and impacts of the current climate crisis, conveying the seriousness of climate change, collective responsibility to adapt, mitigate, and reduce human impacts upon the environment has never been an easy task. Inciting people to partake in consistent pro-climate measures for the long-term has also proven to be a difficult undertaking. The workshops in this track will focus on climate communication skills, climate change media, and storytelling.

**Track D: Leading with Purpose: Climate Leaders** – Advancements in moving toward a pro-climate future, whether they be changes to one’s habits or the enactment of comprehensive climate change legislation and policies, are often the result of public activism. This workshop track will focus on climate change advocacy; development and fundraising of pro-climate initiatives; forms of civic engagement regarding climate change; the political and systemic influence of the public regarding climate change.

## DAY ONE: Monday, May 9

*Note: Aspen Ideas: Climate is hosting several events and activities taking place throughout the day and you are welcome to attend as part of your Future Leaders Climate Summit experience. For a complete list of these activities, please visit the [Aspen Ideas: Climate Schedule](#).*

**9:45 AM-12:00 PM**

### **Miami Beach Resilience Tour**

Guided tour of mitigation and adaptation efforts in Miami Beach. The tour will start in South Pointe Park and continue to Sunset Harbour, the blueprint neighborhood for sea-level rise adaptation. Limited capacity. Meet outside the front entrance of the Miami Beach Convention Center on Convention Center Drive to board the bus. The bus will depart at 9:45 a.m. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. Sunscreen, a hat, and drinking water suggested.

**10:00 AM – 9:00 PM**

### **Check-in/Registration Opens**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby*

**1:00 – 4:00 PM**

### **University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science**

A guided tour of the Alfred C. Gassell, Jr. SUSTAIN Laboratory wind-wave tank which can generate Category 5 hurricane force winds and the Coral Futures Lab at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. Meet outside the front entrance of the Miami Beach Convention Center on Convention Center Drive to board the bus. The bus will depart at 1:00 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. Sunscreen and drinking water suggested.

**1:15 – 5:00 PM**

### **Aspen Ideas: Climate Special Event - Powering A Floating City**

*Buses depart Miami Beach Convention Center at 1:15 pm. Buses return at 5pm.*

In the quest to decarbonize the maritime industry by 2050 and reduce local air pollution, cruise ships, major cruise ports, and local power companies are collaborating to invest in shore power systems that allow cruise ships and other vessels to “plug in” and turn off their engines while in port. The partnership of Miami-Dade County, Florida Power and Light, and six leading cruise companies is a shining example of the logistics, funding, and technologies that connect these floating cities and the local grid systems of port communities, ensuring a true “well-to-wake” emissions reduction.

**5:30 – 7:00 PM**

### **Aspen Ideas: Climate Opening Plenary**

*New World Center, New World Symphony Hall*

It's opening night. NBC's weather icon Al Roker shares his thoughts on this climate moment. Two leading thinkers lay out a blueprint for saving the planet. How we can cut the bickering and cut methane. A top researcher provides a data-rich reality check on emissions goals. Nancy Pelosi lays out Congress' climate priorities.

7:00 – 8:30 PM

**Aspen Ideas: Climate Opening Reception**

*Miami Beach Botanical Garden*

## DAY TWO: Tuesday, May 10

*All sessions of the Summit will take place at the Miami Beach Convention Center, unless noted otherwise.*

10:00 AM – 7:30 PM

**Information Desk and Registration Open**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Lobby*

8:30 AM

**Doors Open, Breakfast Begins**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista D*

9:00 AM

**Keynote Welcome Speaker:** U.S. Representative Kathy Castor, D-FL 14th District

**Plenary - Taking it to the Streets: Local Focus on Miami Beach's Journey to Climate Resiliency for All**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista D*

When certain effects of climate change, such as sea level rise, increasingly destructive storms and wildfires, desertification, and increased air pollution levels are discussed, they are often framed as a likely future outcome rather than a current reality for many communities in ecologically and socially-vulnerable areas. However, as the effects of climate change have intensified over the past few decades, communities comprised of marginalized socioeconomic groups have borne the brunt of such effects, as a result of various types of discrimination. In this plenary, the speakers, all of whose environmental work is based in Florida communities on the front lines of climate change, will discuss how historic and current socioeconomic marginalization has created environmentally unjust conditions in such communities, and use the current realities of these communities to underscore the pressing need to work against environmental injustice in and outside of Florida.

Speakers:

**Caroline Lewis**, The CLEO Institute

**Nkosi Muse**, PhD Candidate, Rosenstiel School for Marine and Atmospheric Sciences at University of Miami & Marginalized/Vulnerable Communities Advocate, City of Miami Climate Resilience Committee

Moderator:

**Delta Flores**, Student Reporter, PBS NewsHours Student Reporting Labs

9:45 – 11:00 AM

**Concurrent Workshops I**

## Deploying Solutions to Scale: Climate Technology of the Future

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 214*

In the global race to mitigate the worst impacts of climate change, various legislative, nature-based and technological strategies have been proposed as solutions. Technological means of addressing climate change in particular, also known as “climate tech”, have garnered much interest in recent years. This workshop will focus on up-and-coming climate tech, the development and scaling processes of such technologies, development, funding, and implementation challenges and successes, and the projected viability of climate tech in the global race against climate change.

Speakers:

**Chante Harris**, Director, Climate Investment & Partnerships, SecondMuse

**Danielle Harris**, Managing Director, Engagement & Innovation, Elemental Excelsior

**Sophie Purdom**, Principal, C6 Solutions; Co-founder, Climate Tech VC

**Riddhima Yadav**, Head of Strategy, Sustainable Investing, Goldman Sachs

## At the Center: Climate Change and Marginalized Communities

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 215*

The current global climate crisis has resulted in progressively negative impacts upon ecological resources and the members of human societies. Many solutions to the global climate crisis have been proposed, and many of them have been implemented and refined over time. However, many of these solutions do not consider the current and projected future economic, environmental, and social realities of certain marginalized communities, such as women, BIPOC, low-income, people with disabilities and members of the LGBTQIA2s+ communities, to name a few. Marginalized communities face a unique set of accessibility, economic, social and environmental factors such as homelessness, poverty and violence, and are particularly affected by climate change-induced migration, and difficulties or exclusion from accessing emergency disaster relief and other resources needed to survive a warming planet. In this workshop, representatives from various marginalized communities will discuss the connection between societal marginalization and the impact of climate change; the ways in which current and proposed climate change solutions fail to address the needs of marginalized communities; the most impactful factors upon access/lack of access to resources needed to cope with the continuous effects of climate change; and personal experiences with navigating climate change issues and/or activist spaces as a person belonging to marginalized communities. They will also discuss how people within and outside of these communities can advocate for equitable, inclusive and effective climate change solutions and how to center the voices and work of women, disabled people, and LGBTQIA2s+ people.

Speakers:

**Catherine Flowers**, Founder, Center for Rural Enterprise and Environmental Justice

**Caressa Nguyen**, Co-founder, Sacred Lands, Native Hands

### **Influence Through Alternative Media (Presented by YouTube)**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 222*

Climate change is a tough topic. There is a deep divide between those who believe it is happening and those who do not, and there are many people in the middle who have no idea where to begin with their opinion. Education is key to bridging this divide and getting people to care about their impact on the planet. People need more information beyond a headline; they need communicators who will present the science in an interesting, engaging, and non-threatening way. With the rise of social media, science communicators now have the opportunity to meet people where they are and engage them on the toughest topics in a low-pressure environment. Many people have turned to alternative media such as social media and video streaming to learn more about topics they previously would have learned about through traditional media outlets or formal education settings. How are scientists and communicators harnessing the power of alternative media to get people interested in climate action, and what direction is this movement heading? In this workshop, the speakers will discuss their work in engaging the public on climate change and related issues. These speakers are successful scientists, science communicators, activists, and environmentalists who have gained substantial followings on various alternative media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube. Attendees will participate in an interactive activity led by the speakers.

Speakers:

**Dr. Joe Hanson**, Creator, BeSmart (YouTube); Host, It's Okay to Be Smart (PBS Digital Studios)

**Daniela Hernandez Guerrero**, Content Partnerships, Climate Change and Sustainability, YouTube

**Dr. Peter Neff**, Assistant Research Professor, Department of Soil, Water and Climate, University of Minnesota; Creator (Instagram and TikTok)

### **Innovated by Passion: Alternative Solutions to Climate Change**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 223*

When it comes to developing and implementing solutions to address various aspects of the global climate crisis, we often turn to experts in the fields of climate change activism, science, science communications, and sustainability. While expertise from persons in such fields has enabled us to address various aspects of the global climate crisis, there are many instances in which individuals outside of the science and policy fields can develop and implement their own pro-climate solutions successfully. The speakers of this workshop will provide an overview of the pro-climate solutions they developed and implemented within their respective fields outside of

traditional environmental spaces, as well as discuss the process by which they developed such solutions and the impact of their pro-climate solutions.

Speakers:

**Esethu Cenga**, CEO and Co-founder, Rewoven; Co-founder, Future of Fashion Indaba

**Daniel Kleinman**, Founder and CEO, Seaworthy Collective

**Joan Salwen**, CEO, Blue Ocean Barns

**11:00 – 11:15 AM**

**Networking Break**

**11:15 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Concurrent Workshops II**

### **Assessing Risk: Preparing Communities and Local Governments for the Impacts of Climate Change**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 222*

As ecosystems are devastated by frequent droughts, wildfires, flooding, and other types of natural disasters, it is inevitable that groups of displaced people will need to move elsewhere as a means of safety and survival. However, in the United States, the likely future of mass climate migration stemming from devastated areas of the country is not discussed often, nor are many towns and cities in areas that are thought to be more climatically stable prepared for increases in population size and resource use.

Speakers:

**Sharon Burke**, Founder and President, Ecospherics

**Toddi Steelman**, Dean, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University

**Ellie White**, Senior Associate, Carbon-Free Buildings Program, RMI

Moderator:

**Calli Obern**, Research Fellow, Ecospherics

### **Ethics, Equity, and the Domestic Clean Energy Transition**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 214*

In a world stratified by racial and economic differences, how can humanity ensure that its transition to clean energy sources as a climate change strategy is equitable in terms of distribution and access to clean energy infrastructures, and ethical in terms of ecological impact and financial feasibility? In this workshop, the speakers will explore and discuss the structural obstacles to implementing ethical and equitable strategies to attain a domestic/global clean energy future, how to navigate such obstacles and maintain ethical and equitable standards, personal successes from working towards a clean energy future in an ethical and equitable manner and related insights.

Speakers:

**Miranda Ballentine**, CEO, Clean Energy Buyers Alliance

**Mateo Jaramillo**, Co-founder and CEO, Form Energy, Inc.

**Steph Speirs**, Co-founder and CEO, Solstice

Moderator:

**Sumedha Rao**, Sustainability Specialist, Louisville Metro Government

### **The Great Climate Debate (Presented by The Better Arguments Project)**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 215*

United States politics feel intensely divided. Polarization in America is not new and has been building for decades, but the divide has reached new urgency, as issues ranging from the coronavirus response to reproductive rights to racial justice have wedged Americans further apart. And climate issues are no exception to this overall trend. Not only are there huge gulfs in the public's perception of the very existence of climate change, but agreement on potential responses remains difficult to find, with issues such carbon taxes, nuclear energy investment, and the economic viability of renewable energy, to name a few examples, continuing to split opinion. To forge a pathway for a sustainable future, public engagement must be broad, underrepresented voices need to be heard, and divergent opinions should be brought together to exchange ideas. If the climate discourse is inclusive, constructive, and empathetic, substantive reform remains possible.

That's where the Better Arguments Project comes in. The Better Arguments Project, a collaboration between the Aspen Institute's Citizenship and American Identity Program, Allstate, and Facing History & Ourselves, is designed to foster more constructive engagement across differences of opinion and posits that Americans need better - not fewer - arguments. In this workshop, participants will learn the framework of a "better argument," how such a framework can be applied to conversations regarding climate change and potential responses, and how citizens from around the United States are engaging with the "better arguments" framework to bring people together. Through interactive conversation scenarios, participants will practice the "better argument" framework and identify how the approach can create positive change in their communities.

Speakers:

**Olivia Franke**, Conversation Programs Coordinator

**Erik Gross**, Program Associate, Citizenship and American Identities Program, Aspen Institute

### **Lessons in Leadership: A Conversation with Antonio Gracias**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 223*

Antonio Gracias is the Founder, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer of Valor Equity Partners. Antonio has over 25 years of experience in private equity investing. He also is a highly successful business leader and

entrepreneur. Among his achievements, Antonio was the earliest institutional investor in Tesla and served as a Director of the company from 2007 to 2021. During his tenure, Antonio helped take Tesla public and served as Lead Independent Director for eight years. He is also a Director of several Valor portfolio companies, including Space Exploration Technologies. Antonio's ability to identify and invest in disruptive and high growth companies has a long history dating to his early 20s. He first acquired a plating company in the 1990s, building it into one of the largest connector contract manufacturing companies serving the technology industry. It was during these formative years that Antonio and his team developed the skills that led to Valor, which is recognized for its operational value add and support of high growth, technology enabled companies. Over its history, Valor has been privileged to serve some of the world's greatest entrepreneurs and companies. Today, they work side by side, shoulder to shoulder, to help grow the operations of great companies that are making the world a better place.

Speaker:

**Antonio Gracias**, Founder, CEO, Chief Investment Officer, Valor Equity Partners

**12:30 – 1:30 PM**

### **Lunch Plenary**

**Welcome Remarks:** Mayor Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor of Miami-Dade County

### **The Green Talent Gap: Building a Sustainable Pipeline**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista D*

More people are adding “green skills” to their resumes, but not enough to satisfy the soaring demand in the fight against climate change. During this plenary, the speakers will discuss the types of roles and jobs that these companies might be in the market for in the next five to ten years. They will also discuss what approaches their organizations and as well as across industries are doing to center diversity, equity, and inclusion in the environmental and energy sectors.

Speakers:

**Kara Hurst**, Head of Worldwide Sustainability, Amazon

**Madeline Pumariega**, President, Miami-Dade College

**Yasmeen Shaheen-McConnell**, Senior Advisor for Strategic Partnerships, AmeriCorps

Moderator:

**Andrés Jimenez**, Executive Director, Green 2.0

**1:30 - 2:00 PM**

**Break**

**2:00 PM**

**Afternoon at Aspen Ideas: Climate**

7:30 - 9:30 PM

**Future Leaders Climate Summit Dinner & Open Mic Night**

*Miami Beach Botanical Garden*

## DAY THREE: Wednesday, May 11

*All sessions of the Summit will take place at the Miami Beach Convention Center, unless noted otherwise.*

8:30 AM

**Doors Open, Breakfast Begins**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista D*

9:00 AM

**Plenary - Cutting Through the Green Tape**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista D*

Development and implementation of climate change legislation and policies are some of the most important means by which the climate crisis can be mitigated in terms of severity. However, it is often unclear what is within the jurisdiction of state and federal policymakers when developing such legislation for the public and private sectors. In this plenary, the speakers will discuss the current processes of creating public and private sector climate change legislation at the state and federal levels, current legal challenges (e.g., pre-existing legal loopholes and sector resistance), and the level to which such legislation and policies can successfully change public and private sector environmental practices. The speakers will also discuss potential means of utilizing pre-existing governmental tools and resources to address climate change.

Speakers:

**Amy Knowles**, Chief Resilience Officer, City of Miami Beach

**Mayor Jon Mitchell**, Mayor of New Bedford, Massachusetts

**Reverend Lennox Yearwood, Jr.**, Founder and President, Hip Hop Caucus

Moderator:

**Greg Gershuny**, Executive Director, Energy & Environment Program, Aspen Institute

9:45 – 11:00 AM

## Concurrent Workshops III

### Demystifying the Clean Energy Transition: An Overview

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 214*

“The future is clean energy”. This statement reflects a broad consensus amongst those concerned about climate change. Yet, many are often frustrated at the pace of the global clean energy transition, particularly in light of the ongoing and devastating impacts of climate change in recent years. What factors prevent the immediate switch to clean energy today? In this workshop, the speaker will provide an introductory overview of the global clean energy transition with a focus on the contemporary history of clean energy, the current state and projected future of the clean energy transition, key energy sector concepts, and the economic and technological factors impacting the rate of the global clean energy transition.

Speaker:

**Melissa Lott**, Director of Research, Center on Global Energy Policy, Columbia Center on Global Energy Policy

### Environmental Justice vs. Climate Justice

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 215*

“Definitions anchor us in principles ... If we don’t do the basic work of defining the kind of people we want to be in language that is stable and consistent, we can’t work towards stable, consistent goals.” (Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to be an Antiracist*)

What do the terms environmental justice and climate justice mean and how do these factor into climate action? According to the NAACP, race is the number one indicator for the placement of polluting facilities – facilities that emit carbon dioxide and methane, which are the number one and two drivers, respectively, of climate change – in this country. This workshop will call into question colonialism and the structures responsible for climate change, examine the intersectionality between civil rights and climate change, and the implications of climate/environmental justice on an international scale.

Speakers:

**Zelalem Adefris**, Vice President of Policy & Advocacy, Catalyst Miami

**Isabelle Leighton**, Interim Executive Director and Deputy Director for Membership and Growth, Donors of Color Network

Moderator:

**Faith Edem**, Economic Advisor, Environment and Climate Change Canada

**Science of What Makes People Care**  
**(Presented by University of Florida Center for Public Interest Communications)**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 222*

Research shows that merely providing people with more information and data won't increase their understanding or agency. Each of the six imperatives in this framework provides science communicators skills rooted in research and theory. Participants learn why people make decisions based on gut feelings, why and when they avoid information, how different emotions can invoke different behaviors, the importance of visual language, and more.

Speakers:

**Natalie Asorey**, Lecturer, Department of Public Relations, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications; Strategist, Center for Public Interest Communications, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications

**Matt Sheehan**, Managing Director, Center for Public Interest Communications and Senior Lecturer, Department of Journalism and Communications, University of Florida

**Generation Dread: Managing EcoAnxiety**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 223*

For those attuned to and experiencing the negative consequences of climate change, such experiences can contribute to the development of poor mental health states or exacerbate pre-existing mental health conditions. In this workshop, the speaker will provide an overview of the connection between climate change and mental health conditions (e.g., anxiety, depression, and PTSD), discuss the impacts of climate change upon various social groups, strategies to address such impacts upon mental health on an individual level and in group/communal settings, and how to turn such impacts into climate action. Q&A will follow this workshop discussion.

Speaker:

**Dr. Britt Wray**, Author; Human and Planetary Health Postdoctoral Fellow, Stanford Center for Innovation in Global Health, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment and London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

**11:00 – 11:15 AM**

**Networking Break**

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

## Concurrent Workshops IV

### Inner Transformation to Build Climate Resilience

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 215*

The focus of this session is on how young people working with local communities can plan on-the-ground climate interventions with climate resilient agriculture and climate adaptation given a social idea or a project they are passionate about. The session will end with a guided meditation and inner transformation visioning process on how to work on your social idea and connect with your inner thoughts.

Speaker:

**Ruchi Jain**, Founder, Taru Naturals

### The Art of Storytelling

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 223*

We've all heard it before – “we must reduce emissions”, “we have to prevent temperature increases above 2° Celsius”, “humans are destroying the planet”, “climate change is a hoax”, etc. At this point in the global climate crisis, such narratives tend to have very little effect due to repetition in the public sphere and the doom and gloom rhetoric. However, there is a way to craft narratives that speak to the reality of the climate crisis and move the audiences to get involved in climate action. In this workshop, the speaker will share their experience with climate storytelling and discuss the key components of creating an engaging climate story narrative, especially to target audiences that may be indifferent or disinterested in the climate crisis.

Speaker:

**Tyler Steinhardt**, Vice President, Business Development & Partnerships, Pique Action

### Rise of the Youth Climate Council

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 214*

Within the past decade, a growing number of youth climate councils have been established in various cities across the globe, as well as within national and international organizations. Such councils provide youth and young adult climate activists and advocates with the opportunity to engage with their elected government and/or the leaders of organizations, and provide input and guidance with the development and implementation of pro-climate and sustainability policies. In this workshop, the speakers will discuss their motivations for forming the councils, the impact of youth and young adult input on their climate and sustainability policies upon their respective organizations, and their future plans for collaboration with their youth climate councils.

Speakers:

**Marina Anderson**, Administrator, Organized Village of Kasaan  
**Mark Haver**, Regional Representative for North America, Sustainable Ocean Alliance  
**Samuel Schimmel**, Operation Fish Drop

**Climate Mobilization: Meeting with Policymakers and Influentials**  
**(Presented by University of Florida Center for Public Interest Communications)**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 2nd Floor – Room 222*

What is advocacy? What is its role in influencing decisions within political, economic, and social systems and institutions? Can advocacy really increase organizational capacity and impact, and create lasting, systemic change? In this workshop, you'll learn to hold successful meetings with policymakers, influencers, funders and journalists. Apply techniques for building their curiosity, helping them understand the value of your work and setting the foundation for a lasting, positive relationship and using your voice for effective change.

Speakers:

**Natalie Asorey**, Lecturer, Department of Public Relations, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications; Strategist, Center for Public Interest Communications, University of Florida College of Journalism and Communications

**Lisa Fitzpatrick**, Duluth Climate Mobilization; Creative Visualization Lab Manager, University of Minnesota

**Matt Sheehan**, Managing Director, Center for Public Interest Communications and Senior Lecturer, Department of Journalism and Communications, University of Florida

**12:30 – 1:30 PM**

**Lunch Plenary**

**Welcome Remarks:** Daniel R. Porterfield, President & CEO, Aspen Institute

**Building Momentum: A Focus on Emerging Leaders**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista D*

Within the past decade, the youth climate movement has increased in size and in prominence at the national and international levels. This is in part due to the recognition of the work done by well-known, young activists to highlight various pressing climate issues and the need for immediate action. In this plenary, the speakers will discuss the most important lessons that they have learned regarding climate advocacy and engagement with either prominent leaders or the public, and how such lessons can not only inform their future activism efforts, but those of the youth climate movement as a whole.

Speakers:

**Jacob Ali-Wertheimer**, Activist  
**Faith Edem**, Economic Advisor, Environment and Climate Change Canada  
**Vanessa Garcia Polanco**, Federal Policy Director, National Young Farmers Coalition  
**Sagatom Saha**, Special Advisor, Office of the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate

Moderator:  
**Louis Aguirre**, Anchor, WPLG

**1:30 - 2:00 PM**                    **Break**  
**2:00 PM**                         **Afternoon at Aspen Ideas: Climate**  
**Evening**                         **A Night In Miami Beach (*On Your Own*)**

## DAY FOUR: Thursday, May 12

*All sessions of the Summit will take place at the Miami Beach Convention Center, unless noted otherwise.*

**8:30 AM**                         **Doors Open, Breakfast Begins**  
*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista D*

**9:30 – 10:30 AM**             **A Call to Action: Reflections on the Way Forward**

A goal of the Summit is to inspire future leaders to develop solutions and introduce new strategies for action on climate change. During this culminating plenary, future leaders will learn how they can embrace their ideas, inspire action and most importantly, implement change.

### *The Aspen Seminar Experience*

For 70 years the Aspen Executive Seminar on Leadership, Values, and the Good Society has challenged participants in every field to achieve meaningful leadership growth through a critical examination of their core values. The Aspen Executive Seminar is an invitation for every leader to answer the question ‘How do I lead well and live justly in a good society? Before departing, the Future Leaders will have the opportunity to engage in a brief seminar experience designed to provoke reflection of their week in Miami Beach and what they want to do differently as they move forward.

**Call to Action:** Mayor Dan Gelber, Mayor of City of Miami Beach

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Aspen Ideas: Climate Closing Plenary**

*Miami Beach Conventions Center, 4th Floor – Sunset Vista A*