

# USF's Sarasota-Manatee Campus to Host Climate Conference

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Tickets for the Climate Adaptation Center's 2023 Annual Climate Conference on the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee campus are on sale.

The conference, which takes place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9 in the Selby Auditorium, will focus on topics especially relevant to living in Florida: The threats posed by rising global temperatures, rising seas and extreme weather events; and how climate action can stimulate the climate economy.

The conference, which is co-sponsored by USF's Sarasota-Manatee campus, will feature presentations and discussion by acclaimed CAC scientists, academic experts, business leaders and government officials.

"Conference attendees will learn about the threat we face and the pathways to action in an engaging inclusive day designed to move our area forward with adaptation and mitigation strategies to protect the Florida way of life," said Bob Bunting, CEO of the CAC.

The conference will include a light breakfast before the morning session, “The Triple Threat of Water in a Warming Climate.” The three threats are directly related to rising global temperatures and rising sea levels; bigger storm surges on top of rising sea levels; and a rising number of extreme precipitation and flooding events.

A catered lunch will be followed by the afternoon session, “The Emergence of the Climate Economy.” It will feature speakers and panelists who will provide an understanding of how climate action can drive sound economic and growth objectives for the Suncoast. Discussion will include how academia can stimulate the climate economy through entrepreneurship and innovation; how governments can stimulate the climate economy; how the private sector can stimulate the climate economy; and the role philanthropy plays in stimulating the climate economy.

Conference title sponsors are the Charles and Margery Barancik Foundation and Tommy’s Express Carwash. Other co-sponsors include Sarasota Magazine, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Climate First Bank, Best Weather Inc., Cumberland Advisors and Triangle Ranch.

Tax deductible memberships to the CAC can be purchased online and guarantee free tickets and preferred seating at the conference, as well as other CAC events. To ensure you will have tickets, [become a member of the CAC](#).

Other tickets are on sale on a first come, first served basis.

The Climate Adaptation Center, Inc. (CAC), founded in 2019, is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization headquartered in Sarasota. Its mission is to bridge the gap between the latest scientific research and the public’s understanding of the changing climate and how it impacts where the public lives.

To purchase tickets and for other information, visit [the CAC website](#).

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