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**MAYORS GIMENEZ, REGALADO, AND LEVINE AND 100  
RESILIENT CITIES – PIONEERED BY THE ROCKEFELLER  
FOUNDATION HOST WORKSHOP TO LAUNCH ‘RESILIENT  
GREATER MIAMI AND THE BEACHES’**

*Greater Miami and the Beaches Begin Urban Resilience-Building Process  
by Convening Key Stakeholders from Government, the Private Sector,  
NGOs, Civil Society Groups, and 100RC Staff*

**MIAMI** – Today, Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez, Miami Mayor Tomás P. Regalado, and Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine, in partnership with [100 Resilient Cities - Pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation \(100RC\)](#), kicked off the Greater Miami and the Beaches’ (“Greater Miami”) Agenda-Setting Workshop, designed to guide the development of a long-term, comprehensive resilience strategy for the region. A diverse set of stakeholders from across government, business, and the civic community – and led by Miami-Dade [Chief Resilience Officer \(CRO\)](#) James Murley and Miami Beach CRO Susanne Torriente – came together as part of the planning process to address significant challenges facing the region, including: sea level rise, the spread of the Zika virus, coastal flooding, and aging infrastructure. The workshop will lay the groundwork to create the Greater Miami “Resilience Strategy” in the coming year and will involve outreach to and coordination with the other 32 municipalities in the region.

The City of Miami will also soon appoint its own CRO to work jointly with Miami-Dade CRO Murley and Miami Beach CRO Torriente. Together, these CROs will lead their cities’ resilience efforts and continue to engage city stakeholders, resilience experts, and 100RC staff in tackling Greater Miami and the Beaches’ toughest challenges.



“Miami-Dade County is committed to working with our local partners to build a more resilient community for all Miamians – current and future generations,” said **Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez**. “I am confident that by working together, we will develop a resilience strategy that will allow us to respond and adapt to our community’s most pressing needs, and leave our children and grandchildren with an even stronger Miami-Dade than we have now.”

“The City of Miami has established an Office of Resilience and Sustainability that will be under the leadership of the CRO. We are committed to working with our partners in developing a Resilience Strategy for the region, to address our unique shocks and stresses,” said **City of Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado**.

“Because Miami Beach has been feeling the effects of the rising ocean for many years, we have been at the forefront of building a resilient city,” said **Mayor of Miami Beach Philip Levine**. “I look forward to working with our partners, Mayors Gimenez and Regalado, along with 100 Resilient Cities to develop innovative practices that will allow us to continue being leaders in combatting sea-level rise and the consequences of climate change, which extends into all aspects of future planning for Miami Beach.”

“Greater Miami and the Beaches are helping to fuel global momentum around building urban resilience and leading by example,” said **100RC President Michael Berkowitz**. “The Agenda-Setting Workshop will help clarify the region’s vulnerabilities, surface innovative thinking, and give us a blueprint for engaging partners from across city sectors to bring the tools and resources they need to become more resilient.”

“City governments are on the front line of dealing with society’s toughest challenges,” said **Rockefeller Foundation Chief Operating Officer Peter Madonia**. “Greater Miami and the Beaches are part of a group of cities leading resilience-building efforts to better prepare, withstand, and recover when disruption hits. This type of inclusive resilience planning makes cities better prepared for the unexpected, and ready to take advantage of the ‘resilience dividend,’ the economic and competitive advantages that come from preparing for 21<sup>st</sup>-century challenges. Greater Miami’s commitment to resilience planning will set a global example.”

“This regional effort under 100 Resilient Cities marks a significant milestone for Greater Miami,” said **Javier Alberto Soto, president and CEO of The Miami Foundation**. “Sea-level rise, transportation, public infrastructure, and all civic issues give us



opportunities to unite and innovate solutions that improve quality of life for all residents. Miami-Dade County and the cities of Miami and Miami Beach have shown how vital it is that we collaborate to realize Greater Miami’s robust future.”

Coordinated in partnership with The Miami Foundation, Greater Miami applied for and was welcomed into the 100RC Network as part of the third and final cohort of member cities in May, joining cities like London, New York, Bangkok, and Rio de Janeiro. Through the partnership, Greater Miami now has access to nearly 100 100RC Platform Partners in the private, public, academic, and nonprofit sectors who offer tools and services valued at over \$200 million – at no direct cost to the region – in areas such as innovative finance, technology, infrastructure, land use, and community and social resilience.

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### **About 100 Resilient Cities**

[100 Resilient Cities](#) (100RC), pioneered by The Rockefeller Foundation, helps cities around the world become more resilient to social, economic, and physical challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century. 100RC provides this assistance through: funding for a Chief Resilience Officer in each city who will lead the resilience efforts; resources for drafting a Resilience Strategy; access to private sector, public sector, academic, and NGO resilience tools; and membership in a global network of peer cities to share best practices and challenges. 100RC currently has 100 member cities.