**Climate Action Update: Science and Environment Council of Southwest Florida**

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The Science and Environment Council is a non-profit consortium of 30 leading science based environmental organizations working in Sarasota and Manatee Counties, Florida. Our mission is to increase science-based understanding, conservation and restoration through collaboration and public engagement. The Council and its members are involved in a variety of efforts to advance education and action on climate change. These include regular public lectures on the science of climate change, climate ambassador trainings, and student engagement on climate science and communication. Several organizations have implemented climate ready campus master plans, others are completing vulnerability assessments of their program goals and assets to prepare for adaptation planning. An ad hoc group is meeting to discuss the formation of an independent Climate Council of experts and practitioners to help inform and coordinate regional action on climate change to support education and outreach, projects, planning, and policy.