



SUBTROPICAL CITIES 2011

Fort Lauderdale Legacy Project



**FAU Higher Education Center
1110 Board of Trustees Room
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Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301**

**Friday, March 11, 2011
9 am to 12 pm**

The upcoming Subtropical Cities 2011: Subtropical Urbanism Beyond Climate Change, March 8 -11, Florida Atlantic University, Fort Lauderdale, Florida will offer a unique opportunity for local elected officials and citizens to learn from and interact with the international speakers and attendees at the conference. Conference organizers, the Broward Design Collaborative in the School of Design and Social Inquiry, FAU and the Centre for Subtropical Design, Queensland University of Technology, have set aside one half day of the conference to focus on the upcoming City of Fort Lauderdale Visioning process in commemoration of the City's centennial.

The Mayor and City Commission have appointed a Visioning Advisory Committee and are in the process of selecting a nationally recognized consultant team to assist in managing the process. The unique convergence of the Subtropical Cities conference and the kick off of the visioning process creates an opportunity for the conference to provide an added value investment to the host community. Often referred to as "Legacy projects" the goal is to apply the skill sets of the international attendees, along with interaction with local experts and citizens, and thereby leave behind a discreet report that provides perspectives and recommendations that can be considered at the City's Visioning process proceeds after the conclusion of the conference.

Actions anticipated as part of the Conference's Legacy Project include the following;

1. Briefing of key city officials and the Visioning Committee concerning the conference.
2. Securing an internationally recognized plenary speaker for the Legacy workshop.
3. Assemble a panel of conference and local experts who will respond to the plenary speech and provide additional perspectives.
4. Preparation of a Legacy Workshop Report for future reference.

Examples of issues that may be discussed include;

1. How do tropical cities adapt to climate change in the next 100 years?
2. What makes Subtropical cities unique around the world and how can they learn from each other?
3. How can you best engage citizens in long range visioning processes?
4. How can cities continue to be attractive places to work, live and still attract tourists?
5. How can educational institutions provide information and leadership to subtropical cities?

Speakers and panelists at the Subtropical Cities 2011 Legacy Workshop include:

1. Ken Yaeng, Malaysia (local moderator)
2. Bernard Zyscovich, Miami (global moderator)
3. Greg Stuart, Nancy Gassman, and Bob Swindell (local subject experts)
4. Len Berry, John Garra, Doug Smith and Tim Hernandez (local professional respondents)