DESIGN MATTERS CONFERENCE

The Design Matters Conference presented by the Association of Architecture Organizations is the world's only dedicated annual meeting that seeks to bring top designers, journalists and civic leaders into exploratory dialogue with those not-for-profit professionals and volunteers charged with creating cultural programs (exhibitions, tours, lectures and symposia, festivals and films, youth outreach) to spur broader public interest in architecture and design. If you're involved with a not-for-profit architectural, design or educational institution, come join your peers at the Design Matters Conference and enjoy 2.5 days of workshops, presentations, tours and networking events.

ABOUT AAO

The Association of Architecture Organizations (AAO) is a member-based network connecting the many organizations around the world dedicated to enhancing public dialogue about architecture and design. We organize workshops and the annual Design Matters Conference, support the creation of new architectural organizations, manage communications networks for our members and serve as an advocate and media resource.

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MIAMI RISING

Miami is growing at a breakneck pace. At this year’s Conference, we will explore how design matters in public life by investigating Miami’s evolving leadership in four critical areas: Cultural Diversity, Resiliency, Placemaking and Design. From Art Basel to the monthly festivals in Little Havana, from the proposed Underline to the flood pumping stations now dotting the streets of Miami Beach, it’s a period of great experimentation in Miami and expansive thinking about its built environment.

Join us for 2.5 days of workshops, tours, panels, presentations, and networking events, bringing together architecture center leaders with top designers, journalists, politicians and community advocates.

OPENING ADDRESS: MIAMI RISING

MANNY DIAZ
Former Mayor of Miami (2001–2009)
Attendees will be given an insider’s orientation to Miami, tracing recent developments that have the city moving to a strong leadership position.

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CULTURAL DIVERSITY
In this famed Gateway City to Latin American and the Caribbean, see how Miami cultural institutions engage visitors of diverse backgrounds to foster a sense of both individual and collective identity.

RESILIENCY
Florida is the lowest lying state in the US and a poster child for climate change. Learn how the City of Miami Beach is pioneering an integrated, multidisciplinary approach to managing sea level rise.

PLACEMAKING
We discover what’s driving the research and grantmaking decisions by foundations making notable investments to improve the built environment.

DESIGN
From Art Basel to Zaha Hadid, Miami hasn’t just become an art city, it’s become a full-fledged design capital. We explore some of the new showstoppers and the timeless neighborhood gems.

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