

CONVERGENT SEA LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION FOR URBAN AND RURAL SYSTEMS IN THE GULF OF MEXICO



Hardeep Anand

With over 25 years of experience in both the public and private sectors, Hardeep Anand has a reputation for exceptional performance and innovative improvements in integrated water resources management and planning. He currently serves as the Director of One Water Strategy for Miami-Dade County, where he works to break down silos in water management and foster a collaborative approach to protect drinking water, rivers, canals, and Biscayne Bay. Previously, as WASD's Deputy Director, he oversaw a \$7.5 billion infrastructure program and earned recognition for the utility as a "Utility of the Future Today". He has championed the "One Water" concept and advocated for water governance across watersheds. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering and Master's in Environmental Engineering and Management of Information Systems.



Kilan C. Ashad-Bishop

Dr. Ashad-Bishop is a biomedical scientist and advocate for inclusion who has carved her niche at the intersection of science, health, and social change. Her current research seeks to understand the intersectional ways that communities are rendered vulnerable to climate impacts and chronic disease. She is a proud alumna of Morgan State University, where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Biology, and the University of Miami, where she earned her Ph.D. in Cancer Biology. In her various professional capacities, Kilan works to improve the health and well-being of communities of color and expand opportunities for the next generation of innovators.



Steven Bingler

Steven Bingler, architect and urban planner, is the founder and CEO of Concordia LLC in New Orleans. Concordia's climate change research and planning projects include the development of the Unified New Orleans Plan (UNOP) for the city's recovery after hurricane Katrina; the engagement of more than 3,000 residents in LA/SAFE - a plan to address sea level rise and resettlement in South Louisiana; and as principal investigator for the Rockefeller Foundation funded Global Transformation Roundtable.

His manuscripts and research papers have been published in books and journals in the fields of urban planning, architectural design, education, public health and smart growth. His award winning projects have appeared in many national publications, including *Metropolis*, *Architecture*, *Architectural Digest*, *Newsweek*, the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *USA Today* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Steven grew up in a working class family in Charlottesville, Virginia. It was there that he confirmed his commitment to democratic design principles. He received his degree in architecture from the University of Virginia, where he has since served on the Dean's Advisory Committee and as a member of the university's prestigious Raven Society.