CHARLESTON, S.C. State and local leaders are meeting to discuss the threat posed to the South Carolina coast by bigger and more severe hurricanes.

The Coastal Risk Symposium on Friday in Charleston includes business, government and community leaders. Among the speakers are South Carolina Insurance Director Scott Richardson and Charleston Mayor Joe Riley.

Many scientists think climate change will result in more severe hurricanes in future years.

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