

# Creating a Knowledge Exchange Platform: Combining Science, Engineering, Business and Policy

## The US-Netherlands Connection's Professional Program September 4-8, 2017 Delft, The Netherlands

Celebrating its tenth anniversary this year, Florida Earth's flagship, the US-Netherlands Connection's Professional Program (USNC Pro) takes on a specific task of laying the groundwork for developing a global Knowledge Exchange Platform in Earth Sciences, with a particular focus on water-related disciplines. Hosted by Deltares, the Dutch national lab in water and deltas, the team will be divided into four interest groups of science, engineering, business and policy. The first two days of the session will be a workshop with the full complement of delegates in Delft, defining what the Platform does and its mechanisms. The next three days of the agenda use the world-famous Dutch infrastructure projects as backdrops to inspire innovation in knowledge exchange, meeting with those who took data and the resulting knowledge that was applied to creative solutions for water challenges.



### Discipline Group Chairs



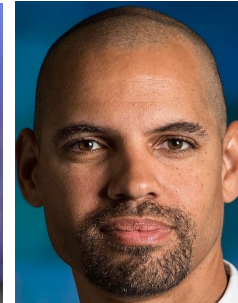
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**Policy**  
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### Agenda Summary

Day & Date	Location	Topic
Monday, Sept 4	IHE Delft & Deltares	Introduction, case studies, definitions
Tuesday, Sept 5	Deltares	Defining the Platform parameters and goals
Wednesday, Sept 6	Province Zeeland	Knowledge that saves lives and an ecosystem
Thursday, Sept 7	Biesbosch & Nijmegen	Public-private partnerships and knowledge
Friday, Sept. 8	City & Port of Rotterdam	Knowledge exchange and community resilience

Details and Registration: <http://floridaearth.org/usncpro2017>

