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 is 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 day 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

#### Science
Hank Loescher
Battelle & NEON

#### Engineering
Steve Bourne
Atkins Engineering

#### Business
Antonella Calvia-Goetz
European Investment Bank

#### Policy
Ben Preston
Rand Corporation

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