



# FLORIDA EARTH FOUNDATION

Bringing people together through education,  
outreach & facilitation

**F**lorida Earth is a public-private partnership composed of more than 120 partners in the industry, academia, government, and nonprofit sectors.

Through unbiased world-class education and collaborative problem solving, FEF connects the domestic and international community of water experts, policy makers, students and stakeholders to exchange knowledge and develop solutions for the benefit of a sustainable Florida, nation, and globe.

Explore our innovative programs, both  
domestic and international, focused on water  
problems, solutions and policy.



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

## US-NETHERLANDS CONNECTION (USNC)

**Knowledge-exchange, professional development platform in the Netherlands exploring Dutch water management strategies and resiliency-building practices.**

**time-tested:** begun in 2007, USNC is a knowledge-exchange platform that brings visitors from the US to the Netherlands to look at the expertise available in water resources and infrastructure, climate adaptation, and ecological science and policy. All individuals interested in water management are invited to join a team. Florida Earth arranges logistics, recruits and assembles delegations, leads the visits, and maintains follow-up with alumni.

### USNC at a Glance:

- Professional development
- Open to the public
- Customizable program
- Networking opportunities

**customizable:** USNC is flexible and completely customizable. We can tailor a program to suit a group's interests or custom design a program to suit a specific organization's needs. Organizations that previously customized programs include DOI and ASCE.

*“Through collective experience and shared knowledge we learn, grow, and improve our own part of the world.”*

*-James Charles, 2015 team member, Lewis, Longman & Walker*



The 2015 USNC group at Kinderdijk

## UNESCO-IHE FLORIDA PROGRAM

**Bringing students from the UN's water university to Florida to learn about water management practices and lessons learned in the Everglades.**

**unique:** begun in 2005, the UNESCO-IHE Florida Program brings students from around the world to Florida to study water related disciplines. UNESCO-IHE, also called the Institute for Water Education, is the largest graduate level institute in the world focusing solely on water.

**community involvement:** organizations and individuals are invited to sponsor a student or donate to the program. All donations directly fund the program's costs.

### Get Involved with UNESCO-IHE

- Spread the word
- Donate to the program
- Sponsor a student

*“This project is fabulous on so many levels: social and intellectual exchange, economic benefits for the ambassadors and their countries, and growth in understanding the importance of person-to-person contact.” -Kathe Thompson, donor*

**impactful:** More than 220 students from 48 countries have participated in the program. These students take the knowledge gained as a part of this program back to their home countries to create water solutions.

## THE WATER LAW COURSE (WLC)

**Law students visit the Netherlands for a program comparing US and European water law**

The water law course is a partnership between Florida Earth and St. Thomas University's School of Law that brings law students from participating law

schools to the Netherlands for one week to compare US water law and European water law.



2015 UNESCO-IHE students

### WLC at a Glance:

- 2016 ABA Certification trip
- One week, one credit hour
- Networking opportunities
- Learn water law in the Netherlands

In 2016 the program will be certified by the American Bar Association.

Operated at UNESCO-IHE, the program integrates classroom learning with frequent site visits. All US Law students are invited to participate.



Law Students at the International Court of Justice, Den Hague

## COASTAL RESILIENCE COLLABORATIVE (CRC)

**A knowledge-sharing collaborative focused on coastal resilience and adaptation.**

**innovation:** the CRC is a new multi-national collaborative that aims to bridge the gap between solution needers and solution suppliers thereby speeding up the decision making process. CRC will locate resilience innovators and innovations and assist in the dissemination of information and solutions.

**collaboration:** the CRC is a new initiative led by Florida Earth with partners from the academic, private and public sectors. Some of these

partners include Atkins Global, Environmental Defense Fund, SCRIPPS Oceanographic among many others. The first meeting was held in Delft, Netherlands in May 2015.

CRC will serve as a knowledge store and also host short courses and conferences.



CRC at UNESCO-IHE

## DOMESTIC PROGRAMS

### THE FLORIDA EARTH MODULES

**Customizable two-day short courses on topics related to natural resources in Florida.**

**structure:** each module features a day of instruction and a day of field work.

The modules award CLE's for attorneys from the Florida Bar and CEU to engineers, planners and landscape architects.

**examples:** **The Natural Systems Module** looks at the state from an ecological perspective, focusing on its natural systems diversity. **The Water Module** updates participants on current scientific

progress and legal challenges in the water sector. **The Agricultural Module**, our most recent module, surveys commodity groups, and the environmental science and policy that affects the industry.

### Modules at a Glance:

- two-day programs
- CLE and CEU credits available
- Networking opportunities
- Florida-centric
- Flexible/demand-based

### THE WATER LAW UPDATE PROGRAM (WLU)

Each January, Florida Earth holds a one-day symposium on the status of water law in Florida. Held at law schools all over the state, WLU not only tells where we are with respect to current law, but gives a prospectus of what's down the road for new legislative sessions. CLE and CEU credits available.

For more information and the latest dates, visit [www.floridaearth.org](http://www.floridaearth.org)



2015 Ag Module

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