



### Discovering Technology and Policy

USNC teams visit some of the world's most advanced water and sea-level rise adaptation projects as they meet those involved with their development and operation. Above: 2013 Professional Team at Rijkswaterstaat Headquarters in The Hague on May 14.



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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE IN WATER MANAGEMENT AND SEA-LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE

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## Solutions to water problems through the sharing of knowledge...

### SEA-LEVEL RISE ADAPTATION

The Kingdom of the Netherlands, long known for their expertise in the area of water management, have expanded their knowledge base into the area of climate change adaptation. USNC teams visit the City of Rotterdam as an example of adaptation innovation and the national "Building with Nature" program, which is gaining world-wide attention as a environmentally friendly approach to sea-level rise adaptation and resilience.

### WATER MANAGEMENT

With the reputation of the most advanced country in the world in dealing with water, the Netherlands have been working on water challenges for over 1,000 years. USNC teams visit with Rijkswaterstaat, which is the US Army Corps of Engineers equivalent in the Netherlands, view the Delta Works projects, which are the largest engineering projects in the world, and spend time at Deltares, the world-famous Dutch research institute.

## 2014 DATES

The 2014 USNC team will be in the Netherlands from Monday, May 12 through Friday, May 16, 2014.

## LOCATION

The USNC team spends the week in many locations throughout the Netherlands but operates out of UNESCO-IHE, located in Delft.

## MORE TEAM MEMBER INFORMATION

Team members are responsible for transportation to and from the Netherlands. A registration fee of \$2950 covers hotel, most meals, in-country transportation and venue costs. For more information, go to <http://floridaeearth.org/USNC2014> or call the Florida Earth office at (561) 281-5081.



"IN LEARNING FROM OTHERS, WE CAN LEARN ABOUT OURSELVES..."

Colonel Paul Grosskruger, US Army Corps of Engineers (Retired) and Florida Earth Board Member