

National Council for Science and the Environment 2019 Annual Conference

January 7-10, 2019 Omni Shoreham | Washington, D.C.

The National Council for Science and the Environment (NCSE) advances informed environmental policy and decision-making through science. Our work and programs include interdisciplinary research, scientific assessment, information dissemination, training and curriculum development. We engage scientists, educators, policymakers, business leaders and officials at all levels of government.

Winter Member Meetings: January 7

The backbone of NCSE's programmatic work is its institutional members: four-year and two-year colleges and universities that work collectively with NCSE to advance meaningful work between science, education, and policy. Four-year university member institutions are represented on NCSE's Council of Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD) and two-year university member institutions are represented on NCSE's Community College Alliance for Sustainability Education (CCASE). These groups meet in-person biannually to **discuss shared challenges and form collaborative, strategic, and responsive solutions**, as well as to lead on the advancement of environmental and sustainability education.

NCSE 2019 Annual Conference: January 7-9

The NCSE 2019 Annual Conference will bring together more than 700 individuals from the environmental science community to hold meaningful discussions and to form partnerships for solutions for today's biggest challenges. This year's theme is **Sustainable Infrastructure & Resilience**. Conference attendees will look at the opportunities and challenges for sustainability at the convergence of built, natural, social, and cyber infrastructure and the role that science places in decision making. There will be ample opportunities to network with federal agencies, state and local governments, and business and civil society thought leaders.

The Annual Conference kicks off on the evening of January 7 with a welcome reception. January 8 and 9 are full days of keynote presentations, panels, concurrent sessions, networking events, and exhibits. Each member institution receives a select number of **complimentary registrations** to the Annual Conference.

Choose from over **35** sessions on a variety of important topics:

- Community Energy Planning
- Coastal Infrastructure and Resilience
- Building Resilience Principles into Higher Education
- Key Competencies in Sustainability Degree Programs
- Understanding Impacts of Wildfires
- Federal Policy Opportunities and Challenges to Increase Infrastructure
- Climate-Smart Healthcare

Academic-Federal Dialogue and Science Policy Symposium: January 10

The Academic-Federal Dialogue and Science Policy Symposium is a full-day event directly following the Annual Conference. The day is designed to facilitate discussions between academia and non-profits with federal agencies on their **program and research priorities and funding opportunities**. In past years, participating agencies have included NSF, NOAA, USDA, US Department of Energy, USGS, NASA, US EPA, and the Department of State. The event will also provide opportunities for scientists to engage **with decision-makers from Executive and Legislative Branches** to broaden participants' perspective on how science and policy can interact to improve environmental decision-making. The day will include small group discussions, interactive activities, one-on-one networking, skill-building in policy communication, and panels around a variety of topics. Each member institution receives two complimentary registrations.

More information about the winter events at <u>www.ncseconference.org</u>

