



2018 CESU Network National Meeting – Agenda

June 05-07, 2018 | U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center

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Agenda at a Glance

Register at www.cesu.org (Free!)

Day Time (EDT)	Topic	Location	Remote Access *
Monday June 04			
9:00 to 5:00	Side Meeting – NPS CESU Research Coordinators	114 East	Dial-in Web
Tuesday June 05			
8:00 to 9:55	Side Meeting – NPS CESU Research Coordinators (cont.)	114 East	Dial-in Web
9:30 to 10:00	Break		
10:00 to 12:00	A – CESU Council Meeting	103 East	Dial-in Web
10:00 to 12:00	B – CESU Directors Meeting	107 East	Dial-in Web
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch	Commons	
1:00 to 3:00	C – CESU Showcase	114 East	Dial-in Web
3:00 to 3:30	Break		
3:30 to 5:00	D – State of the Network, Agency Priorities, Awards	114 East	Dial-in Web
Wednesday June 06			
8:00 to 10:00	E – Program Operations	114 East	Dial-in Web
10:00 to 10:30	Break		
10:30 to 12:00	F – Coordinating Across Agencies, Programs, and Institutions	114 East	Dial-in Web
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch	Commons	
1:00 to 3:00	G – Landscape Scale Collaboration	114 East	Dial-in Web
3:00 to 3:30	Break		
3:30 to 5:00	H – Partner Engagement and Management	114 East	Dial-in Web
Thursday June 07			
8:00 to 9:30	I – Communications	114 East	Dial-in Web
9:30 to 10:00	Break		
10:00 to 12:00	J – Information Management	114 East	Dial-in Web
12:00 to 1:00	Lunch	Commons	
1:00 to 3:00	K – Student Engagement	114 East	Dial-in Web
3:00 to 3:30	Break		
3:30 to 5:00	L – 20th Anniversary Actions	114 East	Dial-in Web
Friday June 08			
10:00 to 2:00	Side Meeting – Chesapeake Watershed CESU Partners	114 East	Dial-in Web

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Tuesday June 05		
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Break 9:30 to 10:00 EDT	Refreshments available in Instructional East first floor hallway.	
A – CESU Council Meeting 10:00 to 12:00 EDT 103 East	Discussion of the following items: • Interagency agreement update • Host support agreement update • Current and future federal agency participation • Other topics... (TBD) (agenda forthcoming in advance of meeting)	CESU Council Dial-in Web
B – CESU Directors Meeting 10:00 to 12:00 EDT 107 East	Discussion of the following items: • CESU host university support • Federal Managers Committee participation • Other topics... (TBD) (agenda forthcoming in advance of meeting)	CESU Directors and staff Dial-in Web
Lunch 12:00 to 1:00 EDT	Dining services located on second floor of the Commons building.	
C – CESU Showcase 1:00 to 3:00 EDT 114 East	Brief presentations from each CESU, including: • Highlights of exciting projects, recent accomplishments, new partners, information resources, website features, upcoming events, future plans, and other developments.	Open to all participants. Dial-in Web
Break 3:00 to 3:30 EDT	Refreshments available in Instructional East first floor hallway.	
D – State of the Network, Federal Agency Priorities, and CESU Network National Awards 3:30 to 5:00 EDT 114 East	State of the Network As the CESU Network marks its 20th year, an overview of the past, present, and future of this unique partnership program. CESU Council – Federal Agency Priorities CESU Council discusses “Grand Challenges,” and agency science, stewardship, and education priorities (with Q&A). CESU Network National Awards	Open to all participants. Dial-in Web

Wednesday June 06		
<p>E – CESU Operations 8:00 to 10:00 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>Consistent policies and business practices are essential to the successful operation of a large networked program. This session will provide updates on program elements and developments to support effective and efficient processes at the network and CESU scale, and introduce example topics for this and subsequent related sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host university support • CESU project database • New and revised policies • Process streamlining – templates, document management, opportunity announcements, dual notification • Other topics... (TBD) 	<p>Open to all participants. Dial-in Web</p>
<p>Break 10:00 to 10:30 EDT</p>	<p>Refreshments available in Instructional East first floor hallway.</p>	
<p>F – Coordinating Across Agencies, Programs, and Institutions 10:30 to 12:00 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>Natural and cultural conservation issues are complex and require coordination among multiple entities and communities of interest. While collaborative networks and complementary programs exist, regular interaction is often limited. This session will explore current and future conditions, needs, and opportunities for coordination, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program overviews (e.g., origin story, partners, status) • Interactions with other conservation-science partnerships • Needs, opportunities, and avenues for coordination • Identification of action steps <p>Invited Panelists: Chelsea Combest-Friedman (NOAA), Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessments Program; Janet Cushing (USGS), Climate Adaptation Science Centers; Charlene Felkley (USDA), Climate Hubs; Todd Hopkins (FWS), Peninsular Florida Landscape Conservation Cooperative Network; John Thompson (USGS), Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Units Program;</p>	<p>Open to all participants. Dial-in Web</p>
<p>Lunch 12:00 to 1:00 EDT</p>	<p>Dining services located on second floor of the Commons building.</p>	
<p>G – Landscape Scale Collaboration 1:00 to 3:00 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>CESUs facilitate collaborative applied projects to address natural and cultural heritage resource issues at multiple scales. Many agencies and organizations foster landscape and/or ecosystem scale approaches to conservation science and stewardship. This session will include regional examples and small group discussions to develop strategies and action plans for inter-CESU and cross-program collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defining the landscape scale approach • Example projects and the role for CESUs • Regional breakout discussions <p>Guest Presenter: Margaret Petrella, Volpe National Transportation Systems Center</p>	<p>Open to all participants. Dial-in Web</p>
<p>Break 3:00 to 3:30 EDT</p>	<p>Refreshments available in Instructional East first floor hallway.</p>	

<p>H – Partner Engagement and Management</p> <p>3:30 to 5:00 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>The network continues to grow and evolve, with an increasing diversity of partner organizations. Yet, certain organization types remain under-represented; and engagement among some existing partners has waned. What is the “appropriate” complement of partners for the network? Example topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential new and/or under-represented partners • Federal Managers Committee engagement • Addressing partner challenges • Requests for international visits • Partner orientation regarding roles and expectations 	<p>Open to all participants.</p> <p>Dial-in Web</p>
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<p>Thursday June 07</p>		
<p>Session I – Communications</p> <p>8:00 to 9:30 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>Communication is essential for effective partnerships. This session will explore effective approaches to foster robust communications within and among CESUs and across the network to advance program goals and objectives. Example topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilitating effective awareness building – outreach and <i>inreach</i> • Communications consistency (e.g., clear messaging, program branding, look and feel) • Fostering use of social media and technology • Network-wide coordination (e.g., communications committee) • Awareness building needs and opportunities 	<p>Open to all participants.</p> <p>Dial-in Web</p>
<p>Break</p> <p>9:30 to 10:00 EDT</p>	<p>Refreshments available in Instructional East first floor hallway.</p>	
<p>J – Information Management</p> <p>10:00 to 12:00 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>Administration of the CESU Network and its distributed units and partners requires processing and management of myriad documents, data, and information elements. As the program matures and grows, the volume and complexity of these information resources increase. This session will examine needs and opportunities for efficient management of program information, including systems that can serve program and partner needs at different scales. Example topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping the data and information landscape • Identifying program information needs and access requirements • Practical approaches and protocols 	<p>Open to all participants.</p> <p>Dial-in Web</p>
<p>Lunch</p> <p>12:00 to 1:00 EDT</p>	<p>Dining services located on second floor of the Commons building.</p>	
<p>K – Student Engagement</p> <p>1:00 to 3:00 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>Youth engagement is a priority for many federal agencies. CESUs facilitate this by supporting educational and professional development opportunities for students (e.g., as project team members; summer field schools; internships). Example topics include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation on CESU projects • Engaging under-represented populations • Agency coordination for internships/fellowships • Student career pathways (e.g., direct hire authority) • Measuring and reporting student involvement <p>Guest Presenter: Teresa Mourad, Ecological Society of America</p>	<p>Open to all participants.</p> <p>Dial-in Web</p>

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<p>L – 20th Anniversary Actions 3:30 to 5:00 EDT 114 East</p>	<p>Next year (2019) marks the 20th year of the CESU program. This session will review elements of the past 20 years and explore ideas and possibilities for the future, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinated outputs highlighting 20 years of collaboration • Strategic thinking and planning for the future of the program • Program characterization and evaluation 	<p>Open to all participants. Dial-in Web</p>

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