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*Adaptive Management of Water Resources II*  
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**Tuesday, June 30**

**10:30 AM – 12:00 Noon**

**Session 17: Panel – Adaptive Management of Large Scale U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Restoration Programs**

**Panel Participants:**

**Moderator - Tomma Barnes, USACE New Orleans District, New Orleans, LA**

Kenneth Barr, USACE, Rock Island District, Rock Island, IL

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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has undertaken the restoration of several large-scale ecosystems throughout the United States. This session is intended to provide a forum for the discussion of similarities, differences, and lessons learned from several of the nation's most significant ongoing federal programs including: Louisiana Coastal Areas, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, Missouri River Recovery Program, Columbia River Channel Improvement Project and Upper Mississippi River Navigation and Sustainability Program. The need to communicate results, experience, and knowledge gained from these efforts is paramount.

The session will compare and contrast several of the nation's largest ecosystem restoration projects, including the numerous lessons learned by the Corps of Engineers and its partners in planning and implementing these projects. Focal points for discussion include the integration of science, monitoring, modeling, and risk and uncertainty within a framework of adaptive management.

Session presenters will provide a brief overview of each restoration program and outline the key lessons learned; then a moderator will facilitate a panel discussion and panelists will address questions related to the restoration efforts. In addition, there will be a brief description of the Corps Actions for Change Adaptive Management initiative and the Agency's efforts to draft an Adaptive Management Technical Guide.