

Members of the COF Center for Sustainability and the Environment Attend National Council for Science and the Environment's 12th National Conference: *Environment and Security*

Two members of the COF Center for Sustainability and the Environment attended NSCE's 12 National Conference on Environment and Security in Washington DC January 18-20. The conference focused on the connections between environment and security issues, policy and governance needed to address security risks posed by a rapidly changing environment.

The conference included panel discussions on topics such as Food Security, The Water- Energy – Food Nexus, Climate change and Food Security, Urban Water security, Forests and Environmental Security, and many others. COF members also participated in breakout opinion forming sessions which provided input into NSCE's policy and decision making objectives.

Highlight of the conference included an address to the participants by Liza Jackson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and Rajiv Shah, Administrator of United States Agency for International Development. (USAID)

The NSCS lifetime achievement award was given to Dr. Gro Harland Bruntland for her work as Chair of the United Nations' World Commission on Environment and Development, her work as Secretary General of with the World Health organization and a lifetime of commitment to sustainability issues.

