

# Responding to Climate Change Workshop for Trainers

Key Largo, Florida

June 21-25, 2010

We are pleased to announce that the Nature Conservancy, in partnership with NOAA, and with support from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, will offer a workshop for Trainers from throughout Florida and the Caribbean to learn about building resilience into reef management and the tools available for addressing the impacts of climate change. The meeting will bring together managers/trainers from throughout Florida and the Caribbean to learn and share ideas that will lead to more effective long-term coral reef management. The workshop is designed to provide an atmosphere of exchange and creative problem solving so that participants leave with a specific training plan for their locale. Resources recently developed through major international collaborations will be highlighted and distributed to participants (e.g., Resilience Toolkit, Reef Managers Guide to Bleaching, etc.) The workshop will be facilitated by regional and global experts in coral reef management.

## Workshop Dates

The workshop will run from Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> to Thursday June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with participants arriving Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> and departing on the 25<sup>th</sup> (except where airline travel requires additional days stay). Participants in the workshop will be expected to participate in an online course before the in person workshop, which will run for 12 weeks and will begin March 1, 2010.

To enhance the in-person workshop, participants will complete a set of interactive virtual training modules beginning in March. These electronic courses will introduce workshop participants to the concepts and background information and will include interaction with a panel of high-level expert mentors, while the in-person workshop will focus on application of resilience-based approaches.

## Location

The workshop will be held on Key Largo, Florida.

## Workshop Participants

Marine protected area and coral reef managers from throughout Florida and the Caribbean. Space is limited to 25 participants for this workshop and selection is competitive.

## Objectives of the Workshop

The Training of Trainers workshop is designed to broaden the scope and effectiveness of the Reef Resilience Partnership and Network and build capacity among reef managers to better address the impacts of climate change. After completion, participants in the workshop will be able to provide support and information to other coral reef managers working within their region, acting as critical “nodes” within the Resilience Practitioners Network, enhancing linkages among managers within a region. Participants will come away from the workshop well equipped with both the training curriculum and related resources; they will also receive ongoing updates and new resources as they are available. Participants will be selected through a competitive application process. Individuals will be selected in pairs from each attending country or state so that they can work together after the workshop to support reef managers in their area. All workshop expenses, including travel and hotel accommodations, will be covered by TNC.

Workshop participants will become a special sub-group of the Resilience Practitioners Network who will receive more detailed communications than the Network at large, will be expected to actively participate in Network events and opportunities, and will be expected to complete one in-country training for reef managers and colleagues within six months of the workshop.

## **Travel and Accommodation**

The cost of airfare to and from the Florida Keys, lodging and meals while in Key Largo will be covered for all participants. All participants will be housed in double occupancy rooms. You will have the opportunity to select your roommate once all participants are confirmed.

## **Workshop Logistics**

Transportation: TNC will be assisting with coordination of travel to and from the workshop. To ensure participation, you must reserve your spot early. Further information about travel arrangements will be provided when you RSVP.

## **Apply online now for June 2010 – See Attached Application Form**

## **About TNC Regional Reef Resilience Workshops**

Over the past 5 years, The Nature Conservancy and partners have hosted trainings for over 150 reef management practitioners representing over 45 countries. These trainings were based on resilience tools from TNC & collaborators, and included site-focused activities. A major outcome of these workshops was the development of the Resilience Practitioners Network. The workshops focused on incorporation of resilience into coral reef management and planning; providing managers with practical solutions for coral reef management in the face of global change; facilitating peer-to-peer exchange between coral reef managers; and initiating a global communication forum for managers working to incorporate resilience at their sites.