# NHA WATERPOWER INNOVATION FORUM AGENDA

July 25, 2018 | GE Facilities - 1 Research Circle, Niskayuna, NY 12309

**Tuesday, July 24, 2018**

**5:30 PM - 8:00 PM:** Reception and Dinner
  **Speakers:** Linda Church Ciocci, President and CEO, NHA
  Dr. Kristina Johnson, Chancellor, The State University of New York

**Wednesday, July 25, 2018**

**7:00 AM  - 8:00 AM: Registration and Breakfast**

**8:00 AM - 8:45 AM: Welcome, Introductions, and Keynote Address**
  **Welcome**:  Jay Anders, NHA Board Member and Chairman of the NHA Innovation Council
  **Introduction of Keynote Speaker**: Deb Mursch, Vice-Chairman NHA Board of Directors
  **Keynote Speaker:** Dr. Danielle Merfeld, Chief Technology Officer, GE Renewable Energy

**8:45 AM - 9:45 AM**: **Transforming the Future**
We will discuss the DOE Hydropower Vision and how it can help to transform and advance the industry.
  **Speakers:** Kiersten Ralston & Pierre Marx, GE
   Jose Zayas, Cube Hydro
   Tim Welch, US Department of Energy

**9:45 AM - 10:00 AM:  AM Break**

**10:00 AM - 11:15 AM: Planning for the Future**
We will explore the plan, plant, and personnel needed or the future of the industry.
  **Speakers:** TJ Heibel, US Department of Energy
  Joe Stekli, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)
  Chris Hayes, CIATI
  David Sinclair, Hydro Research Foundation

**11:15 AM - 12:30 PM: Tour of GE Research Facilities**

**12:30 PM - 1:15 PM: Working Lunch– "Don't Let Batteries Eat Your Lunch"**
  **Speaker:** Robert Morgan, CEO Energy Storage, GE

**1:15 PM - 2:45 PM: Breakout/Working Group Sessions**
Groups will focus on project cost, timelines for project implementation, and discussing the Hydro Vision Road Map. The goal will be to dream and identify innovative concepts to advance the industry and recommendations to promote focused research in the highest priority areas.

**2:45 PM – 3:00 PM:  PM Break**

**3:00 PM - 4:00 PM: Report Out**
The goal of this time is to share with the entire gathering the key thoughts and ideas that need greater research and understanding to further transform the hydropower industry.

**4:00 PM - 4:30 PM: Forum Wrap-up**

# NHA thanks our host: