

Annual Meeting of the Members, Volunteers and Associates on  
**Program Planning for-2023-2024**

**Date: October 27, 2023 (Friday)**

**Location: Meeting Room A, Crofton Library, 1681 Riedel Rd, Crofton, MD 21114**

**Begins at: 10:30 AM US (EDT); India - 8:00 PM; China/Philippines – 10:30 PM**

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**AGENDA**

**Registration/Introductions**

Attendees – sign in - (10:30 AM)

1. Welcome - **William E. Roper** (5 mins.)
2. Introduction - **Subijoy Dutta** (5 mins) –

**A. Project Updates and Plans for 2024**




10:40 AM (EDT) – China and Philippines

- 10:40 – 10:55 PM (Local time) Philippines (**Noel/Neil** (Summarize 2024 plan), Evelyn Belleza, Lito Pogoy, Jasmine. –Rivers– Iloilo, Tigum, Butuanon (Cebu)
- 10:55 – 11:00 PM (Local) China, (Ms. **Hong Zhao**/Yi Heng – Yangtze River 2024 plan)

11:00 AM ROW Activities -2022-23 and Plans -2023-2024 – **Subijoy Dutta**.  
Q&A - 5 minutes

11:25 AM River activities – Climate concerns -2023-2024 – **Raj Rajaram**.

11:30 AM EDT - India  (9:00 PM IST) and Nepal

- a. **Anup Samantaray, and Sarat Sahu**, SOA Univ. Bhubaneswar, India
- b. **Suresh Soman** – Yamuna River Flood impact-Delhi Area
- c. **Sudhir Nautiyal** – Himalayan English School (HES) (Uttarakhand)
  - i. **HES Students** – Climate center activities at HES
- d. **Sucharit Dutta** - Ponds in Birati, Kolkata, and Hill Streams, Shillong.  
Q & A – 10 min.

12:40 PM **WWD 2023 – Award Announcement**

Best Event, Best Children Participation, Best Education and Training,  
Best Activity Coverage.

12:45 PM **Flute Recital** by renowned John Wubbenhorst (Hari P. Chaurasia- Disciple)

1:00 - 1:45 PM - **Lunch (provided)** –

1:45 –PM (EDT) - Updates from US & Europe team: (California, Illinois, Maryland/DC, Oklahoma; Zurich, Switzerland)

Maryland -**Fred Tutman**, Patuxent Riverkeeper

California - **Salvador Rico**, ROW, Rotarian, Adopt A River Program, Ukiah, California

Illinois - **Prakasam Tata**, ESRAG, Rotarian, Naperville, IL

Wash. DC - **Subijoy Dutta** – Planning WWD 2024 March.

Oklahoma - **Daryl Jackson**, Poteau, OK

Europe (Switzerland) – **Marc Emmenegger**, ROW member, Zurich, Switzerland

2:30 –PM (EDT)

**Matt Perry**

a. Rivers of Argentina – observations from a few visits

**William Roper**

b. New developments at NASA and potential applications

**Q & A**

## B. GROUP Discussion –

3:00 PM

Lead: **Subijoy Dutta, Matt Perry, William Roper, Vikram Pattarkine**,  
Action Items for the Coming Year 2023-2024

i. Environmental Training Seminars – Washington, DC - USA  
Bhubaneswar, Vizianagaram – India, Kathmandu – Nepal , Iloilo  
city – Philippines.

ii. Climate Resilience and Revival Projects – **W. Roper**

iii. Water Quality Testing/Monitoring – Rishikesh, Ghansali, Gokul,  
Kolkata, Sangli (India); Iloilo, Cebu (Philippines);

iv. Murals - by **Jeff Huntington**, 2024

v. Natural processes for Health and Sustainability – **V. Patterkine**

vi. Ponds/Lakes Restoration – Kolkata, Mysuru, Maharashtra

**Q & A**

Place **Qs** in Chat Box.

Participants w/ Qs – **provide your emails for responses.**

3:30 PM

## C. Fundraising plus

- **William E. Roper** (Memberships and responsibilities )

- **Subijoy Dutta** (RFPs ) – pursue grants

- **Donald Henry** (Financial Report)

## D. Wrap Up

- **Q?s** received through chat box - email: Qs [Rowfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:Rowfoundation@gmail.com)

4:00 PM

**Adjourn** - Help with Conference Room Tables/Chairs re-stack/fold