



TRANSFORMING THE WATER SECTOR THROUGH COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

UKWIR Annual Conference

19TH MARCH 2020, HILTON LONDON TOWER BRIDGE

Innovation means creating value from new ideas – whether it’s academia, the supply chain, water company employees, stakeholders and experts from other sectors. Our goal is to use those ideas to create a common platform for research and innovation in the UK and drive the changes that are needed to meet future challenges, such as population growth, climate change and resilience, through UKWIR’s Big Questions.

There are also other emerging opportunities to explore including digital transformation, the social contract and sustainability. The key to achieving all our ambitious outcomes will be through the effective collaboration of everyone with a vested interest in water. Our event will be a great opportunity for senior representatives from the industry, and beyond, to come together not only to share ideas and experiences, but also to identify the part they can all play in helping answer our Big Questions.



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- 09:15 **Registration and coffee**
- 09:45 **Chairman's welcome**
[Richard Warneford - Chair, UKWIR](#)
- 10:00 **Why water utilities need to innovate and collaborate**
[Heidi Mottram - Key note speaker CEO, Northumbrian Water](#)
- 10:15 **Collaborating overseas on common challenges (eg. big questions)**
[Dragan Savic - CEO, KWR](#)
- 10:30 **Innovation and collaboration - an academic perspective**
[To be confirmed](#)
- 10:45 **Adding a Scottish perspective - how it's worked successfully**
[Jon Rathjen - Team Leader, Water Industry, Scottish Government](#)
- 11:00 **Q&A**
- 11.20 **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 11.45 **Innovation & collaboration, a great example from another industry**
[Mike Elliott - Key Note speaker, Technology Director, Mercedes Formula 1 team](#)
- 12.00 **PANEL DISCUSSION 1 : Working together - embedding a culture of collaboration**
[Piers Clark - Chair for the session, Chairman, Isle Group](#)
[Lila Thompson - CEO, British Water](#)
[Joost Buntsma - Director of Applied Water Research, STOWA](#)
- 12.45 **Lunch**
- 13.30 **UKWIR Big Questions and the Water UK Public Interest Commitment themes: interactive workshop to discuss ideas on how to move forward the research required to deliver their ambitions**
[UKWIR team](#)
- 14.15 **The vision for the water sector – how research will drive transformation of the sector**
[John Russell - Senior Director - Strategy & Planning, OFWAT](#)
- 14.35 **UKWIR's ambition and strategy**
[Steve Kaye - CEO, UKWIR](#)
- 14.55 **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 15.15 **PANEL DISCUSSION 2 : Opportunities for the sector - what are the research priorities for the water industry**
[Peter Simpson - Chair for the session, CEO, Anglian Water](#)
[Paul Jeffrey - Professor of Water Management, Cranfield University](#)
[Elise Cartmell - Chief Scientist, Scottish Water](#)
[Mark Smith -CEO, WRc](#)
- 16.00 **Chair's Closing Address**
- 16.15 **Close**