



TRANSFORMING THE WATER SECTOR THROUGH COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

UKWIR Annual Conference

15TH DECEMBER 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.



Steve Kaye
CEO, UKWIR

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AGENDA

- 09:15 **Registration and coffee**
Chair for the day - **Niki Roach**, President-elect of CIWEM and Director/Co-Founder of AxiaOrigin
- 09:45 **UKWIR Chairman's welcome**
Richard Warneford - Chair, UKWIR
- 10:00 **Why water utilities need to innovate and collaborate**
Heidi Mottram - Keynote 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**
Ivan Stoianov - Senior Lecturer, Imperial College London
- 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 - Keynote speaker, Technology Director, Mercedes Formula 1 team
- 12:05 **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
Pamela Doherty - CEO and Co-Founder of AxiaOrigin
- 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**
Cambium and UKWIR team
- 14:15 **The vision for the water sector – driving innovation for transformative change**
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**
Jason Tucker - Chair for the session, Director of Strategic Delivery & Commercial, 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**