

Smart Water Knowledge Swap



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Welcome

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Building a fairer society and a more sustainable future

Environment Team

Smart Growth: Achieve a two degree, restorative economy



Climate Change



Circular Economy



Water

Water



Healthy Ecosystems



Innovation



Resilience

Smart Water

1. Understand your relationship with water
2. Create a plan of action
3. Manage water sustainably within your operations
4. Work with your supply chain
5. Build resilience to flooding and water shortages
6. Collaborate on sustainable water management



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Justin Abbott, Director and Global Water Skills Leader, ARUP

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Keynote

James Dalton, Co-ordinator of Global Initiatives, IUCN Water Programme

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Attend the workshops indicated on your badge

- A: Understand your relationship with water
- B: Build resilience to flooding and water shortages
- C: Create a plan of action
- D: Work with your suppliers
- E: Manage water sustainability in operations
- F: Collaborate on sustainable water management

11:45 Refreshment break

13:00 Lunch

Smart Water Knowledge Swap - summary



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Summary

Understand your relationship with water

- Ignorance of the risks of drought
- Internal engagement is key – finding the right trigger for your organisation
- The majority of your water risk and opportunities may be in your supply chain
- Investors are starting to become interested in water risk which is driving some companies' understating of water

Create a plan of Action

- Resilience can be a key issue for getting your action plan accepted internally
- Collaboration must be built into the action plan – if your organisation is acting alone you may not be successful

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Build resilience to flooding and water shortages

- Understand your risk. Map it out and assess where you can make strategic intervention
- Take a systems approach. Don't just protect your assets but also the things your assets rely on e.g. factories AND their workforce
- Collaborate, work outside your comfort zone. Connect with communities, with government and other businesses. Share data and work towards impact

Work with your suppliers – including agricultural suppliers

- Understand risk within your supply chain
- Work with suppliers, where are the farmers in your meeting?
- Blanket solutions do not work!
- Look for the win-win
- Work collaboratively and at scale

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Manage water sustainably in your operations

- Return on investment and maintenance is a massive driver
- Water issues are not understood in the UK
- Water is too cheap – we don't value it in the UK
- Work with water companies and water retailers to get help with operations
- Collaborate to make the right technology come along

Collaborate on sustainable water management

- Supply chains are not necessarily linear. Businesses need to understand the boundaries of their approach
- Take the systems approach. Understand risks in supply chain and contractors
- Collaboration works best within a pre-competitive space with clear outcomes that connect to company priorities.



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