MOTIVATION

Water security is a defining challenge for society in the 21st century. The ancient struggle to cope with water access and shocks is now magnified by global change to societies, economies and climate at multiple scales. The conference will convene many of the world’s thought leaders from science, policy and enterprise to understand the status of and pathways to water security at multiple scales.

OBJECTIVES

The conference offers a platform for academics, policymakers and business leaders to respond to society’s pressing water security challenges.

The conference programme is structured by three overarching themes:

1. Framing the water security challenge
2. Understanding the status of water security in terms of multiple risks, scales and actors
3. Pathways to enhance water security

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

• 50 oral presentations based on an international call for abstracts with responses from 32 countries.
• Plenary presentations feature leading scientists and practitioners, including UK Chief Scientific Adviser, Professor Sir John Beddington, and others from Australia, Brazil, India, South Africa and USA.
• Input from members of an advisory panel for policy and enterprise including representatives from OECD, World Economic Forum, Chatham House and Coca-Cola Company.

SPONSORS

The University of Oxford Water Security Network is hosting a water security seminar and briefing paper series in the lead up to the conference.

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