



# Transforming knowledge production and innovation for sustainable water development

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*For thousands of years humankind has developed knowledge about water, along with technology, organisations and institutions for its management. But today, the world is undergoing large-scale and rapid transformation that could be a potential game changer. Climate variability, shifting hydrological regimes, economic fluctuations and changes in attitudes, beliefs and power structures; all this create stress on our knowledge paradigm. Will this paradigm - mainly developed in the Northern hemisphere - be able to meet new water challenges, for example in developing regions? How can innovation activity and a revitalised knowledge production be promoted? Can local knowledge generated across the globe be harnessed in education and research? Are there positive drivers of change that universities can tap into and what forms of cooperation could facilitate this? The objective of this event is to explore how research and knowledge can better contribute to innovation for sustainable water use and global development. Through short papers and a highly interactive panel discussion we want to stimulate a forward-looking, provocative and engaged discussion on the role of education, research and innovation for meeting global water challenges. We wish to confront prevailing ideas of the linear model of knowledge production and self-critically assess how old paradigms can be re-assessed, unlocked for re-invention, or replaced. By engaging people from various spheres, inside the "water box" as well as outside it, we hope to outline key ideas along which knowledge production could be reorganised.*

## PROGRAMME

16:00	Welcome and Introduction	<b>Göran Finnveden</b> , Vice President, KTH
16:10	From preaching to participation: enabling joint learning and stakeholder dialogue	<b>Louise Karlberg</b> , Research Fellow, SEI
	Using local knowledge for meeting global challenges: examples from Ethiopia and Bangladesh.	<b>Prosun Bhattacharya</b> , Professor, KTH
16:30	Panel discussion - tricky questions about knowledge production for water development: <b>James Clarke</b> , Director of Communications, International Water Management Institute, Sri Lanka <b>Annamaria Oltorp</b> , Head of Research unit, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sida <b>Hrachya Sargsyan</b> , Chief WASH section, UNICEF, Bangladesh <b>Östen Ekengren</b> , Deputy CEO, Swedish Environmental Research Institute, IVL	
17:10	How can researchers make a bigger impact: a policy perspective.	<b>Ingrid Petersson</b> , Director General, FORMAS
17:25	Final Remarks and Summing Up	<b>Jakob Granit</b> , Director SEI Stockholm office

Moderator: **David Nilsson**