What is the aim of a UK-SA Innovation Network?
Accelerate innovation adoption in industry and solving global challenges

Example Ecosystem Challenges

**Businesses unaware of benefits** of adopting innovative products, services or processes - benefits proven in other sectors.

**Businesses aren’t sufficiently investing in R&D** in the topic of the network

**Businesses with solutions are unaware** of market opportunities in other sectors

**Lack of solutions**, compounded by lack of collaboration between different sectors, business/academics or along supply chains

**Limited sharing of knowledge** between different parts of the innovation ecosystem

Typical Innovation Network Outputs

**Thought leadership & case studies** showcasing benefits in other sectors

**R&D funding support** and awareness in support of cultural change

**Cross-Sector collaborations** via events, speed networking, online platform

**Collaboration building** activities with an international focus

**Connecting** larger companies with innovative solution providers
Why Water Security?

- Scoping the need
- Exploring partnerships
- Validating the value
- Launching the Network
Focus of the UK-SA Water Security Network

*Identified Mutual Challenges*

- Increasing water scarcity and aging infrastructure.
- Pollution of water bodies and the need to promote resource recovery and circular economy principles.
- Risks associated with climate variability and extreme weather events.
- Gender disparities.

*Network Focus Areas*

- Innovative Tech for Water Security
- Smart Solutions for Wastewater
- Data-Driven Water Management
- Empowering Women in the Water Sector
What’s Next?

Network Growth
More experts informing the way forward

Forging Partnerships
Creating core roadmap of activities

Implementation, Progress and Impact
Monitoring delivery and measuring effectiveness

Informing the Sector
Continuous learnings and engagements
Let's turn leaks into leaps and seal the gaps in Water Security Together!

Join Our Innovation Network and Help us create positive change!