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This session is focused on the critical impact of research, knowledge exchange, and technology transfer in global, national, and local environments. It will examine how these activities, central to Higher Education, contribute to the production and embedding of social, economic, business- and industry-related, cultural, and educational change and will reflect on how that contribution can be monitored and evaluated.

Session Title

Enabling innovation and impact in research, knowledge exchange, and technology transfer: case studies in good practice

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Session Objectives

This session will address the role played by research, knowledge exchange, and technology transfer in enabling innovation and delivering impact in contexts within and beyond the sphere of Higher Education. It will include illustrative case studies from HE in Uzbekistan and beyond. It will address the critical role played by research and KE collaborations, local, national, and international, in producing positive change, both in

relation to global change agendas such as that represented by the UN Sustainable Development Goals and in national and local contexts. And it will address the challenging question of how impact — societal, economic, business/industry-related, cultural — produced through research and knowledge exchange can be evaluated, locally and globally.

Session Outcomes

The session will enable participants to learn more about local and global good practice in innovation and impact delivered through research, knowledge exchange, and technology transfer. It will encourage the further development of research and KE collaborative practices that produce positive change. It will highlight structures and mechanisms that enable impact to be evaluated, and the benefits to institutions of engagement with them.

Pre-sessional Activity

We suggest that participants reflect in advance of the session on the key research, knowledge exchange, and technology transfer activities within their own institutions that are most driven by the need for, and drive forward, change and on the impacts and innovations engendered by these activities.

Pre-reading

<https://www.universitiesuk.ac.uk/topics/impact-universities>

<https://www.timeshighereducation.com/impactrankings>

<https://www.ukri.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/UKRI-300922-InternationalStrategicFramework.pdf>