

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar: Engaging the public on climate change

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Venue: Sixty One Whitehall, London SW1A 2ET

Agenda subject to change

- 8.45 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Rt Hon Joan Ruddock MP**, former Minister, Department of Energy & Climate Change
- 9.05 - 9.40 **Climate change: the big questions**  
*What is the rate of climate change? What factors contribute towards climate change? What is the current public perception of climate change? Does this differ from the current academic consensus? Is the 2°C target for limiting the Earth's surface temperatures, as agreed at Copenhagen, appropriate?*  
**Professor Nigel Arnell**, Director, Walker Institute, University of Reading  
**Dr Benny Peiser**, Director, The Global Warming Policy Foundation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.40 - 10.30 **Expectations for Mexico (COP 16) and the implications for developing climate change policy**  
*What lessons have been learnt from Copenhagen? What are the expectations for Mexico? What national and international actions are required to meet any new targets that are agreed? How successful has climate change policy been thus far? How can dialogue and coordination on climate change be improved between government and the private sector in the development and implementation of climate change policy?*  
**Richard Gledhill**, Global Leader, Climate Change & Carbon Market Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers  
**Andrew Pendleton**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research  
**Iain Watt**, Partner, Irbaris  
**Heather Haydock**, Practice Leader, Energy and Climate Change, AEA  
**Dr Douglas Parr**, Chief Scientist, Greenpeace UK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 11.00 **A European perspective on climate change**  
**Dr Pierre Dechamps**, Adviser for Energy and Climate Change, Bureau of European Policy Advisers to President Barroso, European Commission  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.05 **Chairman's closing remarks**  
**Rt Hon Joan Ruddock MP**, former Minister, Department of Energy & Climate Change
- 11.05 - 11.30 Coffee
- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chairman's opening remarks**  
**Meg Hillier MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change
- 11.35 - 12.25 **Engaging the public on climate change**  
*What is the current public perception of climate change? What are the barriers to developing greater public understanding and engagement? What more can government, academia, and the private and third sectors do in order to enhance public understanding of climate change? What role should the media play in communicating the issues surrounding climate change? Beyond the debate itself, what provision is required to create a more sustainable public consensus? How successful have strategies to incentivise behavior change been?*  
**Edward Langley**, Head of Environment Research, Ipsos MORI  
**Dr Vicky Pope**, Head of Climate Science Advice, Met Office  
**Rebekah Phillips**, Senior Policy Adviser, Green Alliance  
**Jon Fletcher**, Director, Brook Lyndhurst  
**Colin Robertson**, Sustainability Manager, NG Bailey  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Engaging the media on climate change**  
*What strategy is required to effectively engage the media on the issues that surround climate change?*  
**Fiona Fox**, Director, Science Media Centre and Member of the Royal Society Working Group for the production of *Climate change: a summary of the science* (2010)  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
**Meg Hillier MP**, Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum