

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

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Venue: Central London

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- 8.45 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Joan Ruddock MP, Former Minister, Department of Energy and Climate Change
- 9.05 - 9.40 **Climate change: the big questions**
Themes: 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 Kevin Anderson, Research Director, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research
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**
Themes: 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?
Dr Douglas Parr, Chief Scientist, Greenpeace
Richard Gledhill, Global Leader Climate Change & Carbon Market Services, PricewaterhouseCoopers
Iain Watt, Partner, Irbaris
Andrew Pendleton, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Public Policy Research
Heather Haydock, Practice Leader, Energy and Climate Change, AEA
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 - 11.00 **A European perspective on climate change**
Dr Pierre Dechamps, Adviser - 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**
Joan Ruddock MP, Former Minister, Department of Energy and Climate Change
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- 11.30 - 11.35 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Engaging the public on climate change**
Themes: 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, 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 Change 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
- 12.30 - 12.55 **The UK climate change strategy**
Senior policy representative
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Senior Producer, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum