Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar: Next steps for UK agricultural technologies - investment, research and progress from the catalyst projects

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 22nd October 2015 Venue: The British Medical Association, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP

Agenda subject to change

Registration and coffee

8.30 - 9.00



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9.00 - 9.05	<u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Angela Smith MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
9.05 - 9.35	The evolution of Agri-Tech Strategy: developing partnerships and skills Dr Stephen Axford, Head of Agri-Tech, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills Questions and comments from the floor
9.35 - 9.45	<u>Agri-tech and the wider challenges of food security</u> Professor Charles Godfray, Director, Oxford Martin Programme on the Future of Food, University of Oxford and former Chair, Lead Expert Group, Global Food and Farming Futures, Foresight
9.45 - 9.55	Developing the Agri-Tech Strategy: innovation, research and networking Dr Huw Jones, Head of Agriculture, Knowledge Transfer Network
9.55 - 10.05	<u>Case study - Agri-Tech Catalyst projects in action</u> Steve Keyworth, Co-Founder and Director, URSULA Agriculture
10.05 - 10.15	Early indications from the new Centre of Agricultural Informatics and Metrics of Sustainability Professor John Crawford, Scientific Director, Sustainable Systems Programme, Rothamsted Research
10.15 - 10.40	Questions and comments from the floor
10.40 - 10.45	<u>Chair's closing remarks</u> Angela Smith MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee
11.15 - 11.20	<u>Chair's opening remarks</u> Angela Smith MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee
11.20 - 11.30	<u>'Agri-Tech East - a regional hub in a national agri-tech ecosystem'</u> Dr Belinda Clarke, Director, Agri-Tech East
11.30 - 11.40	Using data to move forward agricultural research Sam Durham, Chief Land Management Adviser, NFU
11.40 - 11.50	Investment, innovation and economic growth Dr Andy Cureton, Head of Business Interaction, BBSRC
11.50 - 12.00	Opportunities for UK agricultural technology overseas James Townshend, Chief Executive, Velcourt and UK Business Ambassador for Agri-Tech
12.00 - 12.25	Questions and comments from the floor
12.25 - 12.55	<u>Progress and future challenges for UK agri-tech</u> Judith Batchelar, Industry Co-chair, Agri-tech Leadership Council and Director of Sainsbury's Brand, Sainsbury's Supermarkets Questions and comments from the floor
12.55 - 13.00	<u>Chair's and Westminster Food and Nutrition Forum closing remarks</u> Angela Smith MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food and Nutrition Forum