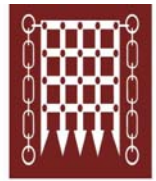


Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar: Implementing the UK Strategy for Agricultural Technologies

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 7th November 2013

Venue: Banqueting Hall, Glaziers Hall, 9 Montague Close, London SE1 9DD



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agro-Ecology
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The future of UK agri-tech**
Judith Batchelar, Industry Co-chair, Agri-Tech Leadership Council and Director of Sainsbury's Brand, Sainsbury's Supermarkets
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.35 **Unlocking the economic potential of UK agri-tech: knowledge transfer, skills, investment and exports**
Assessment of Government's measures to promote innovation and growth in the UK agri-tech industry. With the translation of research into practical applications a core priority of the Agricultural Technologies Strategy, to what extent will £160m of targeted funding in this area enable more farm businesses to innovate and take advantage of new and existing technologies and best practice? How can Government and industry ensure the UK attracts, develops and retains the top agri-tech talent, and what more should be done to promote the sector to young people as a career option? Do Government proposals to increase UK exports of agricultural expertise, products and technology go far enough, and what more can the newly created UKTI agri-tech team do to attract greater inward investment into the sector?
Dr Paul Wilson, Associate Professor, University of Nottingham and Chief Executive Officer, Rural Business Research
Dr Andrea Graham, Chief Land Management Adviser, NFU
Professor Janet Bainbridge, Head of Agricultural Technologies, UK Trade & Investment
Paul Rooke, Head of Policy, External Relations, Agricultural Industries Confederation (AIC)
Professor Michael Bevan, Strategic Programme Leader and Deputy Director, John Innes Centre
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Baroness Miller of Chilthorne Domer, Co-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agro-Ecology
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Lord Cameron of Dillington, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development
- 11.15 - 11.25 **The role of technology in addressing the needs of UK farmers**
Professor Robert Edwards, Chief Scientist, Food and Environment Research Agency and Chair in Crop Protection, University of York
- 11.25 - 11.35 **Supporting a sustainable food chain and healthy natural environment**
Professor Tim Benton, Champion for the UK's Global Food Security (GFS) programme and Professor of Population Ecology, University of Leeds
- 11.35 - 12.30 **Challenges for increasing agricultural output in an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable way**
How can Government and industry work together to improve agricultural production efficiencies whilst maintaining natural resources and preserving biodiversity? With the agricultural technology strategy setting out Government's 'vision' for UK agri-tech to make a greater contribution to international development, to what extent will proposals help industry meet this challenge? What is the potential of technology in meeting the challenges of food security and environmental sustainability, and what role do innovations such as nanotechnologies, cloning and robotics have to play in meeting the needs of UK farmers? In light of the Secretary of State's recent calls for genetically modified (GM) technology to be given "serious consideration", what opportunities and challenges would the introduction of GM food production present to UK agriculture?
Dr Julian Little, Communications & Government Affairs Manager, Bayer and Chair, Agricultural Biotechnology Council
Clare Bend, Head of Technology and Services, Agrii
Professor Paul Davies, Vice Principal, Royal Agricultural University
Vicki Hird, Senior Campaigner, Land Use, Food and Water Security Programme, Friends of the Earth
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Robert Edwards**, Chief Scientist, Food and Environment Research Agency and Chair in Crop Protection, University of York and **Professor Tim Benton**, Champion for the UK's Global Food Security (GFS) programme and Professor of Population Ecology, University of Leeds
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Implementing the UK Strategy for Agricultural Technologies**
Dr Stephen Axford, Deputy Director, Head of Agri-tech Sector Strategy, Office for Life Sciences, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Lord Cameron of Dillington, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum