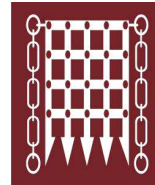


Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar:

Next steps for agri-tech in the UK: investment, research and developing the Industrial Strategy

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 7th February 2017

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



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Margaret Ritchie MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
- 9.05 - 9.35 **The way forward for the Agri-Tech Strategy**
Mark Turner, Deputy Director, Agri-tech, Bioeconomy and Chemicals, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- Innovation in UK agri-tech - progress and priorities**
- 9.35 - 9.45 *Priorities for maximising the UK's agri-tech innovation sector*
Dr Andy Cureton, Head of Business Interaction, Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council
- 9.45 - 9.55 *Case study - Innovation in agri-tech at FERA and with the new Centre for Applied Crop Science*
Dr Andrew Swift, Director, Science Division, Capita
- 9.55 - 10.05 *Case study - Agri-Tech Catalyst project in action*
Dr Aoife Dillon, Chief Technology Officer, Exosect
- 10.05 - 10.15 *The new Agrimetrics Centre - how best to harness big data in the agri-food industry*
David Flanders, Chief Executive Officer, Agrimetrics
- 10.15 - 10.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Margaret Ritchie MP, Member, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
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- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.20 - 11.35 **Priorities for driving UK agricultural innovation**
Calum Murray, Programme Leader, AgriFood, Innovate UK
- 11.35 - 12.30 **The new landscape for UK agri-tech - investment, partnerships and growth**
Dr Tina Barsby, Chief Executive Officer, National Institute of Agricultural Botany
Paul Rooke, Head of Policy, External Relations and Sector Head, Crop Marketing and Seed of Oilseed and Grain, Agricultural Industries Confederation
Tom MacMillan, Director of Innovation, Soil Association
Questions and comments from the floor with **Calum Murray**, Programme Leader, AgriFood, Innovate UK
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Priorities for boosting UK agri-tech overseas and accessing new markets**
Professor Janet Bainbridge, Chief Executive Officer, Agri-Tech Organisation, Department for International Trade
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food and Nutrition Forum