

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum Keynote Seminar
Next steps for UK climate change policy: delivering the National Adaptation Programme

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 29th October 2013

Venue: Congress Hall, Congress Centre, 28 Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

Agenda subject to change



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Joan Walley MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee
- 9.05 - 9.15 **The UK CP09 model and its forecasts**
How is the UK's climate expected to change in the short term and into the future? What assumptions does the UK Climate Projection 09 make about UK and global progress in limiting emissions and how do they affect planning? What range of climate outcomes should the UK Government be preparing for, and what are the practical limitations?
Dr Jason Lowe, Chief Scientist, AVOID Programme and Head of Knowledge Integration and Mitigation Advice, Met Office
- 9.15 - 9.35 **Current UK progress on climate change adaptation**
What progress has the UK already made in adapting to the effects of climate change? What message is the Climate Change Committee's adaptation sub-committee receiving from its basket of indicators? Where are the adaptation priorities for the UK, for example with respect to planning, infrastructure and water management? How should future legislation ensure that it is compatible with the adaptation aims? How can the success and value for money of adaptation policy be measured to objectively judge results?
Professor Sam Fankhauser, Co-Director, Grantham Research Institute, London School of Economics and Political Science and Member, Committee on Climate Change Adaptation Sub Committee
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Jason Lowe**, Chief Scientist, AVOID Programme and Head of Knowledge Integration and Mitigation Advice, Met Office
- 9.35 - 9.50 **Defra's National Adaptation Plan**
Dr Colin Church, Director, Resource, Atmosphere and Sustainability, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 9.50 - 10.15 **Latest from the Environment Agency on climate change adaptation**
Dr Tony Grayling, Head of Climate Change and Communities, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Colin Church**, Director, Resource, Atmosphere and Sustainability, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 10.15 - 10.40 **Climate change adaptation case studies**
How successful have current adaptation plans been in securing support and producing significant results? What challenges have been met during the process and what lessons can be taken for use in future adaptation projects?
Stephen Tate, Assistant Director, Environment, Greater London Authority
Anna Beswick, Programme Manager, Adaptation Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Joan Walley MP, Chair, Environmental Audit Committee
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Lord Redesdale, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Climate Change
- 11.20 - 12.35 **Stakeholder views on the National Adaptation Programme**
To what extent does the National Adaptation Programme meet the challenges raised by the climate change risk assessment (CCRA)? Are there risks or opportunities that are not addressed by the NAP? What challenges does full implementation of the plan bring, e.g. financial, technical, and logistical? Are the measures put forward for raising public and business awareness of the need to adapt to climate change sufficient?
Health and well-being
Professor Virginia Murray, Head of Extreme Events and Health Protection, Public Health England
Agriculture
Dr Ceris Jones, Climate Change Advisor, NFU
Buildings and infrastructure
Dr Geoff Darch, Principal Consultant, Climate Futures, Atkins
Business
Dr Richenda Connell, Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder, Acclimatise
Natural environment
Austin Brady, Head of Conservation, The Woodland Trust
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 - 12.55 **The wider impact of climate change on the UK**
Dan Hamza-Goodacre, Assistant Director, Sustainability and Climate Change, PwC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Lord Redesdale, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Climate Change
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum