

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum Keynote Seminar
Meeting the challenges of food security: implementing the Green Food Project, innovation, biodiversity and land use

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 5th March 2013

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

Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Lord Cameron of Dillington, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Ecosystem services and food production**
What are the current trends in the relationship between ecosystem services and agricultural practice and what should be the priorities going forward? What are notable examples of innovative best practice? What role does food waste prevention have in meeting the challenges of land use and food security?
Professor Michael Winter, Director, Centre for Rural Policy Research, University of Exeter and Director, Food Security and Land Research Alliance
Dr John Ingram, Food Security Leader, Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), University of Oxford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 10.20 **Agricultural innovation, water and food price**
With Government's 'Agri-Tech Strategy' due for release early this year, what should the priorities be for ensuring the UK agricultural research base fulfils its economic potential and drives scientific advances and innovation? What is and should be the contribution of the UK internationally. What are the challenges ahead for the further development of international agri-science partnerships and joined-up research? What are the latest indicators of the impact water scarcity is having on food security and what are the most promising approaches to addressing this problem domestically and internationally? What role can the UK play in tackling global food market instability, and what more can Government do to protect consumers and producers from the effects of food price fluctuations?
Dr Chris Fawcett, Associate Director, AMEC Environment and Infrastructure
Dr Yuelai Lu, Head of Secretariat (UK), UK-China Sustainable Agriculture Innovation Network (SAIN) and Senior Research Fellow, International Development UEA (DEV), University of East Anglia (UEA)
Phil Bloomer, Director, Campaigns and Policy, Oxfam
Nick von Westenholz, Chief Executive, Crop Protection Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 - 10.25 **Chairman's closing remarks**
Lord Cameron of Dillington, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Agriculture and Food for Development
- 10.25 - 10.55 Coffee
- 10.55 - 11.00 **Chairman's opening remarks**
Barry Gardiner MP, Leader of the Opposition's Special Envoy for Climate Change and the Environment and Vice President, GLOBE International
- 11.00 - 11.10 **Priorities for biodiversity and conserving the natural habitat**
James Marsden, Director of Land Management Strategy, Natural England
- 11.10 - 11.45 **Meeting the challenges of sustainability and food security**
What progress has been made towards the Foresight challenge of creating a global food system focused around sustainability? Is 'Biodiversity 2020: A strategy for England's wildlife and ecosystem services' on track to achieve its aim of halting the loss of biodiversity? What has been the impact of Biodiversity 2020 on agricultural land use, and what changes might be needed for the direction of policy? With the European Commission's proposed introduction of mandatory 'greening' measures in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), what other international measures could be implemented to meet environmental challenges? What is the role of sustainable intensification, and should this be stretched to issues such as animal welfare and the agricultural economy?
Dr Andrea Graham, Chief Land Management Adviser, NFU
Daniel Crossley, Executive Director, Food Ethics Council
Jim Kirke, Leaf Sustainability Manager, British American Tobacco
Questions and comments from the floor with **James Marsden**, Director of Land Management Strategy, Natural England
- 11.45 - 12.25 **Creating a sustainable global food system**
Professor Tim Benton, Champion for the UK's Global Food Security programme and Professor of Population Ecology, University of Leeds
Dr Tara Garnett, Food Climate Research Network, University of Oxford
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 - 12.55 **Next steps for policy following the Green Food Project**
Karen Morgan, Green Food Project Coordinator, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chairman's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Barry Gardiner MP, Leader of the Opposition's Special Envoy for Climate Change and the Environment and Vice President, GLOBE International
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum



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