

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference

Next steps for science and technology in UK agriculture

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Supporting the role of science and technology in UK agriculture and coordination with the wider policy landscape**
Tim Mordan, Deputy Director, Agri-Food Chain - Innovation, Productivity & Science, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Funding for agritech - identifying opportunities, priorities for research, investment sources, and access to finance**
Katrina Hayter, Challenge Director, Transforming Food Production, Innovate UK
- 9.50 **Driving forward innovation - improving productivity and sustainability, maximising the potential of data and emerging technology, key challenges and opportunities, and supporting stakeholder engagement and take-up**
Professor Richard Tiffin, Chief Scientific Officer, Agrimetrics
Dr Helen Ferrier, Chief Science & Regulatory Affairs Adviser, National Farmers' Union
Dustin Benton, Policy Director, Green Alliance
Jon Williams, Public and Governmental Affairs Manager - Agricultural Solutions, UK and Ireland, BASF
Senior representative, technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
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Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **Science and technology in a global context - latest developments, the international regulatory landscape, and future trade agreements**
Dr Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO)
Senior representative, trade
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Key issues for genetic editing and the future outlook for GM crops in the UK**
Sarah Bell, Board Member and Cereals and Oilseeds Sector Chair, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board
Professor Jonathan Napier, Science Director - Omega-3 Camelina Development Flagship Leader, Rothamsted Research
Dave Bench, Chief Executive, Crop Protection Association
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, consumers
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Regulatory priorities for science and technology in the food system**
Professor Robin May, Chief Scientific Adviser, Food Standards Agency; and Professor of Infectious Disease, University of Birmingham
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum