

Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

Next steps for food security in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **'Reinjecting defence and resilience into food security'**
Professor Tim Lang, Professor Emeritus, Food Policy, Centre for Food Policy, City St George's, University of London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Strategic approaches to supporting farmers in on-farm climate adaptation**
Dmitry Feoktistov, Sustainability and Climate Change Adviser, National Farmers' Union
- 9.40 **Building resilient food supply chains - domestic production, land use planning, and data-driven decision-making**
role of the Farming and Food Partnership Board | reducing reliance on imported food and critical inputs in the context of global supply disruption | growth opportunities across primary production and processing | supporting sustainable farm incomes and addressing barriers to investment and private finance | diversification strategies and supply chain risk management | strengthening data collection and intelligence to support early warning on supply disruption, climate resilience planning and production decisions | balancing productive agricultural land use with nature recovery, housing delivery and renewable energy priorities under the Land Use Framework for England | improving food and farming infrastructure and spatial planning reform
Senior representative, food industry
Senior representative, retail
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, data
Senior representative, land use
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Priorities for farming productivity and environmental stewardship**
Peter Craven, Head, Agriculture, Natural England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 **Opportunities for agricultural innovation to support food security - regenerative practices, emerging technologies, and support mechanisms for application within farming**
key areas of agricultural innovation, including regenerative practices, plant breeding, alternative and circular proteins, and AI-enabled supply chain tools | priorities for scaling technologies across different farming systems | addressing barriers to adoption | improving access to capital and investment | tackling skills gaps and labour availability across the agricultural workforce | challenges faced by tenant and smaller holdings | role of farmer networks and peer learning in supporting adoption of new technologies
Senior representative, agri-tech
Senior representative, gene-editing
Senior representative, AI
Senior representative, consultancy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Practical and strategic approaches to supporting household food security and equity**
improving affordability and availability of food for vulnerable households | role of public procurement, local food strategies and social support programmes | approaches to managing food costs while maintaining nutritional outcomes | reducing the impact of price volatility, supply chain disruption and climate-related pressures | maintaining public trust and confidence in the food system | priorities for supporting long-term stability of the food system
Senior representative, public health
Senior representative, food charity
Senior representative, consumer
Senior representative, local authority
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.35 **Next steps for strengthening food security in the UK**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum