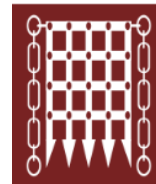


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Priorities for improving soil health in the UK

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 12th March 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Environment
- 9.05 **Assessing the landscape for soil health research and policy**
Dr Eleanor Reed, Principal Soil Specialist, Natural England
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Priorities for assisting land managers and farmers in moving towards sustainably managed soils**
Richard Bramley, Chair, Environment Forum, National Farmers Union
- 9.50 **Effective implementation of agricultural schemes**
Unlocking opportunities for innovation and citizen science | Financing the transition to sustainably managed soils | Collaboration between stakeholders in food and agriculture
Gareth Morgan, Head of Policy, Farming and Land Use, Soil Association
Martin Hanson, Head of Agriculture, HSBC
Dr Elizabeth Stockdale, Head of Farming Systems Research, National Institute of Agricultural Botany
Nick Johannsen, Director, Kent Downs National Landscapes
Senior representative, retail
- 10.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Environment
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Hayman of Ullock, Shadow Spokesperson, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- 11.10 **Building a global framework for improving soil health and management**
Professor John Crawford, Lead, Global Soil Health Programme, University of Glasgow
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Strategies for improving soil monitoring and management**
Assessing options for soil classification | Baseline and target-setting | Overcoming fertiliser and pesticide-related issues | Decarbonising agricultural emissions | Protecting and improving urban soils
Dr Fabrizio Albanito, Senior Soil Health and Carbon Specialist, UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology
Kevin Kennedy, Partner, Burges Salmon
Charles Campion, Partner, John Thompson and Partners
Mike Gooding, Farming Systems Director, AHDB
Susanna Dart, Climate Change Policy Officer, Lancaster City Council
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Next steps for delivering sustainably managed soils in the UK**
David Smedley, Head of Soil and Peatland Science and Evidence, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
Rachel Boulderstone, Head of Soils and Contaminated Land Policy, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Baroness Hayman of Ullock, Shadow Spokesperson, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
Holly Attwell, Senior Researcher, Westminster Forum Projects