

## Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for gene-edited foods in England

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**
- 9.05 **Policy developments and priorities for gene-edited food production and research**  
**Professor Gideon Henderson**, Chief Scientific Adviser and Director General, Science and Analysis, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Opportunities for research and innovation in gene-editing technologies**  
**Professor Mario Caccamo**, CEO and Director, Niab
- 9.45 **Key challenges for the delivery of gene-edited foods**  
*assessing direction of new government policy | funding priorities and investor confidence | strategies for increasing consumer acceptance and trust | options for expanding R&D and sector innovation | latest developments in research, crop science and innovative technologies | role of gene-editing technologies in tackling climate change challenges and food security demands | priorities for intellectual property rights | unlocking new markets and incentives for companies to develop and launch products in England*  
**Siân Edmonds**, Senior Associate, Osborne Clarke  
**Tom Allen-Stevens**, Managing Director, BOFIN  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, advocacy  
Senior representative, research
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Professor Lord John Krebs**
- 11.05 **Support for the biotech industry and regulatory priorities for gene-edited product development and innovation**  
Senior representative, industry  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Assessing issues and options for UK cross-border coordination on gene-edited food policy**  
Senior commentator
- 11.40 **Priorities for gene-edited food regulation**  
*priorities for regulatory certainty | food safety and concerns over potential toxins | consumer priorities | implications for trade | latest thinking on gene-edited product transparency and challenges around food labelling | animal welfare | implications of cross-border regulatory divergence | approaches to managing risk and safety | options for metrics and data*  
**Taly Dvorkis**, Director, Fieldfisher  
**Daniel Cameron**, Research Director, Ipsos  
Senior representative, research  
Senior representative, industry  
Senior representative, animal welfare
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **The regulatory framework going forward for gene-edited food**  
Senior representative, regulation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**  
**Professor Lord John Krebs**  
**Lucy Wilson**, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum