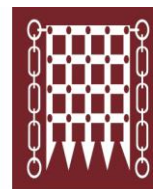


**Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:
Agri-food industry climate adaptation and net zero targets**

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 12th December 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Assessing the current state of climate adaptation in the agri-food sector and strategies for monitoring progress moving forward**
Tom Lancaster, Head, Land, Food and Farming, Energy & Climate Intelligence Unit
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Options for supporting sustainability within the agri-food sector - utilising technology and effective data reporting, reducing emissions, and maintaining productivity**
Richard Bramley, Regional Environmental Lead, North Region, National Farmers' Union
- 9.45 **Strategies for implementing climate adaptation in the agriculture sector**
options for reducing emissions | standardising farm data reporting and educating farmers to encourage participation | upskilling the workforce to develop sustainable practices | opportunities for workforce diversification | utilising land and soil as natural capital | optimising carbon sequestration strategies | supporting productivity within the sector as the climate changes | improving domestic food security and self-sufficiency | unlocking technology and innovation to increase sustainable agricultural practices | key issues for accessibility of Environmental Land Management schemes | best practice for livestock management
Kevin Kennedy, Partner, Burges Salmon
Liz Bowles, CEO, Farm Carbon Toolkit
Corrina Urquhart, Interim CEO, BASIS
Phil Stocker, CEO, National Sheep Association
Senior representative, research
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Priorities for decarbonising the food and drink industry**
key issues for delivering decarbonisation | implementing renewable energy sources in production methods | utilising energy efficient technologies and data | options for increasing data collection and transparent emissions reporting | improving transparency of net zero claims by businesses | tackling rising costs | mitigating tensions and accessibility concerns between small and large businesses | considerations for building a circular economy | optimising energy management | preserving food quality and safety standards
Philip McNaughton, Head, Decarbonisation, British Sugar
Kirsty Saddler, Head, Health and Sustainability Programmes, Institute of Grocery Distribution
Senior representative, circular economy
Senior representative, retail
Senior representative, consultancy
- 11.30 **Key considerations for meeting net zero targets in the food and drink industry - sustainability, policy coherence, and cross-sector collaboration**
Balwinder Dhoot, Director, Sustainability and Growth, Food and Drink Federation
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for food system resilience and security in the context of challenges presented by climate change**
Nigel Murray, Managing Director, Booths; and Member, Food and Drink Sector Council, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum