

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar
Natural resources, climate adaptation and biodiversity policy in Wales

Timing: Morning, Tuesday, 7th July 2015

Venue: Cardiff Marriott Hotel, Mill Lane, Cardiff CF10 1EZ

Agenda subject to change



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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alun Ffred Jones AM, Chair, Environment and Sustainability Committee, National Assembly for Wales and Spokesperson for Business and Economy, Science and Devolution, Plaid Cymru
- 9.05 - 9.25 **"Our vision for implementation of natural resource management in Wales"**
Dr Sarah Williams, Manager, Natural Resources and Ecosystems Group, Natural Resources Wales
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 - 10.15 **Key issues for managing and making the most of Wales' natural resources**
"Developing indicators for the resilience of Wales' Natural Resources based on current monitoring programmes"
Professor Bridget Emmett, Science Area Lead for Soil, Section Head and Head of Site, CEH, Bangor
"Trees, Habitat Networks and Woodland Resilience"
Jerry Langford, Wales Director, The Woodland Trust
Responsible use of Wales' energy potential
Councillor Dr Stuart Anderson, Tidal Energy Campaigner and former Chairman, Conwy County Borough Council
Water resource management
Tony Harrington, Director of Environment, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water
Reforming agricultural practices and delivering the Rural Development Programme
Bernard Llewellyn, Chair, Rural Affairs Board, NFU Cymru
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.45 **Adapting to climate change, building resilience and meeting international climate change targets**
How will Wales be affected by climate change and how should it adapt?
Dr Alan Netherwood, Member, Adaptation Sub-Group, Climate Change Commission for Wales and Founder, Netherwood Sustainable Futures
Case study - Peat bogs: Natural resilience and opportunities for preventing acceleration of climate change
Gethin Davies, Ecosystems and Climate Change Officer, Snowdonia National Park Authority
"Integrating ecosystem resilience into coastal planning"
Dr Rhoda Ballinger, Senior Lecturer, School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 - 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Alun Ffred Jones AM, Chair, Environment and Sustainability Committee, National Assembly for Wales and Spokesperson for Business and Economy, Science and Devolution, Plaid Cymru
- 10.50 - 11.15 Coffee
- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Councillor Ralph Cook, Cardiff County Council
- 11.20 - 11.30 **International context: biodiversity and the Aichi 2020 targets**
Annie Smith, Sustainable Development Manager, RSPB Cymru
- 11.30 - 12.30 **Policy priorities and next steps for achieving Wales' international biodiversity targets**
The economic value of Wales' biodiversity
Ian Dickie, Director, eftec
Case study - Progress on the Nature Fund Project
Andrew Osborne, Group Leader Economy, Environment and Culture, Torfaen County Borough Council
Challenges for marine and coastal area conservation
Gill Bell, Wales Programme Manager, Marine Conservation Society
"Global, national and fine-scale impacts of land-use change on local terrestrial biodiversity"
Professor Andy Purvis, Research Leader, Natural History Museum and Principal Investigator, PREDICTS
Dr Luca Borger, Associate Professor Biosciences, Swansea University
Developing local and regional biodiversity partnerships - integration and creating an area-based approach
Rosie Carmichael, Chair, Carmarthenshire Local Biodiversity Action Plan Partnership and Rural Conservation Manager, Carmarthenshire County Council
Putting policy into practice - will the Environment Bill and Nature Recovery Plan achieve their aims?
Rachel Sharp, Chief Executive Officer, Wildlife Trusts Wales
Questions and comments from the floor with **Annie Smith**, Sustainable Development Manager, RSPB Cymru
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for managing Wales' natural resources and ecosystems**
Matthew Quinn, Director of Environment and Sustainable Development, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Councillor Ralph Cook, Cardiff County Council
Jonny Roberts, Associate Editor, Policy Forum for Wales