Sustainability 2020
Sustainable Development in the UK in 2020
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The UK has committed to a range of nationally and internationally-set sustainable development goals. These include the Millennium Development Goals due to end in 2015, the new Europe 2020 goals following on from the Lisbon Strategy and a number of sustainability targets.

This year's conference will look at the progress and challenges of meeting some of these goals and achieving sustainable development in relation to a number of key areas, including: natural capital; economic growth; policy-making and engaging the public; evidence, tools and policy evaluation; and renewable energy.

The conference will consider: if we are on track; whether we have the rights tools, research programmes, policies and approaches to help get us there; what the barriers to success are and what can be done to help overcome them?

Agenda

09.15   Coffee and Registration

10.00   Welcome and Conference Opening, Richard Wakeford, Chair, SDRN Advisory Committee

10.20   Natural Capital: How should-valuing natural capital help progress towards sustainable development? What are the issues surrounding ascribing value to our natural capital? What are its knock-on impacts on well-being and other sustainable development goals?

Chair: **Professor Andrew Watkinson, UEA** (pdf)

- **Ece Ozdemiroglu, eftec** (pdf)
- **Alastair MacGregor, Trucost** (pdf)
- **Dr Stephanie Hime, KPMG**

11.20   Coffee

11.45   Reconciling sustainable development with economic growth? What are the synergies between medium to long term growth and environmental protection? Is GDP growth essential for sustainable development? What is the role of innovation and what drives it?

Chair: Dr Ulrike Hotopp, Defra

- **Professor Tim Jackson, University of Surrey** (pdf)
- **Professor Mark Pennington, Kings College London**
- **Dr Nicola Brandt, OECD** (pdf)

12.45   Lunch

1.45   Policy development: the contribution of public engagement and behaviour change. What lessons can be taken for sustainable development from recent work on behaviour change and public engagement? Could sustainable development challenges be better framed by policy-makers to engage the public?

     Chair: Deborah Mattinson, BritainThinks

- **Ian Christie, University of Surrey**
- **Professor Nick Pidgeon, University of Cardiff** (pdf)
- **Professor Greg Marsden, Institute for Transport Studies, University of Leeds** (pdf)
- **Dr Simon Christmas, Independent Researcher** (further info)

2.55   Tea, Coffee

3.20   Research and evidence for sustainable development. What are the evidence and tools needed to deliver on long-term challenges such as sustainable development? How should learning, research and evaluation be built into policy and delivery?

     Chair: Jill Rutter, Institute for Government

- **Dr Ulrike Hotopp, Defra** (pdf)
- **Elizabeth Robin, UK Evaluation Society**
- **Professor Mark Petticrew, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine** (pdf)

4.20   Climate and Energy: How achievable are the UK's 2020 renewable energy targets? What is the best strategy for meeting them?

     Chair: Professor Jim Skea, Research Councils UK

- **Professor Jim Watson, UKERC** (pdf)
- **Gareth Redmond, DECC** (pdf)
- **Maf Smith, RenewableUK**

5.20   Chair's closing remarks followed by networking reception

7.00 (approx.) Conference close

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