Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum policy conference:

Next steps for gene-edited foods in England

Timing: Morning, Monday, 17th June 2024

Taking Place Online

Agenda subject to change

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9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle

9.05 Opportunities for genetic technologies to support food security and other key policy objectives - frameworks for delivery

Jonny Hazell, Senior Policy Adviser, The Royal Society

Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Priorities for research and innovation in precision-breeding technologies

Professor Steve Penfield, Programme Leader, John Innes Centre

9.45 Key issues for the delivery of gene-edited foods

opportunities and potential for key markets including tackling food security demands and climate adaptation | consumer attitudes and trust | implications of cross-border regulatory divergence | latest developments in research, crop science and innovative technologies | intellectual property rights | protecting the eco-system | regulatory certainty and product launches | investor confidence, funding and investment

Professor Nigel Halford, Crop Scientist, Rothamsted Research

Siân Edmonds, Senior Associate, Osborne Clarke

Professor David Rose, Elizabeth Creak Chair, Sustainable Agri-Food Systems, Harper Adams University

Daniel Green, Agriculture Director, British Sugar **Paul Temple**, Vice-Chairman, Global Farmer Network

10.10 Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 Policy developments and priorities for gene-edited food production and research

Jack Bobo, Director of Food Systems Institute, University of Nottingham

Questions and comments from the floor

11.05 Chair's closing remarks

Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle

11.10 Break

11.20 Chair's opening remarks

Jack Bobo, Director of Food Systems Institute, University of Nottingham

11.25 Regulatory priorities for moving forward gene-edited products and the biotech industry

Mark Buckingham, Corporate Engagement Leader UK&I, Bayer Crop Science

11.40 Evaluating options for the regulation of gene-edited food production

authorisation processes | regulatory certainty | food safety and concerns over new toxins | gene-edited product transparency | issues around regulatory divergence | licencing and investment | approaches to managing risk | consumer priorities | food labelling | animal welfare

Katrina Anderson, Principal Associate, Mills & Reeve

Professor Mario Caccamo, Chief Executive Officer and Director, NIAB

Dr Craig Lewis, Genetic Service Manager, Pig Improvement Company

Michelle Mackie, Head of Qualitative Research and Engagement Centre, Ipsos

12.05 Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 <u>'Balancing interests in the quest for sensible regulation of crop improvement methods'</u>

Professor Jonathan Jones, Group Leader, The Sainsbury Laboratory, Norwich UK

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum closing remarks

Jack Bobo, Director of Food Systems Institute, University of Nottingham

Jessica Lear, Westminster Food & Nutrition Forum