

Post-Brexit agricultural policy from supply chain perspectives:

A lunchtime seminar on operationalizing “public money for public goods” with supply chain investment in the farmed environment

Hosted by the Global Food Security Programme

11th December 2018

12-14:30 (including lunch)

The Atrium, Defra, Nobel House,

17 Smith Square, Westminster, London SW1P 3JR

Background

As the UK leaves the EU, increasing attention is being paid to the design of a future agricultural support scheme. Consistent with the UK's long-standing negotiating position on the Common Agricultural Policy, the current direction of travel is toward a more market-oriented regime, with support largely limited to “public payments for public goods”. However, many questions remain about how to operationalize this approach in policy, law and practice.

Why attend

This seminar is hosted by the 'Resilience of the UK Food System in a Global Context' programme, a major interdisciplinary research programme launched by Global Food Security with support from BBSRC, ESRC, NERC and Scottish Government. Global Food Security is a UK cross-government programme on food security research (www.foodsecurity.ac.uk). The seminar brings together leading experts funded by the GFS programme, N8 AgriFood and the Natural Environment Research Council with Defra group Policy and Delivery colleagues including from Defra WQ Policy, Natural England's Results Based Agri-Environment Payments Scheme (RBAPS) Pilot and the Catchment Sensitive Farming partnership, and key thinkers from industry. The seminar addresses a number of important questions, including:

1. How might a new UK agricultural support scheme operate in a synergistic way with the agri- food supply chain, including interaction with international trade law and policy?
2. Can the private sector work with Government to co-fund a future agricultural support scheme that matches public preferences and targets public goods delivery to the locations where they can be most efficiently provided? Which scheme options do research evidence syntheses suggest are likely to deliver most public benefits?
3. Can an agricultural support scheme based on “public money for public goods” protect farm businesses from non-delivery risks and cost-effectively monitor compliance? How will farmers react to the opportunities and risks presented by the blending of private sector and public sector incentives? What will be the role of Farm Advice?
4. How might a “food systems” approach build the resilience of the UK food system by transforming the relationship between food production and consumption choices?

12:00

Lunch

12:30 – 13:45

Short presentations supported by policy briefs

Public money for public goods: contributions from across the Global Food Security programme

Melanie Collins, International Coordinator and Strategy Manager for the Global Food Security Programme

Defra evidence and policy work

Defra speaker TBC

How might a new UK agricultural support scheme operate within the broader agrifood supply chain, including interaction with international trade law and policy?

*Michael Cardwell, Professor of Agricultural Law, University of Leeds
Fiona Smith, Professor of International Economic Law, and N8 Chair in Agri-Food Regulation, University of Leeds*

Can the private sector work with Government to co-fund a highly targeted agricultural support scheme?

*Mark Reed, Professor of Socio-Technical Innovation and N8 AgriFood Chair at Newcastle University, GFS Resilient Dairy Landscapes, Valuing Nature Programme Peatland Tipping Points and NERC iCASP
Tom Curtis, 3Keel, GFS Resilient Dairy Landscapes
Andrew Griffiths, Nestle UK and Ireland, GFS Resilient Dairy Landscapes*

How can we make “public money for public goods” farm business friendly?

David Burton, Catchment Sensitive Farming, Natural England and Vicky Robinson, Natural England RBAPS tbc

How can “food systems” research help strengthen the resilience of the UK food system??

Tony Heron, Professor of International Politics at University of York, GFS iKnowFood

13:45 – 14:30

Panel discussion

Chaired by Monika Zurek, Global Food Security programme

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