

Agenda: 2nd UKEOF Conference: Approaches to Environmental Monitoring for Natural Capital Reporting Across the UK: Merits of Closer Coordination

Tuesday 1st March 2022

Virtual Event, via Zoom

Goal: Share knowledge and information on monitoring that informs understanding of the state and change of natural capital assets in the four nations, and explore the need for more integrated UK-scale approaches.

The conference has 3 aims:

- 1. Review regional, national and international needs for evidence;
- 2. Share knowledge/information on the current natural capital-focused monitoring strategies and methodologies of the four home nations; and
- 3. Identify opportunities for greater integration, as well as the mutual benefits and limitations of coordinating methodologies at wider scales (from UK upwards).

09.30: Welcome and Introduction to UKEOF and the Conference

• Dr. Doug Wilson (UKEOF chair)

09.40: Opening Keynote

• Professor Sir Dieter Helm, CBE

10.00: Interactive polling questions

10.10: Second Keynote

Professor Paul Leinster, CBE

10.30: Natural Capital Evidence Needs at UK Level

• Dr. Adam Dutton (ONS)

10.50: Break

11.10: Natural Capital Monitoring Across the Nations

Speakers will summarise key monitoring and measuring activities currently underway within their country, and provide examples of the emerging information and its application in informing scientific understanding, management and policy.

11.10: England – Jane Lusardi (NE)

11.30: Scotland - Ross Johnson (SG)



11.50: Wales - Prof. Bridget Emmett (UKCEH) and James Skates (WG)

12.10: Panel Discussion – with questions from the floor (CHAIR: Dr. Lisa Norton (UKCEH))

12.40: Lunch

13.25: Introduction to Session 2

• **Dr. Doug Wilson** (UKEOF chair)

13.30: Session 2 Opening Keynote

• Integrated Natural Capital Monitoring in Germany – Dr. Armin Benzler (BfN)

13.50: Integrated Natural Capital Monitoring in the UK

• Paul Robinson (JNCC)

14.10: Interactive Breakout sessions

We strongly encourage participants to plan to stay for this session to ensure that their views on opportunities for greater integration, as well as the mutual benefits and limitations of coordinating methodologies at UK scales (and beyond), are captured.

- Participants will break up into small groups, with a facilitator, to discuss the following questions:
- 1. What are the important constraints to tracking, understanding, and reporting change in the UK's Natural Capital?
- 2. How should these be addressed?
- 3. Scenario: It's 2050 and environmental data collection to inform Natural Capital assessments is not coordinated beyond the level of devolved governments. Is this a problem, and if so, how is it best avoided?
- 4. If we could standardise one thing at a UK level to improve our understanding of change in our Natural Capital what would it be?

15.10: Interactive polling questions

15.20: Closing Remarks and Official Close of the Conference

Dr. Doug Wilson (UKEOF chair)

15.30: Close