Sustainable Development Networking Event

Windsor, UK
14-15 July 2005

PROGRAMME

Wednesday 13 July (evening)
Arrival of first delegates, and start of registration

Thursday 14 July

9.30–10.00   Remaining registration

PLENARY SESSION

10.00–10.05   Welcome from Chair, Helen Marquard, Head of Europe Environment Division, DEFRA

10.05–10.30   Opening address – UK Minister for Climate Change and the Environment Elliot Morley MP

10.30–10.55   Improving Delivery of National SD strategies Prof. Paul Ekins, Policy Studies Institute (UK), and Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution

10.55–11.20   Strengthening Public and Stakeholder Engagement Tony Long, Director WWF European Policy Office, Brussels

11.20 – 11.50   Coffee

11.50–12.20   The Review of the EU Sustainable Development Strategy; Key Issues – Christine Dalby, Secretariat-General, European Commission

12.20–12.30   Introduction to the workshop sessions - David Wilkinson, IEEP

12.30–14.00   LUNCH
WORKSHOPS
14.00–15.30  First workshop break-out – six parallel groups
15.30–16.00  Coffee/Tea
16.00–17.30  Second workshop breakout – six parallel groups
18.15  Evening visit to the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, including an overview of Kew’s scientific work by Professor Sir Peter Crane FRS, the Director of Kew, plus a walk around the gardens, and dinner. Coaches will return to Beaumont House at 22.00 and 22.30

Friday 15 July
08.45–09.00  Welcome back by Chair

WORKSHOPS
09.00–10.30  Third workshop breakout: Six parallel groups
10.30–11.00  Coffee

PLENARY SESSION
11.00–11.15  Strengthening the European NSSD Network: A Permanent Support Mechanism? Elisabeth Freytag (Austrian Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management) and Philip Stamp (DEFRA)
11.15–12.00  Report back from the three workshops
12.00–12.20  Response from the European Commission – Robin Miege, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Environment
12.20–12.50  Concluding discussion and agreement on future of Network
12.50–13.00  Chair’s concluding remarks
13.00–14.00  LUNCH
14.00  Conference ends
14.00–18.00  Optional excursion to Hampton Court Palace