



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 Miede, 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