



## Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership Mailing: May 2010

### Event: Adapting to climate change. How prepared are you? Glasgow - 10 June



SCCIP in partnership with Glasgow City Council are hosting a climate change adaptation event on 10 June 2010. The event entitled '**Adapting to Climate Change. How prepared are you?**' will provide:



- Details about Glasgow City Council's work on climate change adaptation;
- An overview of recent past climate trends and future projections;
- Expert opinions on how the transport, built environment and health and wellbeing sectors will be impacted by climate change;
- Opportunities to discuss what climate change adaptation might mean for individual local authority departments.

The event will be chaired by George Tarvit, Sustainable Scotland Network Development Manager and will include guest speakers from the transport, built environment and health and wellbeing sectors as well as Glasgow City Council and SCCIP. [Please follow this link to register for the event.](#)

### Adapting to Climate Change: A Guide for Businesses in Scotland



*Adapting to Climate Change: A Guide for Businesses in Scotland* has recently been developed by SCCIP to assist businesses in assessing the risks and opportunities climate change may pose and understanding better how to build the adaptive capacity to deal with these risks. The publication will be launched at the forthcoming 'Delivering on

2020' event (see below) and SCCIP will also have an information stand on the day. Please watch the [SCCIP website](#) for further details.

### Land Use Strategy



The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 requires a land use strategy to be laid by Scottish Ministers before the Scottish Parliament by 31 March 2011. The strategy must set out the Government's objectives in relation to sustainable land use, as well as proposals, policies and their associated timescales for meeting those. The objectives, proposals and policies must contribute to obligations under the Act on emissions reduction targets, to climate change adaptation objectives and to sustainable development. [Read more](#)

### Delivering on 2020: Putting Scotland at the forefront of climate change policy, action and jobs

This one-day interactive conference takes place on Wednesday 16th June 2010 at Our Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh. The conference will examine how Scotland, the UK and the rest of the world can work together to meet climate change targets, it will look at some of the obstacles to that ambition and will also offer practical examples of how small changes in the way our businesses operate can effect substantial savings not only to the climate but also to the public purse. For more information and registration visit [www.deliveringon2020.com](http://www.deliveringon2020.com).

## Edinburgh Centre for Climate Change



The [Edinburgh Centre for Climate Change](#) (ECCC) is both a physical and a virtual grouping of experts from a variety of disciplines ranging from geosciences and engineering, to law and business. It will be led by The University of Edinburgh, in partnership with other higher education institutions, such as Heriot Watt University. Its purpose will be to foster collaborative working between academics and policy and business practitioners to find solutions to climate change problems.

## Adapting Your Procurement



Defra and the Office of Government Commerce (OGC) have produced guidance to help all public procurement professionals and their organisations adapt their procurement as a way of responding to climate change. By following the steps in Adapting Your Procurement and incorporating adaptation into procurement processes and decisions, should help capital and other relevant projects to be procured in a way that ensures they are designed, built and operated to be resilient to climate change over their expected lifetime, e.g. 10 years for a road surface, 50 years for a school and up to, and over, 100 years for infrastructure such as bridges. The full guidance can be downloaded on the [Defra website](#).

## Departmental Adaptation Plans



On 31 March 2010, UK Government departments published Departmental Adaptation Plans, setting out their key risks and priorities on climate change, and Carbon Reduction Delivery Plans (work led by Department of Energy and Climate Change). Departments were encouraged to take a joint approach and some have produced combined Climate Change plans. More information can be found on the [Defra website](#).

## Adaptation & Resilience in a Changing Climate: The UK Energy Sector and its Infrastructure



An online workshop will take place on Monday 14 and Wednesday 16 June to help scope research into climate change adaptation within the UK energy sector. The workshop is a collaborative effort of Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) and the ARCC Coordination Network. It will produce information to prepare a call to tender for further research. Current challenges, knowledge gaps, and areas of potential research in the UK energy sector and its infrastructure will be explored with the help of key stakeholders and researchers.



More information can be found [here](#).

## New UKCP09 Courses in June



Would you like to get to grips with CDFs, PDFs, joint probabilities and raw data within the UKCP09 User Interface? UKCIP's new intermediate course covers all these areas in depth, giving you the skills and knowledge you will need to use them effectively in your work. The next course will be held in Oxford on 9 June - [click here](#) to find out more and to book your place. Places are also available on the monthly UKCP09 User Interface introductory courses to the end of December.

## UKCIP webinar series kicks off



UKCIP's series of webinars (online seminars) looking at adaptation began on 26 May. Taking the UKCIP Adaptation Wizard as its starting point, the series will look at steps in the process of adaptation. Webinars are open to all and free of charge.

For more information on the webinar series and to reserve your place, please [click here](#).

## New Climate UK Webpage



[www.climateuk.net](http://www.climateuk.net) is a new web portal which brings together and provides access to the national network of climate change partnerships from the English regions, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales which make up Climate UK. The aim of Climate UK is to share knowledge and learning about tackling the consequences of climate change in the UK and to maximise the benefit from each Partnership's work.

## Grassland & Clover Management Event – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June,



**Soil Association**  
healthy soil, healthy people, healthy planet

**Grassland & Clover Management Event, Abbey St Bathans, Berwickshire**

Topics covered in the morning technical session will include grassland productivity, utilisation & optimum stocking rates, choice of grass & clover species, establishment, nutrient management & weed control, the Scottish Sheep Strategy and funding options under SRDP/LMO.

The event will include farm visits to discuss how the principles can be put into practice. The cost for this event is £40.00 plus VAT. For further details see [Soil Association Website](#) or call Lyn on 0131 666 0847 or email [lmatheson@soilassociation.org](mailto:lmatheson@soilassociation.org). This event is open to all.

## Nature Report on 'Reassessing Sea Level'

New research by scientists based in the UK suggests sea level could rise by 0.6–1.6 metres by 2100. The findings are based on use of a statistical model to estimate the cumulative impact of a variety of warming and cooling agents — both natural and man-made — on twenty-first-century sea level rise. The researchers say their estimates are in line with past sea level responses to temperature change, and they suggest that estimates based on ice and ocean thermal responses alone may be misleading. In its 2007 assessment report, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimated that thermal expansion of the ocean and ice melt alone could raise sea level by 18–59 centimetres this century. [More information](#).

## 11<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Statistical Climatology

The 11<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Statistical Climatology will take place in Edinburgh from 12-16 July. More information can be found [here](#).

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