

UK Food Group meeting

30th October,
2:00-5.00pm, London



AGRICULTURE AT A CROSSROADS: *Implementing the findings of the international agriculture assessment – IAASTD*

Sponsored by: Andrew George MP and Alan Simpson MP

Keynote speaker: Professor Bob Watson, Director IAASTD and DEFRA Chief Scientist

“Business as usual is not an option... continuing to focus on production alone will undermine our agricultural capital and leave us with an increasingly degraded and divided planet.”
Bob Watson, March 2008

This is a chance to learn about and discuss a very significant, UN/World Bank-sponsored report from the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) - www.agassessment.org and www.panna.org/it/agAssessment. IAASTD finds that unless agriculture and the way society engages with it is fundamentally changed, it will not be possible to feed the projected 9 billion world population, ensure equity and sustain the planet.

The UK government and 57 others have approved the IAASTD Summary and its Synthesis Report, which focuses on eight key themes ranging from bioenergy, trade and markets to traditional and local knowledge and community-based innovation, especially by women. Now is the time for implementation of its 22 Key Findings, which cover all aspects of food and agriculture policy, rural development and scientific research.

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Time: 2:00-5:00pm

Place: Boothroyd Room, Portcullis House, Houses of Parliament, Westminster, London.

Agenda: Introduction by Andrew George MP; Keynote address by Prof Watson; Responses from Janet Cotter Greenpeace UK and Patrick Mulvany, Practical Action; Questions; Discussion; Summing up.

Registration essential: please email geraldine@ukfg.org.uk
you will then receive a formal invitation needed for security at Portcullis House

Further information: see www.ukfg.org.uk

This meeting will be preceded by a UK Food Group members meeting at 1:00pm