

Climate Change Committee Meeting

Present: Baroness Brown (Chair Adaptation), Michael Davies, Nathalie Seddon, Swenja Surminski, Ben Caldecott, Richard Dawson

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Climate Change Committee

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Date: 28th April 2023, 09:30-15.00

Held: Virtual

1. Intro to session, minutes of the previous meetings and conflicts of interest

Baroness Brown advised Richard Betts would be joining as special advisor on CCRA4. The secretariat discussed the success of the NI adaptation report and introduced new joiner, Lisa Friberg. Chris Stark advised committee of new incoming mitigation committee member, Nigel Topping.

No new conflicts of interest were declared.

2. CCRA4 Timelines and Framing

The secretariat presented updates on CCRA4. Daisy presented timelines for CCRA4; the aims for Year 2 and spring/summer 2023; and the creation of the new economics advisory group. The committee discussed the need for a more substantial and creative call for evidence, including wider disciplines and useful products for decision-makers.

Caitlin presented the framing for CCRA4, introducing the macro-framing. The four key decisions were presented: time horizons, uncertainty, UK climate change, and socio-economic change. Proposals were evaluated in relation to alignment with user need, scientific credibility, availability of evidence, economic considerations, spatial considerations, and ease of communication. The Committee requested the secretariat revisit the framing in relation to time horizons and the implications of this for global/UK climate change uncertainty.

The CCRA4 team summarised the outputs of the scoping projects. The Committee suggested an overview of engagement and utilisation of website analytics to supplement information on users of CCRA3.

3. Welsh Progress Report

Suzannah presented reflections on the Cardiff Stakeholder session and invited the committee to do the same.

Suzannah presented an update on the Welsh adaptation progress report, detailing initial findings across some focus areas and introducing the approach for delivering additional briefs on interlinkages between adaptation and 'decarbonisation', 'social justice' and 'the nature emergency'. Brendan presented updates to 'the nature emergency' advice in more detail. The committee members to 'champion' each piece were agreed as:

- Decarbonisation: Mike Davies and Swenja Surminski
- Social Justice: Baroness Brown, Nathalie Seddon and Richard Dawson
- The Nature Emergency: Nathalie Seddon and Ben Caldecott

4. UK Progress Report Engagement

The secretariat presented an overview of the launch event and stakeholder engagement for the UK Progress Report for adaptation. The Committee suggested using their contacts for greater engagement.

5. AOB and Close

Reminder committee meeting in May is in person.