

Climate Change Committee meeting

Present: Piers Forster (Interim Chair), Keith Bell, Michael Davies, Steven Fries, Corinne Le Quéré, Nigel Topping

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Climate Change Committee

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

The Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting. There were no new conflicts of interests declared.

2. CB7 sectoral pathways first cut: Agriculture and land

The secretariat presented the first pass modelling results for the two sectors. The Committee requested seeing the impact on land area released for tree-planting from a slowdown in diet change (livestock numbers) in the early years and, the scope to bring forward some of the farm abatement measures (e.g. feed additives). In the land use sector, the impact of methodology changes to the inventory on emissions was discussed, as well as the impact of delay of key measures, particularly expansions of woodlands and forestry. The Committee requested to see impact of woodland measures beyond 2050. The Committee agreed that net emissions for the two sectors should reach a sink by 2050.

3. CB7 sectoral pathways first cut: Shipping

The secretariat summarised the first pass modelling results for shipping. The pathways have higher emissions than historical emissions in the early 2020s, due to differences in emission accounting methods. The Committee was comfortable with including fossil methanol in the pathway. Discussing UK's share of a future global low carbon fuel market, the Committee suggested that the secretariat explores the likely low carbon fuel supply on key shipping routes and major ports.

4. UK Progress Report update

The secretariat presented initial findings from the latest emissions data and options of how to present them within the next UK Progress Report. The Committee fed back to the secretariat with ideas of how to incorporate developments from the last year into the report.

5. AOB

The Chair acknowledged this would be the last meeting for Chris Stark as CE of the CCC. The Chair and Committee expressed their gratitude to Chris for his service to the CCC, acknowledging his contribution to the organisation over the past 6 years.