



Provisional programme

Transformational change towards a sustainable future

Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 September 2022 | WP3111

The impacts of the climate crisis are a defining issue of our time. It continues to threaten societies globally and its economic, social, and environmental impacts are a challenge for us all. Without immediate drastic action adapting to these impacts in the future will be more difficult and costly, and the world will struggle to get back on track with the Paris Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Major changes will be necessary in our economies and societies and need to be effectuated in record time. In order to succeed, they will need to be systemic, comprehensive and include voices, values and world views from a variety of cultural and ethnic backgrounds and a focus on issues such as climate justice, just transition, and the full range of SDGs.

This final dialogue in the series will:

- Identify examples of transformative pathways and actions that will truly work to mitigate climate change risks and foster systemic resilience. What can we learn from these?
- Help better understand how systems are connected and interdependent, and what changes to systems need to happen for transformational change.
- Explore processes that might generate commonly-held beliefs about how to transform cultures, values, and societies – and the will to make these changes happen?
- Identify options for creating stronger, more coherent research, science, monitoring, evaluation and learning systems that can provide in a timely and appropriate fashion the evidence and knowledge needed to scale up orchestrated transformations. Explore how to ensure these lessons are captured, made relevant and accessible for others.
- This dialogue will share learnings and views from a range of different actors including Indigenous peoples, evaluators, academics and policy makers.

Wednesday 7 September

1400-1500	Participants arrive. Tea and coffee on arrival
1500-1545	Welcome and introduction Nick Linfield Programme Director, Wilton Park
1545-1715	1. Unpacking transformational change towards a sustainable future How can societies innovate, experiment, and scale-up effective climate responses as the world transforms in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the global shocks caused by the responses to the invasion of Ukraine? We will hear from two synthesis efforts to learn from evidence that transformational change is possible; how this has been defined and how it can be tackled.
1715-1745	Tea/coffee
1745-1900	2. Building on evidence of best practice What are the transformative pathways and actions that will truly work to mitigate climate change risks and foster systemic resilience?
1900	Reception followed by dinner

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0800-0900	Breakfast
0915-1030	3. Overcoming barriers and moving forwards What key barriers need to be overcome? What processes will generate enough commonly-held beliefs about how to transform cultures, values and societies—and the will to make these changes happen? What are the needs in regards to transformational change, for example evidence, innovation, financing, capacity building?
1030-1115	Photograph followed by tea/coffee
1115-1230	4. Discussion groups: Transformational change in action Breakout groups to discuss barriers and opportunities in more detail.
1230-1300	5. Feedback from discussion groups
1300-1400	Lunch
1400-1500	Free time – Garden tour
1500-1630	6. Taking action together Addressing challenges and opportunities within the high-level note
1630-1700	Tea/coffee

1700-1830

7. Discussion groups: Moving transformational climate action forward

How to utilise the note and drive the transformational change agenda forward. What should the role of institutions be? What could the roles of civil society, Indigenous groups, and the private sector be? What can researchers do?

1900

Reception followed by dinner

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0800-0900

Breakfast and checkout

0915-1000

8. Feedback from discussion groups

1000-1045

9. Working together to build an alliance on transformational change

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1230

10. Working together to build an alliance on transformational change continued.

How can participants and relevant stakeholders collaborate beyond this Wilton Park series?

1230-1245

11. Evaluation survey

Completion of online survey

1245-1300

12. Conclusion and next steps

1300

Lunch

1400

Participants depart

This is a preview programme and as such may be subject to change.

This is an invitation only conference.

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