



POLAR REGIONS: CHALLENGES AND POSSIBILITIES

845th WILTON PARK CONFERENCE

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The Polar Regions are changing faster than the rest of the planet. How will they look in 2050 and what pressures will this put on regional governance and sustainable resource management? What are the implications of climate change for effectiveness of governing and advisory bodies? How can the impact of International Polar Year be maximised? How can we facilitate interactions between policy makers and the business and scientific communities?

MONDAY 1 OCTOBER – Introduction: Changing Poles

Chair: Adela Gooch OBE, Director, Key States and Regions Programme, Wilton Park

- 1300-1430 Buffet lunch available
- 1500-1515 **Welcome to Wilton Park**
Adela GOOCH OBE
Programme Director, Key States and Regions, Wilton Park
- 1515-1530 **Introduction to Polar Regions: Challenges and Possibilities**
Jane RUMBLE
Head, FCO Polar Regions Unit, London
- 1530-1630 **SESSION 1**
CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE POLAR REGIONS: BAROMETER OR TIMEBOMB?
(IPCC REPORT FINDINGS)
David VAUGHAN
Co-author of IPCC Report Polar Regions Chapter
British Antarctic Survey, Cambridge
- THE POLAR REGIONS: MANAGING THE RISKS**
Dougal GOODMAN
Chief Executive, Foundation for Science and Technology, London
- 1630-1700 Tea and photo
- 1700-1830 **SESSION 2**
ANTARCTIC GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS AND POLICY STRUCTURES
Evan BLOOM
Deputy Director, Polar and Scientific Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.
- ARCTIC GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS**
Olav MYKLEBUST
Deputy Director General, Head of Section for Treaty Law, Environmental Law and Law of the Sea, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1900-1945	Drinks Reception
1945	Dinner
	<p>Guest Speaker: Elliot MORLEY MP President, GLOBE International & Prime Minister's Special Representative at Gleneagles Dialogue on Climate Change</p>

TUESDAY 2 OCTOBER – Polar Pressures

Chair: Olav Orheim, Executive Secretary, Norwegian International Polar Year Secretariat

0900-0945	<p>SESSION 3 THE FUTURE OF SOUTHERN OCEAN FISHERIES - TO HELL OR BACK? Denzil MILLER Executive Secretary, Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)</p>
0945-1030	<p>SESSION 4 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES: INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE AND POLAR CHALLENGES Barry DALAL-CLAYTON Senior Fellow and Director for Strategies, Planning and Assessment, International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED)</p>
1030-1100	Coffee
1100-1145	<p>SESSION 5 MONITORING AND FEEDBACK: INFORMATION FOR MANAGEMENT Neil GILBERT Chairman, Committee for Environmental Protection and Environment & Outreach Manager, Antarctica New Zealand, Christchurch</p>
1145-1230	<p>SESSION 6 TOURISM: A RIGHT TO ROAM WITH AN OBLIGATION TO RESCUE Bob TARRANT Captain, HMS Endurance, South Atlantic</p>
1230-1430	Lunch
1430-1630	<p>SESSION 7 POLAR PRESSURES DISCUSSION GROUPS (3 groups, each covering all issues)</p>
1630-1700	Coffee
1700-1800	POLAR PRESSURES DISCUSSION GROUPS
1800-1900	DISCUSSION GROUP FEEDBACK SESSION
1930	Dinner

WEDNESDAY 3 OCTOBER – The Future Agenda

Chair: Sir Michael Wood, Senior Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge

0900-1030 **SESSION 8**
GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS AND ADVISORY BODIES
Sir Michael WOOD
Senior Fellow of the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge

1030-1100 Coffee

1100-1245 **SESSION 9**
DISCUSSION GROUPS ON GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK / NORTH-SOUTH
INTERACTIONS

1245-1445 Lunch

1445-1645 **SESSION 10**
DISCUSSION GROUP FEEDBACK

1645-1715 Coffee

1715-1830 **SESSION 11**
CLOSING SESSION: OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS
ISSUES BOARD
Jane RUMBLE
Head Polar Regions Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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 Guest Speaker:
Paul ROSE
Polar Explorer, Expedition Leader, TV Presenter

THURSDAY 4 OCTOBER

0915 Participants depart