The Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology (www.parliament.uk/post.cfm) and the Westminster Energy Forum (www.westminsterenergy.org) would like to invite you to a private, high level seminar at Parliament for UK parliamentarians, foreign diplomats based in London, and selected corporate representatives to focus on some key factors affecting political and public engagement in energy and climate change, both regionally and globally.

This is a closed, afternoon discussion event intended to give parliamentarians or their research staff and the London-based science and economics diplomats the opportunity to discuss on a number of public engagement and political leadership issues with key participants. It is an apolitical, non-commercial event designed to encourage dialogue between representatives from diplomatic, regulatory and commercial organisations that are based in London and whose remit covers a wide range of geographies and sectoral interests.

**TIMETABLE**

**SESSION 1: POLITICAL & PARLIAMENTARY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PUBLIC**

**CHAIR: Prof David Cope - Director, Parliamentary Office of Science & Technology**

2.10 Key messages emerging from opinion polls & public surveys of energy and environment policy in 2009

Rick Nye
Director, Populus

2.45 Issue challenges facing the Government re. public engagement, and strategic approaches to them

Fiona Sansom
Head of Campaigns, DECC

3.15 Political leadership on energy & climate thinking: parliamentary roles and perspectives 2010+

Simon Hughes MP
Spokesperson on Energy & Climate change, Liberal Democrats

3.50 - 4.20 Break

**SESSION 2: PERSPECTIVES ON ENERGY & CLIMATE ENGAGEMENT AND ITS OUTCOMES**

**CHAIR: Chris Lambert - Director, Westminster Energy Forum**

16.20 - 17.50 4 x 15min Perspectives, short individual Q&A's, + full Panel / Plenary Discussion

Keeping the focus on climate change: expectations of Copenhagen and beyond

Prof. David Cope
Director, P.O.S.T.

International climate leadership and technology - can North America deliver what Europe can’t?

Jock Whittlesey
Environment, Science & Technology Counsellor, US Embassy

Energy and climate security: what government and industry expect of each other

Kate Smith
Head of Government Affairs, Shell International

Virtual realities – global comparisons of public relations and openness in the energy sector

Carola Hoyos
Senior Energy Correspondent, Financial Times

18.00 Finish