

INVITATION

The rapidly changing Arctic environment – implications for policy and decision-makers

Thursday 14 September,
11:00-13:00, including
refreshments and lunch

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The Arctic is changing at an unprecedented rate and the regional and global implications will be profound. Here in the United Kingdom those changes are likely to be felt even sooner and more significantly than in other regions. Responding to these changes effectively requires policy and decision makers to understand their significance, direction and impact.

Because of the importance of understanding the Arctic region, the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) invested £15m in a new strategic research programme in 2010. The aims were to better understand the causes of rapid changes, and the processes influencing greenhouse gas release; how to improve predictions of what will happen to the climate; and the risks of increasing natural hazards and the threats to the UK.

The Public Policy Team at the University of Southampton, supported by the NERC Arctic Office, have summarised the key findings from the projects funded by the NERC Arctic Research Programme and identified the implications for policy and decision makers.

The NERC Arctic Office and the Parliamentary Office for Science and Technology (POST) are pleased to invite you to a special launch event for this report where the key findings will be presented.

The implications for public policy and decision-makers in the United Kingdom will be analysed, and there will be the opportunity to meet and discuss the conclusions with some of the country's foremost Arctic researchers.

There will also be the opportunity to hear about the next phase of NERC-funded research in the Arctic, the Changing Arctic Ocean Programme.

NERC and POST are committed to helping policy and decision makers understand the implications of environmental change to support the best possible public policy responses. We hope you will be able to join us and we look forward to welcoming you to this important event. Copies of the report will be available.



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