

# Peatlands: Investing in the Future

## Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

TIME	SESSION
09:30 – 11:00	<b>Registration &amp; refreshments</b> , Grand Ballroom, <i>Europa Hotel</i> , <i>Belfast</i> <b>Poster set-up (confirmed exhibitors only)</b> , <i>Exhibition centre, Europa</i>
11:00 – 11:20	<b>Welcome</b>
11:20 – 12:00	<b>Peatlands - a global future</b>
12:00 – 12:35	<b>Peatland progress - UK Strategy in action</b>
<b>Lunch, 50 minutes</b>	
13:25 – 14:10	Commission of Inquiry (Col) - key topic reviews: <b>Peatland Biodiversity, Catchments and Forestry.</b>
14:10 – 14:45	Col key topic review: <b>Lowland peatlands &amp; wet agriculture</b>
<b>Comfort break, 20 minutes</b>	
15:05 – 15:45	Col key topic review: <b>Peatlands: climate change &amp; greenhouse gas accounting</b>
15:45 – 16:15	Col key topic review: <b>Peatland funding &amp; finance news</b>
<b>Comfort break, 20 minutes</b>	
16:35 – 17:30	<b>Optional break-out sessions and focus groups:</b> <i>Pre-arranged at delegates request.</i>
18:30 – 22:30	<b>Formal networking evening</b> , <i>Stormont Parliament Buildings.</i> <b>Ticket only.</b> Coach departs <i>Europa hotel</i> at 18:30.

## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct.

TIME	SESSION
<b>Field trips</b>	
<b>Collect packed lunch from Europa</b>	
<b>Option A:</b>	
08:30 – 17:00	<b>Cuilcagh</b> Visit a Cross-border Global Geopark with a boardwalk across the bog to help manage high visitor numbers.
<b>Option B</b>	
08:30 – 17:00	<b>Killyconny Bog &amp; St. Killians Heritage Centre</b> Examine restoration works incl. marginal bunds, drain blocking, Coillte forestry LIFE project & discuss lessons learned.
<b>Option C</b>	
09:00 – 17:00	<b>Ballynahone &amp; Peatlands Park</b> Visit an intact lowland raised bog and discuss ammonia deposi- tion impacts then compare a regenerating cut over bog with intact remnants.
<b>Option D</b>	
09:00 – 17:00	<b>Garry Bog &amp; Garron plateau</b> Partnership working in action: Visit a Raised Bog SAC with invasive species management then a RAMSAR site: the most intact in blanket bog in Northern Ireland.
<b>Option E - half day</b>	
09:30 – 13:00	<b>Montiaghs Moss</b> Explore a cut over bog under restoration for marsh fritillary butterflies
<b>Exhibition Centre, Europa Poster exhibition</b>	
18:30	<b>Dinner</b>
19:30	<b>Networking &amp; evening entertainment</b>
20:30 - 'til late	

## Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

TIME	SESSION
8:45 – 9:00	<b>Welcome to Day 3</b> , <i>Grand Ballroom, Europa</i>
Delegates will be able to attend two out of four available sessions per topic, as each 40 minute session will run twice. All sessions have been suggested by delegates. A description of each session will be available in advance.	
09:10 – 10:40	<b>Peatland restoration: emerging ideas &amp; current challenges</b>  Choose 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 parallel sessions <i>Delegates rotate</i> Choose 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 4 parallel sessions repeated from above
<b>Refreshment break, 20 minutes</b>	
11:00 – 12:30	<b>Prioritising research &amp; evidence</b>  Choose 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 parallel sessions <i>Delegates rotate</i> Choose 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 4 parallel sessions repeated from above
<b>Lunch, 50 minutes</b>	
13:20 – 14:50	<b>Engaging with key stakeholders at a practical &amp; policy level</b>  Choose 1 <sup>st</sup> of 4 parallel sessions <i>Delegates rotate</i> Choose 2 <sup>nd</sup> of 4 parallel sessions repeated from above
14:55 – 15:15	<b>Closing address</b> , <i>Grand Ballroom, Europa</i>  <b>Conference Close</b>

*Please note programme details may be subject to change.*

For more information or to book tickets:  
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