

Cynnal Cymru's Innovation Summit

Business Innovation for a Sustainable Economy

"...what Wales is doing today the world will do tomorrow."

Nikhil Seth, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations



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Principality Stadium, Cardiff

Summary

From April 2016 the world-leading legislation The Well-being of Future Generations Act will materially affect governance and the delivery of public services in Wales. This has major implications for anyone doing business in Wales or with Wales. The 'Sustain Wales Summit' will identify what innovative approaches are required in order for Wales to achieve the national Well-being Goals established by The Act. The summit will bring together experts in the field from international, sector-leading organisations operating in Wales to address three cutting edge themes:

- Low-Carbon technology
- Resource efficiency and the closed loop
- New business models

Agenda

9:45 **Arrival and Refreshments**

10:15 **Introduction and Setting the scene by Rhodri Thomas: – Wales, the world's test bed for a sustainable nation**

10.30 **Key characteristics of a sustainable community** - Professor Herbert Girardet

Herbert Girardet is co-founder of the World Future Council and member of the Club of Rome He is leading international consultant and a recipient of a UN Global 500 Award 'for outstanding environmental achievements'. For many years he has focussed on the business and job opportunities of sustainable urban development, and he is often called the world's leading urban ecologist. Herbert has developed sustainability policies for cities such as London, Vienna and Adelaide. He is author of 14 books and 50 environmental TV documentaries for major broadcasters. He lives in Monmouthshire.

10:55 **The Low carbon innovation we need** – Prof. Phil Jones Low-Carbon Research Institute (LCRI)

11:20 Break

11:35 **Resource (closed loop) innovation** - Hugo Spowers: Riversimple

12:00 **Innovation in business models** - Miriam Turner: Interface

12:25 **Energy clustering and economic development** - Martyn Popham: Cenin Group

12:30 **Panel session** including WRAP, Innovation UK, Angela Gidden

13:00 Lunch

14:00 **How South Australia did it** - Mike Rann

Mike Rann was Premier of South Australia from 2002 to 2011 where he pioneered many ground breaking sustainability initiatives. He was leader of the S.A. Labour Party for 17 years. From 2012 to 2015 he was Australia's High Commissioner to London and ambassador to Rome. He is a visiting professor at the Policy Institute, Kings College, London and a member of the International Leadership Council of the Climate Group. He is now based in London, and has recently launched the Mike Rann Strategy Group to advise decision makers on sustainable development policy, social inclusion and urban renewal.

14:40 **Question & Answer**

14:50 **Closing statement** from Cynnal Cymru

15:00 Ends