



All-Party Parliamentary Group on
Science and Technology in Agriculture

UK pulses - fostering innovation to unlock sustainability, healthy eating and climate change benefits

Zoom meeting - Wednesday 16 March, 4.30 – 5.45pm

Agenda

1. Chairman's welcome & introduction – Julian Sturdy MP
2. Guest speakers:
 - Roger Vickers, chief executive, PGRO
 - Professor Lars Østergaard, Group Leader, John Innes Centre
 - Elena Walden, Policy Manager, Good Food Institute (GFI) Europe
 - Dr Richard Harrison, Director of Cambridge Crop Research, NIAB
3. Questions & discussion



Questions

1. Is there a role for Government and the taxpayer in reinvigorating the research and innovation pipeline for home-grown pulses? If so, how should that happen?
2. Is the lack of availability of agrochemical products for pulse crop production inhibiting development of the sector? How can investment in research help?