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Agri-food is a key sector in the local economy, and is expected to make a major contribution to returning the Northern Ireland economy to growth. It is a major exporter as well as a significant employer, with approximately 25,000 people employed across the region, a figure which represents 10 to 15 per cent of the population in some rural areas. While the sector overall is making an important contribution to local employment and to the Northern Ireland economy, it does face challenges, including CAP reform, adverse weather and increased costs around feed, fertiliser and energy. All these factors combine to make it both an interesting and challenging time for the sector.

This seminar will examine these, and other major issues facing the sector, including:

- Policy for developing and supporting the agri-food sector
- The role of the sector in the wider economy
- CAP reform proposals from the EU
- Agri-food in the all-island context
- Future outlook for the dairy, poultry and red meat sectors
- Innovation in the agri-food sector

Speakers include:

- Innovation in the agri-food sector
- Dr David Dobbin, Chief Executive, United Dairy Farmers
- Clarke Black, Chief Executive, Ulster Farmers' Union
- Margaret Ritchie, MP
- Michele Shirlow, Chief Executive, Food NI
- Professor Seamus Kennedy, Chief Executive, Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute
- Seamus Carr, Managing Director, Vion
- Phelim O'Neill, Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Meat Exporter's Association
- Michael Bell, Director, Northern Ireland Food & Drink Association

Full programme available online at www.agendani.com/events

Registration

Negotiated by NILGA, a special discounted rate of **£125 ex VAT** (full fee £175) is available for local government elected representatives and officers wishing to attend.

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