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PROGRAMME

9:00	**Registration, Coffee & Exhibition Viewing**	
SESSION 1 – Policy and Betterment in Decision Making Session Chair: Paul Shaffer, CIWEM		
10:00	**Welcome**	**Beth Jones**, CIWEM Welsh *Branch Chair*
10:05	**Welsh Government Keynote Address**	**Llyr Gruffydd MS,** *Cabinet Minister for Rural Resilience and Sustainability*
10:15	**NRW Overview**	**Jeremy Parr,** Natural Resources Wales
10:35	**10 Years On: A Critical Review of the FCERM Business Case Guidance for Wales**	**Natalie Haines,** Mott MacDonald **Tom Mclean,** Welsh Government
10:50	**Q & A / Discussion**	
11:15-11:45	**Coffee & Exhibition Viewing**	
SESSION 2 – Adaptive Catchments and Coastlines Session Chair: Ross Akers, Natural Resources Wales		
11:45	**From Flood Defence to Catchment Resilience: Developing a Collaborative, Integrated and Adaptive Approach for the Taff Catchment**	**Becky Davies**, Natural Resources Wales **David Clubb**, Natural Resources Wales
12:00	**Scaling NFM Through Strategic Planning and Local Action**	**Elen Mai Williamson**, YGC **Ella Oakley Slater**, Arup
12:15	**Unlocking Investment in Natural Flood Infrastructure**	**Ellen Williams**, Welsh Government
12:30	**From Policy Compliance to Coastal Adaptation: Lessons from Measure 11 and for the Future Delivery of Shoreline Management Plans in Wales**	**David James**, Welsh Local Government Association **Louise Pennington**, Natural Resources Wales **Jacob Kevern**, Cardiff University
12:45	**Q & A / Discussion**	
13:00-14:00	**Lunch, Exhibition Viewing & Poster Competition**	

SESSION 3 – Shaping the Future: People, Skills and Resilience Session Chair: Stella Brookes, ICE Cymru Chair		
14:00	**SAB Society Wales Best Practice Guidance**	**Mark Goodger,** Caerphilly County Borough Council and SAB Society Wales
14:10	**Building AI-assisted flood risk review for Wales, with Caerphilly County Borough Council**	**Brett Davis,** Stratum Technologies **Hannah Bishop,** Caerphilly County Borough Council
14:20	**Workforce Development Programme**	**Alison Kitchner,** Welsh Government
14:30	**Beyond the Leaky Barrier: Embedding flood risk into the School Curriculum as a Long-Term Wider Benefits Legacy**	**Mike Wellington,** Waterco Datrys
14:40	**The Future Flood Engineer: Beyond Models, Walls and Return Periods**	**Robin Campbell**, Arup
14:50	**Open panel discussion**	
15:30	**Poster competition award**	**Robert Davies**, Arup
15:35	**Conference Concluding Remarks**	**Stella Brookes,** ICE Cymru Chair
~15.45	**Disperse/Drinks reception**	