

CSD-15 Partnerships Fair Speaker Biography

Matthew Quinn

Matthew Quinn is Head of Environment: Protection and Quality for the Welsh Assembly Government - one of the devolved national administrations in the UK. Here he has a remit that covers climate change, waste, flood risk management, water, pollution control, chemicals, radioactivity and local environmental quality.

Matthew started his civil service career in 1986 in the former Department of the Environment in London, after completing a degree in Classics at Oxford. In 1990 he led part of the team that produced the first UK Environment White Paper, *This Common Inheritance*, and in 1993-4 he was responsible for introducing a range of new land use planning guidance, including *PPG13* on reducing the need for travel.

Before coming to Cardiff in 1998 to set up the first Welsh Strategic Policy Unit, Matthew was Director (Environment and Transport) for the South West of England where he helped establish new regional government structures and founded *Sustainability South West*.

Matthew attended the Johannesburg summit in 2002 where he co-organised the event that led to the founding of nrg4SD - the network of regional governments for sustainable development.