

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
Next steps for climate adaptation policy in Scotland**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 29th May 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Adapting to climate change: Progress in Scotland - the current outlook for the nation's climate resilience**
Richard Millar, Head of Adaptation, Climate Change Committee
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Immediate priorities for climate adaptation, and the strategic approach to building Scotland's resilience**
building flood and heat resistance | priorities for NPF4 | resilience in Scotland's energy infrastructure | reducing variation and protecting island communities | incentivising agricultural resilience and sustainable practice | effective monitoring strategies
Councillor Heather Anderson, Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Committee, and Dundee Climate Leadership Group, Dundee City Council
Dr Clive Mitchell, Head of Terrestrial Science, NatureScot
Senior representative, energy
Senior representative, agriculture
Senior representative, transport
- 10.00 **Maximising the benefits of climate adaptation and innovation**
Dr Roddy Yarr, Convener, Climate Ready Clyde; and Director of Sustainability, University of Glasgow
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Achieving a just transition through Scotland's approach to climate adaptation and resilience**
Dr Deborah Long, Just Transition Commissioner; and Chief Officer, Scottish Environment LINK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Priorities for Scotland's next National Adaptation Plan**
place-based approach to local adaptation projects | utilising innovation | preparing business and the private sector | connecting nature networks | the role of public health boards | priorities for a National Flood Resilience Strategy | impact of regenerative agriculture
Alan Hendry, Sustainability Director, Mott MacDonald
Dr Mark Williams, Head of Sustainability and Climate Change, Scottish Water; and Vice-Chair, Sustainable Scotland Network
Mike Rivington, Senior Scientist, The James Hutton Institute
Senior representative, public health
Senior representative, community
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for climate adaptation in Scotland going forward**
Catriona Laing, Deputy Director of Energy and Climate Change, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tiernan Phipps, Scotland Policy Conferences