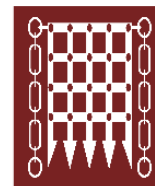


Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Next steps for carbon capture, utilisation and storage policy, and programme delivery**
Alex Milward, Director, Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage, Department for Energy Security and Net Zero
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Insights from Track-1 project development and considerations for Track-2**
Nic Braley, General Manager, Acorn Transport and Storage, Storegga
- 9.40 **Priorities for commercial frameworks, regulation, and investment for UK CCUS**
progress and timelines for delivering Track-1 Clusters | investment decisions and transition to early construction | outlook for Acorn and Viking projects | implications of the CMA subsidy referral for sequencing and confidence in progressing towards final investment decision | operation in practice of commercial frameworks, revenue models, and regulatory arrangements | management of high upfront capital costs | long-term reliance on public support | sustainability of funding frameworks as fiscal conditions and political priorities evolve | future revenues, allocation of risk, and implications for financing decisions and pace of deployment
Dalia Majumder-Russell, Partner, Energy and Infrastructure, CMS
Rowena Van de Grampel, Partner, CMS
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, investment
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **The role of CCUS in emissions reduction - cost, value, and wider net zero priorities**
the role of CCUS within the UK's net zero framework | deployment in hard-to-abate sectors | cost, value for money, and long-term public exposure where projects underperform | assumptions on performance, timelines, and cost within support arrangements | long-term reliance on public funding | potential alternative decarbonisation pathways and questions of prioritisation | managing high capital costs | public and political acceptance
Senior academic
Senior representative, environment
Senior representative, hard-to-abate sector
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Regulation, licensing, leasing, and long-term responsibilities for offshore carbon storage**
licensing and leasing arrangements for offshore carbon storage | regulatory responsibilities during operation and post-closure | monitoring, insurance, and long-term stewardship | how and when responsibility transfers from operators to the state
Senior representative, licensing
Senior representative, leasing
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.05 **Assessing transport and storage infrastructure readiness and barriers to delivery**
Sven van den Bedem, Head, Humber Expansion, Northern Endurance Partnership
- 12.15 **CCUS development - considerations for infrastructure, supply chains, workforce, and network access**
access to transport and storage networks beyond Track-1 clusters | capacity allocation as demand grows | development of pipeline and storage infrastructure | choices around scaling networks over time | early capacity build-out implications for cost, risk, and access | procurement, logistics, and delivery constraints | workforce and skills development | implications of large-scale capture facilities for electricity demand, grid connection timelines, and wider power system planning | local impacts of CO2 pipeline infrastructure | community engagement and transparency | long-term storage liability, including transfer of responsibility, monitoring, insurance, and stewardship
Councillor Ruth George, Derbyshire County Council
Jude Knight, Head, Skills for Clean Growth, Cogent Skills
Senior representative, transport and storage
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum