Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Priorities for UK climate policy following COP28

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 31st January 2024

Taking place online

Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration



9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Lord McNicol of West Kilbride, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sustainable Finance

9.05 Key takeaways from COP28 - policy priorities and legal commitments that have emerged from discussions and debates

Professor Rebecca Willis, Energy and Climate Governance, Lancaster University; and Expert Lead, Climate Assembly UK Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Next steps following COP28 - monitoring UK progress in decarbonisation, priorities for further decarbonising key industries, and net zero implementation strategies moving forward

Amy McDonnell, Campaign Director, Zero Hour

Kieron Stopforth, Global Flexibility Manager, Octopus Energy

Professor Petra Minnerop, Professor of International Law, Durham University

Clement Metivier, Head of International Advocacy, WWF-UK Eddie Tuttle, Director of Policy, Chartered Institute of Building

Questions and comments from the floor

10.25 Policy priorities for delivering a green economy and meeting net zero targets

Kerry McCarthy MP, Shadow Minister for Climate Change

Questions and comments from the floor

10.50 Chair's closing remarks

Lord McNicol of West Kilbride, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Sustainable Finance

10.55 Break

11.05 Chair's opening remarks

Professor Petra Minnerop, Professor of International Law, Durham University

11.10 Assessing sustainable finance initiatives - private sector environmental impact, allocating and delivering funds in public and private sectors, strategies for unlocking green investment, and the role of ESG reporting

Marta Simonetti, Managing Director and Founder, Globalfields

Matt Kennedy, Sustainable Development Leader for Europe and Global Leader for Climate Strategy, Arup

Questions and comments from the floor

11.35 <u>Practicalities for delivering a Just transition - strategic priorities for a people-centred and inclusive approach, opportunities</u> for job creation and reskilling, economic diversification, sustainable transport, and affordable energy

Graham Hasting-Evans, Chief Executive, National Open College Network

Councillor Susan Aitken, Leader, Glasgow City Council

Matt Prescott, Head of Carbon Strategy, Heathrow Airport

Sue Ferns, Senior Deputy General Secretary, Prospect

Questions and comments from the floor

12.30 Next steps for Sustainable Cooling and Net Zero

André Neto-Bradley, Lead Energy Research Advisor, DESNZ

Graeme Maidment, Heating and Cooling Technical Lead, DESNZ

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

Professor Petra Minnerop, Professor of International Law, Durham University

Holly Attwell, Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum