

## Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

### Priorities for UK climate policy following COP29

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**
- 9.05 **Key outcomes from COP29 and implications for UK policy and stakeholders**  
**Richard Millar**, Head, Adaptation, Climate Change Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Policy priorities for businesses, communities, environmental protection and investment in the UK following COP29**  
*assessing key outcomes from COP29 | newly agreed targets on emissions reduction and climate finance | the way forward for policy | implications for stakeholders | financing mechanisms | partnerships for meeting climate and transition finance targets | support for industry adaptation | coordination of policy on decarbonisation, net zero and ambitions for economic growth | providing clarity to stakeholders | priorities for international collaboration*  
**Roxanne Mashari**, Public Affairs Manager, Low Carbon Contracts  
**Chris Dodwell**, Head, Policy and Advocacy, Impax Asset Management  
**Mike Childs**, Head, Science, Policy and Research, Friends of the Earth  
**David Frank**, Director, Policy Engagement, Environmental Sustainability Policy Team, Microsoft  
Senior representative, local government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Developing international collaboration following COP29**  
**Professor Peter Newell**, Professor, International Relations, School of Global Studies, University of Sussex  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle**
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **Investment and funding structures for decarbonisation and just transition**  
**Sheer Khan**, Chief Impact Officer, National Wealth Fund  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Putting in place the enablers for UK policy implementation, development and transition following COP29**  
*priorities for innovation | supporting a just transition for citizens and communities | supply chain development | supporting growth in green industries and renewables such as offshore wind and hydrogen production | strategies for transitioning carbon-intensive industries | attracting investment | opportunities for regional development | priorities for major projects, including grid modernisation | skills development | enforcement and monitoring of targets, including methane reduction*  
**Simon Weaver**, Global Head, ESG Advisory, KPMG  
**Alex Minshull**, Sustainable City and Climate Change Manager, Bristol City Council  
**Martin Soltau**, Founder and Co-CEO, Space Solar  
Senior representative, environment  
Senior representative, energy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **UK climate policy priorities and developing international collaboration following COP29**  
**Kerry McCarthy MP**, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Climate), Department for Energy Security and Net Zero  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Sean Cudmore**, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum