

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Priorities for UK climate policy following COP29

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3rd April 2025

Taking Place Online



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Agenda subject to change

- 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
Councillor Peter Candlish, Cabinet Member for Transport, Portsmouth City Council
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**
Jessica Lear, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum
- 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
Alex Minshull, Sustainable City and Climate Change Manager, Bristol City Council
Martin Soltau, Founder and Co-CEO, Space Solar
Frankie Mayo, Senior Energy and Climate Analyst, Ember Climate
Professor Furong Li, Director, Centre for Sustainable Power Distribution, University of Bath
Simon Weaver, Global Head, ESG Advisory, KPMG
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**
Jessica Lear, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum