

Westminster Business Forum policy conference
Priorities for green and sustainable finance in the UK - expertise, best practice and the green taxonomy, regulation, and wider economic and societal impact

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord Oates, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Renewable and Sustainable Energy
- 9.05 **Transitioning to green finance - latest innovations and supporting UK financial services**
Professor Nick Robins, Professor in Practice, Sustainable Finance, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Moving forward green and sustainable finance in the UK - developing expertise and best practice, implementing the green taxonomy, and promoting investment, innovation, and responsible climate finance**
Simon Thompson, Chief Executive, Chartered Banker Institute and Chair, Green Finance Education Charter
Professor Iain Clacher, Professor of Pensions and Finance, Leeds University Business School and Director, UK Centre for Greening Finance and Investment Innovation Hub Development
Oscar Warwick Thompson, Senior Policy Manager, UK Sustainable Investment and Finance Association (UKSIF)
Annabel Ross, Senior Programme Manager, Banking Environment Initiative (BEI), Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL)
David Fatscher, Head of Sector, Environment, Social and Governance, BSI
Amy McVey, Director, Banking Team, Burges Salmon
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 Break
- 10.35 **'Sustainable growth and finance in the era of net-zero carbon'**
Michael Sheren, Senior Advisor, Bank of England and former Co-Chair, G20 Sustainable Finance Study Group
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord Oates, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Renewable and Sustainable Energy
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Altmann, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pensions
- 11.15 **Securing the benefits of green finance - priorities for regulation, shaping policy and contributing to the Government's 'Levelling Up' agenda**
Ed Davey MP
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Avenues for maximising the sector's potential societal contribution - regional development, recovery and resilience, decarbonisation, energy efficiency and nature recovery, and leadership by example in corporate social responsibility**
Elizabeth Gilbert, Tevi Capital Fund Manager, Cornwall Development Company
Ami Kotecha, Co-Founder & Executive Director, Amro Partners
Sarah Gordon, Chief Executive, Impact Investing Institute
Anna Bond, Green Finance Manager, Environment Agency
Karen Ellis, Director of Sustainable Economy, WWF-UK
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for green and sustainable finance in the UK, the link with wider government aims, and the challenges and opportunities it raises**
Fayyaz Muneer, Deputy Director, Green Finance and Prudential Policy, HM Treasury
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Altmann, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Pensions
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Business Forum