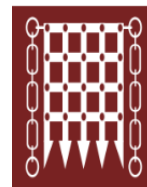


**Westminster Energy, Environment and Transport Forum & Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
The future for North Sea regional development - policy, energy transition, environmental protection
and economic growth**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday 3rd July 2024

Taking place online



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Maurice Golden MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Nature and Climate
- 9.05 **The current landscape for development in the North Sea and priorities for the UK's energy transition**
Nick Butler, Visiting Professor, King's College London
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Priorities for the North Sea energy transition**
next steps for the oil and gas sector in a move away from fossil fuels | decommissioning | achieving a just transition | priorities for coastal communities | supporting innovation in CCUS, hydrogen and renewable energy | supply chain development
Professor Jon Gibbins, Director, UKCCS Research Centre
Professor Catalina Spataru, Director, UCL Energy Institute
David Linden, Head, Energy Transition, Westwood Global Energy Group
Beth Walker, Senior Policy Advisor, E3G
Ann Joss, Regional Organiser, RMT
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Priorities for environmental protection in the North Sea**
protecting marine ecosystems | managing fish stocks and fisheries activity | mitigating negative impacts of eutrophication | minimising contamination
Joris Koornneef, Senior Scientist, North Sea Energy
Gordon Watson, Professor, Marine Zoology, University of Portsmouth
Sandy Luk, Chief Executive, Marine Conservation Society
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Maurice Golden MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Nature and Climate
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Fergus Ewing MSP, Convenor, Cross-Party Group on Oil and Gas
- 11.25 **Assessing alternative approaches to North Sea development**
Andy Mayer, Chief Operating Officer, Institute of Economic Affairs
Joshua Emden, Senior Fellow, IPPR
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **Realising the benefits of North Sea development**
Maggie McGinlay, CEO, ETZ
- 12.20 **Maximising and sharing the economic benefits of using the North Sea**
spreading the contribution of North Sea economic activity to coastal communities | transitioning to a low carbon economy | ensuring fair use and a joined-up approach | options for implementing proposed community benefit funds for offshore wind farms
Councillor Ann Bell, Chair, North Sea Commission Marine Resources Group
Fraser Dobbie, Chief Financial Officer, North Star Shipping
Elsbeth Macdonald, CEO, Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Fergus Ewing MSP, Convenor, Cross-Party Group on Oil and Gas
Tiernan Phipps, Westminster Forum Projects