# Westminster Business Forum and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for transition finance policy, planning and regulation in the UK

Timing: Morning, Friday, 25th April 2025

\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*

Agenda subject to change

#### 8.30 Registration

#### 9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Carmen Nuzzo, Executive Director, Transition Pathway Initiative Centre, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

#### 9.05 Key considerations for transition finance in meeting net zero ambitions

Vanessa Havard-Williams, Chair, Transition Finance Market Review (2023-24); and Chair, Export Guarantees Advisory Council

#### 9.20 Priorities for the Transition Finance Council

**Ashleigh Lee**, Secretariat Lead, Transition Finance Council; and Senior Policy Advisor, Sustainable Finance, City of London Corporation

9.35 Questions and comments from the floor

#### 9.55 <u>Implementation of recommendations in the *Transition Finance Market Review*</u>

priorities for the Transition Finance Council | developing a roadmap for transition finance | options for incentivising sustainable investment | the future for a Transition Finance Lab | support needed for businesses and accessing finance | options for mandatory transition plans | priorities for scaling finance provision for transition activities and transitioning entities | developing public-private sector collaboration

Alessandra Meraviglia, Climate Opportunities Lead, NatWest Group

Lily Burge, Policy Manager, Climate Bonds Initiative

Joe Dillon, Researcher, Sustainable Finance, E3G

Maz Alkirwi, Director, Finance, SSEN Transmission

Dr Penny Apostolaki, Director, Climate Finance and Sustainability Policy, Strategy to Green

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 10.55 Chair's closing remarks

Carmen Nuzzo, Executive Director, Transition Pathway Initiative Centre, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

11.00 Break

## 11.10 'Transition finance and industrial strategy - joining the dots on private capital deployment, the National Wealth Fund and the Transition Finance Lab'

Ingrid Holmes, Executive Director, Green Finance Institute

Questions and comments from the floor

#### 11.40 <u>'Sustainability reconfiguration in the EU and the UK: implications for transition finance'</u>

Ying-Peng Chin, Senior Knowledge Lawyer, A&O Shearman

### 11.50 Advancing transition finance market development - policy, regulation, and aligning with wider growth and net zero

alignment with the Industrial Strategy | developing market capabilities for high-emitting sectors | way forward for sustainability reporting standards | tackling greenwashing concerns | role of the National Wealth Fund | assessing the need for a statutory UK Green Taxonomy

Nitika Agarwal, Head, Sustainable Finance, WWF

Chris Thorn, Chief Financial Officer, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK

Carmen Nuzzo, Executive Director, Transition Pathway Initiative Centre, Grantham Research Institute on Climate Change and the Environment, London School of Economics and Political Science

Dr Tony Rooke, Executive Director and Head, Transition Advisory, Howden Group

12.20 Questions and comments from the floor

#### 12.55 Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks

Thomas Howard, Westminster Forum Projects