

**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:
Next steps for UK critical minerals policy, supply and sector development**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Critical minerals and key considerations for the UK - assessing the direction of government policy and priorities for stakeholders**
Dr Gavin Mudd, Director, UK Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Policy priorities for building a resilient and sustainable UK critical minerals sector**
the UK Critical Minerals Strategy | priorities for resilience, and long-term security | supply chain diversification alignment with ethical and environmental standards | coordination of policy and regulatory reform with net zero goals and the Industrial Strategy | regulation, streamlined planning and sustainability in domestic extraction | strengthening security of the UK's access to critical minerals | addressing reliance on imports | international partnerships and trade agreements | stockpiling or strategic reserves
Alex Minhinick, Partner, Burges Salmon
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, environment
Senior representative, infrastructure
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Scaling up UK critical minerals production**
Senior representative, supply chain
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 **Priorities for improving collaboration and investment in UK and international critical minerals markets**
Kirsty Benham, Founder and CEO, Critical Minerals Association
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Aligning critical minerals with the UK's circular economy priorities, recycling and sustainability**
options for scaling-up commercial recycling | feasibility of large-scale commercial recycling and integration with net zero strategy | incentivising creation of secondary supply chains and investment opportunities | embedding traceability, ESG compliance and international sustainability standards | reducing reliance on primary extraction, circular economy innovation and best practice
Senior representative, waste
Senior representative, recycling
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.40 **Driving sustainable investment and funding, workforce development, industry collaboration and future strategic frameworks for UK critical minerals**
public and private investment | developing the skills pipeline | workforce planning, training and regional capacity-building | strategies for strengthening international partnerships amid geopolitical tensions and trade restrictions | developing frameworks for collaboration between government, industry and academia
Senior representative, export finance
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, manufacturing
Senior representative, skills
Senior representative, international
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Coordinating the UK Critical Minerals Strategy and priorities for policy**
Julia Sutcliffe, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for Business and Trade
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