

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar

Next steps for climate change policy in Scotland - the strategy for decarbonisation and achieving net-zero, just transition, and adaptation and resilience

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 3rd June 2021

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Meeting the ambition for a net-zero Scotland by 2045 and key findings from the Just Transition Report**
Professor Jim Skea, Chair, Just Transition Commission and Co-Chair, Working Group III (Mitigation), Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Just Transition implementation - green jobs, sustainable change, and protecting local communities and economies**
Adam McVey, City of Edinburgh Council Leader, Edinburgh City Council
Gary Smith, Secretary, GMB Scotland
Mary Church, Head of Campaigns, Friends of the Earth Scotland
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 Break
- 10.10 **Decarbonising Scotland's energy system - renewables rollout, developing low-carbon heat, and managing transition across industry sectors and communities**
Marzia Zafar, Head of Customer Policy & Strategy, Kaluza
Mike Tholen, Sustainability Director, OGUK
Dr Ian Archer, Technical Director, Industrial Biotechnology Innovation Centre (IBioIC)
Andrew Lyle, Chief Executive Officer, Locogen; Vice-Chair, Scottish Renewables; and member, Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Cross-Party Group, Scottish Parliament
Senior speaker confirmed from **Ombudsman Services**
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
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- 11.15 **Addressing climate adaptation and resilience challenges for Scotland and the scope for nature-based solutions**
Agriculture and environmental protection - scaling up land resilience and implementation of nature-based solutions
Ruth Taylor, Climate Change Policy Manager, National Farmers Union Scotland
Flood preparedness and building collaboration across local and sectoral stakeholder groups
Vincent Fitzsimons, Head of Flooding and Hydrology, Scottish Environment Protection Agency
Mitigating Scotland's risk from extreme weather events and priorities for infrastructure development
Hannah Smith, Director, Institute of Civil Engineers Scotland
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **COP26 preparations - collaboration with key stakeholders and showcasing Scotland's leadership in global climate policy**
Professor Larissa Naylor, Professor of Geomorphology and Environmental Geography, School of Geographical & Earth Sciences, University of Glasgow
Dr Andy Kerr, Director, UK and Ireland, EIT Climate-KIC
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Next steps for Scotland's climate, energy and social policy, and supporting net-zero and green recovery**
David Mallon, Head of Policy and Implementation Unit, Climate Change Division, The Scottish Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Scotland Policy Conferences