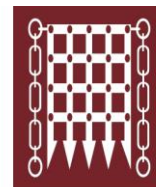


**Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference
UK climate change adaptation - priorities, the strategic pathway to net zero emissions, and
ambitions for COP26**

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, former Leader, Green Party of England and Wales
- 9.05 **'Adapting to climate change - a progress update, a look ahead to 2021, and our longer-term vision for resilience to climate impacts'**
Tom Handysides, Head of Climate Change Adaptation, Defra
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 Break
- 9.30 **Latest thinking on the steps needed for a green and sustainable UK recovery plan**
Preparing a sustainable pathway - economic priorities, greening supply chains, and developing policy
Mallika Ishwaran, Senior Economist and Policy Adviser, Shell
Assessing the scope of a recovery package - support for green modernisation and behaviour change, accelerating the low-carbon transition, and securing investment
Michaela Seimen Howat, Executive Director, Sustainability, UBS
Next steps for developing ecosystem protection and preventing lock-in emissions - tree planting, peatland restoration, and expanding national carbon sequestering
Dr Mike Morecroft, Principal Specialist, Climate Change, Natural England
- 10.00 **Reaching net-zero by 2050 - developing natural resilience, and cross-sector engagement with long-term decarbonisation**
Phil Jarvis, Chair, Environment Forum, NFU
Claire Haigh, Chief Executive, Greener Journeys
Conor McCone, UK Carbon Manager, Skanska
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **UK climate change adaptation - priorities, the strategic pathway to net zero emissions, and ambitions for COP26**
Lord Callanan, Minister for Climate Change and Corporate Responsibility, BEIS
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, former Leader, Green Party of England and Wales
- 11.05 Break
- 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Phil Jarvis, Chair, Environment Forum, NFU
- 11.20 **Next steps for adapting to the impact of climate change - developing resilience in the natural and built environment, tailoring strategies for local needs, and meeting future demand**
'Meeting the challenge of heat, flood and rising sea levels - an engineering perspective'
Dr Tim Fox, Chair, Process Industries Division, IMechE
Designing environment strategies and tailoring plans for local climate risks
Nigel Riglar, Director for Environment and Community Services, South Gloucestershire Council
- 11.40 **Opportunities for COP26 and meeting the challenge of climate change on a global level**
Simon Tilling, Partner, Environment & Energy, Burges Salmon
Dr Emily Shuckburgh, Director, Cambridge Zero, University of Cambridge
Professor John Dora, Chair, National Infrastructure Operators Adaptation Forum, and Fellow, Institution of Civil Engineers
Isabella O'Dowd, Senior Climate Change Specialist, WWF UK
Questions and comments from the floor with **Dr Tim Fox**, Chair, Process Industries Division, IMechE, and **Nigel Riglar**, Director for Environment and Community Services, South Gloucestershire Council
- 12.25 Break
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for a national green COVID-19 recovery package, preparing for COP26, and building adaptation capacity**
Tony Grayling, Director, Sustainable Business and Development, Environment Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Phil Jarvis, Chair, Environment Forum, NFU
Jack Longman Senior Researcher, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum