

Scotland Policy Conferences Keynote Seminar: Brexit and Scotland's economy - investment, international relationships and policy priorities

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 22nd February 2018

Venue: Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DW



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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Peter Chapman MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Brexit
- 9.05 - 9.20 **Scotland and Brexit: the policy priorities**
George Burgess, Deputy Director, Food, Drink and Trade, The Scottish Government
- 9.20 - 10.40 **Challenges for Scotland's post-Brexit economy - competitiveness, investment and the labour market**
- Challenges and opportunities for Scottish business after Brexit*
Tracy Black, Director, CBI Scotland
- An overview of the legal ramifications of Brexit in Scotland*
Lynda Towers, Director of Public Law, Morton Fraser Lawyers
- Assessing the impact of Brexit on higher education in Scotland*
Professor Ferdinand von Prondzynski, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Robert Gordon University
- Key issues for Scotland's financial services industry*
Jonathan de Beer, Senior Adviser to the Director General, Association of British Insurers
- Priorities for the agricultural sector*
Jonnie Hall, Director of Policy and Member Services, NFU Scotland
- Questions and comments from the floor with **George Burgess**, Deputy Director, Food, Drink and Trade, The Scottish Government
- 10.40 - 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Peter Chapman MSP, Member, Cross-Party Group on Brexit
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- 11.15 - 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Alex Neil MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Brexit
- 11.20 - 11.30 **Developing Scotland as a post-Brexit business partner**
David Watson, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission
- 11.30 - 12.25 **Opportunities for international trade - supporting exporters, accessing new markets and long-term planning**
- Challenges and opportunities for fisheries in Scotland's post-Brexit economy*
Bertie Armstrong, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- Next steps for accessing new markets after Brexit*
Andy McDonald, Director for Europe, Scottish Development International
- Priorities for exporters in a post-Brexit Scotland*
Martin Bell, Deputy Director of Global Affairs, Scotch Whisky Association
- Questions and comments from the floor with **David Watson**, Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Australian Trade and Investment Commission
- 12.25 - 12.55 **'Key issues for Brexit and Scottish devolution'**
Lucy Smith, Director General for UK Governance, Cabinet Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Alex Neil MSP, Convener, Cross-Party Group on Brexit
Roger Greer, Associate Producer, Scotland Policy Conferences