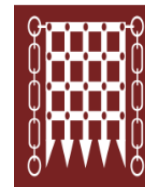


**Westminster Energy, Environment and Transport Forum & Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:
The future for North Sea regional development - policy, energy transition, environmental protection and economic growth**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday 3rd July 2024

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **The current landscape for development in the North Sea and priorities for the UK's energy transition**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for the North Sea energy transition**
next steps for the oil and gas sector in a move away from fossil fuels | decommissioning | achieving a just transition | priorities for coastal communities | supporting innovation in CCUS, hydrogen and renewable energy | supply chain development
Professor Jon Gibbins, Director, UKCCS Research Centre
John Boland, Regional Officer, Unite the Union
Professor Catalina Spataru, Director, UCL Energy Institute
David Linden, Head of Energy Transition, Westwood Global Energy Group
Senior representative, oil and gas
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Priorities for environmental protection in the North Sea**
protecting marine ecosystems | managing fish stocks and fisheries activity | mitigating negative impacts of eutrophication | minimising contamination
Joris Koornneef, Senior Scientist, North Sea Energy
Gordon Watson, Professor of Marine Zoology, University of Portsmouth
Sandy Luk, Chief Executive, Marine Conservation Society
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Assessing alternative approaches to North Sea development**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.15 Break
- 11.25 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.30 **Realising the benefits of North Sea development**
Maggie McGinlay, Chief Executive Officer, ETZ Ltd
- 11.40 **Maximising and sharing the economic benefits of using the North Sea**
spreading the contribution of North Sea economic activity to coastal communities | transitioning to a low carbon economy | ensuring fair use and a joined-up approach | options for implementing proposed community benefit funds for offshore wind farms
Councillor Ann Bell, Chair, North East Scotland Fisheries Development Partnership; and Chair, North Sea Commission Marine Resources Group
Fraser Dobbie, Chief Financial Officer, North Star Shipping
Mike Park, Chief Executive Officer, Scottish White Fish Producers Association
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 **Policy priorities for a coordinated approach to development in the North Sea**
Gillian Martin MSP, Minister for Climate Action, The Scottish Government
Senior representative, UK policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Forum Projects closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Tiernan Phipps, Westminster Energy, Environment and Transport Forum & Scotland Policy Conferences