

**Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:  
Next steps for climate adaptation policy in Scotland**

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024*

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Adapting to climate change: Progress in Scotland - the current outlook for the nation's climate resilience**  
**Richard Millar**, Head of Adaptation, Climate Change Committee  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Immediate priorities for climate adaptation, and the strategic approach to building Scotland's resilience**  
*building flood and heat resistance | priorities for NPF4 | resilience in Scotland's energy infrastructure | reducing variation and protecting island communities | incentivising agricultural resilience and sustainable practice | effective monitoring strategies*  
**Councillor Heather Anderson**, Climate, Environment and Biodiversity Committee, and Dundee Climate Leadership Group, Dundee City Council  
**Dr Clive Mitchell**, Head of Terrestrial Science, NatureScot  
Senior representative, energy  
Senior representative, agriculture  
Senior representative, transport
- 10.00 **Maximising the benefits of climate adaptation and innovation**  
Senior representative, innovation
- 10:10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11:00 **Achieving a just transition through Scotland's approach to climate adaptation and resilience**  
**Dr Deborah Long**, Just Transition Commissioner; and Chief Officer, Scottish Environment LINK  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Priorities for Scotland's next National Adaptation Plan**  
*place-based approach to local adaptation projects | utilising innovation | preparing business and the private sector | connecting nature networks | the role of public health boards | priorities for a National Flood Resilience Strategy | impact of regenerative agriculture*  
**Alan Hendry**, Sustainability Director, Mott MacDonald  
**Dr Mark Williams**, Head of Sustainability and Climate Change, Scottish Water; and Vice-Chair, Sustainable Scotland Network  
Senior representative, innovation  
Senior representative, public health  
Senior representative, community  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **Policy priorities for climate adaptation in Scotland going forward**  
**Catriona Laing**, Deputy Director of Energy and Climate Change, The Scottish Government  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**  
Senior Parliamentarian  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Scotland Policy Conferences