

## 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\*



SCOTLAND POLICY  
CONFERENCES

*Draft agenda subject to change*

- 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  
**Ryan Morrison**, Just Transition Campaigner, 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  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior parliamentarian
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior parliamentarian
- 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*  
Senior representative, flooding  
*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**  
Senior representative, policy  
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