

Scotland Policy Conferences keynote seminar:

Next steps for energy policy in Scotland

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 20th March 2025

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Key developments and considerations for the future of Scottish energy policy**
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.25 **Priorities for aligning energy sector sustainability with regulatory frameworks, funding, and environmental objectives**
Senior representative, energy sector
- 9.35 **Assessing policy plans and implications for Scotland's energy sector, the environment and communities**
assessing latest energy developments | strategies for transition to net zero | issues and opportunities for key sectors, communities and the environment | considerations for collaborative policy development and implementation | impact of policy on renewable energy expansion, grid infrastructure and local communities | structuring environmental and biodiversity safeguards | coordination between Scottish and UK authorities
Dr Fraser Stewart, Lead, Energy Justice and Just Transition, Regen
Senior representative, renewable energy
Senior representative, local government
Senior representative, environment
- 10.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Opportunities for regulatory alignment and collaborative frameworks**
Senior representative, regulation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 **Supporting the workforce in transition to a green economy**
Senior representative, workforce
- 11.20 **Balancing environmental safeguards with energy ambitions**
Senior representative, marine biodiversity
- 11.30 **Priorities and key considerations for scaling up green energy innovation, development and implementation**
addressing regulatory delays, funding, and collaborative frameworks for infrastructure upgrades | supporting investor confidence | retraining and skills development priorities for the green economy | aligning energy ambitions with economic and societal priorities | providing equitable access and support in rural and disadvantaged areas | balancing biodiversity protection with renewable energy expansion | scaling hydrogen hubs and wider infrastructure development | innovation in green technology | building supply chain resilience
Senior representative, hydrogen
Senior representative, industrial cluster
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, communities
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for Scotland's energy policy development and implementation**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Scotland Policy Conferences closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Scotland Policy Conferences