

## EU ENGAGEMENT REPORT

<b>Minister</b>	First Minister (FM)
<b>Engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting by video conference
<b>Date</b>	28 January 2021
<b>Who</b>	Minister-President of Baden-Württemberg, Winfried Kretschmann (WK)
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>In opening, the First Minister noted that the relationship with Germany is extremely important to Scotland. She thanked BW for its leadership in the U2 Coalition and for the support given to Scotland in taking over as Co-Chair, noting 2021 as an important year in the battle against climate change. She said that, whilst Scotland has a proud record, we must nevertheless go further. She added that COP26 helped to focus the mind, and she looked forward to welcoming BW to Glasgow.</p> <p>In response, Herr Kretschmann noted how pleased he was to have this personal meeting. He enjoyed travelling frequently to Scotland and thanked the FM for his attendance at the 2019 Edinburgh Military Tattoo. He looked forward to discussing the potential for deeper cooperation between BW and Scotland. Although COVID was a current priority, they should consider how they wanted to position themselves in cooperation within Europe and on crucial global issues such as climate change.</p> <p>WK regretted the path that the UK had chosen in exiting the EU, considering that this would bring only disadvantages for both sides. He was particularly concerned to find new ways of working with the UK and with Scotland in particular, and to forge new alliances. Alliances in the European region were essential for BW as an export-oriented state that was focused on high-tech and research. He believed that good relations could be further strengthened through the SG's offices in Brussels and Berlin, as well as through alliances such as the U2 Coalition. He noted that BW would open a representative office in London later in 2021, and looked forward to using this to intensify cooperation with Scotland. He considered that BW and Scotland had much in common; they were already working together in many areas, and others were emerging where the partnership could be extended and deepened. Focal points and key topics of mutual interest included climate policy, the U2 Coalition and energy, as well as innovation, the economy and education.</p> <p>FM welcomed WK's strong connections with Scotland. She said she would be pleased to visit BW when it was appropriate to travel, and that Scotland was keen to establish stronger bilateral and trade relations with BW post-EU Exit. She noted that the new BW office in London would provide a further platform for bilateral dialogue through Scotland House London.</p> <p>Asking for FM's views on Brexit, WK highlighted the loss of Erasmus and youth exchange as particularly serious, saying that he had already heard</p>

several negative reports. FM said that, like WK, she deeply regretted the UK's EU Exit. Scotland had voted overwhelmingly to remain in the EU, and had been taken out against its democratic will. In the long-term, the impact on the economy and trade would be highly negative, and it would be more difficult to persuade EU nationals to come and live in Scotland. In the short-term, EU Exit was already damaging trade, making it more bureaucratic and slow, with seafood exports particularly badly affected. FM said it was too soon to know whether this would be a long-term negative change for certain sectors or whether we would see a recovery after a period of adjustment. Either way, there would be no economic benefit, and the SG would do all it could to minimise the economic harm.

FM said that, as for BW, education and research were very important. Scotland was a significant contributor across the UK and Europe, and did not want to see research collaboration harmed in any way. She regretted Scotland had been taken out of the Erasmus programme, and was keen to find a way in which Scotland could continue to take part. Scotland welcomed and was grateful to the EU for the support expressed so far.

WK reiterated that he found the UK decision to leave Erasmus wholly inexplicable since exchange amongst young people was so crucial. He asked whether the FM saw any possibility of still participating or otherwise pursuing student exchange. He saw that the Turing programme was not based on mutuality, and also wouldn't work since Germany has no student fees and German students would not be able to afford UK fees. Consequently, there would be fewer students travelling to the UK and Scotland. FM agreed that leaving the Erasmus programme was one of the most distressing aspects of EU Exit. It would reduce educational opportunities and harm cultural exchange between young people - so important for our peaceful relations across Europe.

FM explained how Brexit brought into sharp focus the argument for Scotland to become an independent country, with independence now the only way for Scotland to re-join the EU. She cited opinion polls that had shown a consistent majority in favour of independence. Asked about a second referendum and whether Westminster would need to give its blessing, she noted that no politician could stand in the way of the democratic process because the alternative would be unthinkable.

Moving on to climate change, FM invited WK's reflections on BW's Co-Chairmanship of the U2 Coalition. She cited Scotland's ambitious targets for net zero emissions by 2045, and said COP26 would be a crucial catalyst for the world to meet the Paris Agreement targets. She explained that Scotland was working to bring about a just transition to net zero, both in Scotland and globally, and that the SG was investing heavily in

green jobs. She was keen for Scotland to gain from the technology transition and believed it had a lot both to offer and to learn from others.

WK highlighted the importance of regions and sub-national governments. He cited how important it had been for states such as California to hold out against the US President's politics and hoped that matters would improve with Biden signing up to the Paris Agreement. Regional alliances and conferences were crucial, and it would be the same with COP26 in Glasgow where, he believed, the U2 Coalition could provide important stimuli and momentum.

[REDACTED – confidentiality of commercial or industrial information] He saw Scotland as following a similar strategy to BW - taking advantage of its onshore and offshore wind resources in exiting oil, and focussing on renewable energy and hydrogen. BW faced huge challenges in decarbonising and would require massive amounts of green energy; and he considered that Scotland could supply BW with hydrogen. EnBW had played a pioneering role in offshore wind and had extensive experience that it could proactively put to good effect in Scottish seas. He noted that BW had recently published its Hydrogen Roadmap, and welcomed the Germany Hub's working-level relationship with Stuttgart's Centre for Solar and Hydrogen Research (ZSW). Citing BW's post-Covid recovery programme, he considered that BW should work with Scotland across the whole scope of BW's energy policy and hydrogen strategy. Hydrogen and fuel cell technologies should be a particular focus of cooperation going forward; they were so important to future competitiveness and both BW and Scotland had so much to contribute.

FM confirmed that, like BW, Scotland had many strengths in low carbon energy. She welcomed the Germany Hub's engagement with BW's low carbon transport agency and ZSW, agreed there was a lot we could learn from each other, and proposed that our teams continue to collaborate. Citing Scotland's recent hydrogen policy statement, she considered that Scotland had a lot to contribute to the development of the European hydrogen economy, including many of the resources necessary for a strong hydrogen export economy. She cited official discussions with Hydrogen Europe, outlined plans to run a couple of events in Brussels, and suggested that officials could speak to BW counterparts about these.

[REDACTED – confidentiality of commercial or industrial information] Scotland had already made huge strides in decarbonising its electricity sector, and it was important we continue to transition successfully from fossil fuels to clean, decarbonised, green energy. FM noted that decarbonisation is a key topic for Scotland across all sectors, and a very strong basis for future collaboration with BW.

	<p>Regretting that time constraints prevented more detailed discussion on the economy and innovation, WK welcomed the significant number of Edinburgh and Glasgow University cooperation projects with BW. BW's healthcare sector had been a priority even before COVID, with innovation and hi tech playing a crucial role. Although people always spoke of BMW, Bosch and Daimler, BW was also an important location for health tech and medicine. He invited Scotland to join the strategic dialogue that BW would be hosting. He noted the UK economic partnership, and offered to engage further around this, for example in the area of personal medicine. Noting the important links to cyber security, WK invited the FM to visit BW's universities and proposed AI, cyber security and healthcare as a second focus for the Scottish-BW partnership.</p> <p>FM noted she was keen to learn more about BW's AI cluster, and to look into collaboration across health and life sciences. Scotland had a strong life science sector, rooted in high class universities, and she would be pleased to learn more about BW's life sciences accelerator. FM said she would also be interested to hear about BW as a centre for the space sector in Germany. She explained that Glasgow was a leading European hub in terms of manufacturing space satellites and that she would be keen to learn from each other in this area. WK cited the Lake Constance (Bodensee) space cluster and welcomed FM to visit BW's many excellent companies in this area.</p> <p>WK thanked FM for the highly interesting exchange. He said he would always be happy to travel to Scotland, and hoped that the FM would visit him in BW. FM agreed that Scotland and BW had lots to collaborate on and looked forward to meeting WK both in BW and in Scotland. She wished him good luck in the forthcoming state elections and looked forward to picking up the conversation immediately after the BW and Scottish elections, should they both be elected back into office.</p>
<p><b>Comment and actions</b></p>	<p>A highly positive meeting in which both BW and Scotland were keen to intensify the relationship between them, building on and deepening their existing collaboration. WK spoke passionately about Erasmus and youth exchange, reiterating the importance of sharing his views on such a crucial matter and citing Erasmus as an area where progress would be required. He was explicit in proposing to collaborate in areas of devolved competency, recognising higher education, renewable energy and health as such. It was agreed there should be closer partnership focussed on i) climate change, renewable energy and hydrogen, and ii) AI, Cyber security and health tech.</p> <p>Whilst there were no specific actions, officials on both sides were tasked with pursuing engagement around decarbonisation and hydrogen in particular. Since the meeting, the Germany Hub and BW State Chancellery</p>



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**Subject:** Read out - Call with OGA - 10 February

[REDACTED – personal data] / [REDACTED – personal data] – to see the action from the Minster regarding the OGA SC TF, we will follow this up, happy to keep you copied.

[REDACTED – personal data] / [REDACTED – personal data] – we will follow up with Mairi and Callum keeping you copied to this, and will also revisit with the OGA the SLG ask from last year.

Read out below of the call between Mr Wheelhouse and the OGA.

#### Attendees

- Mr Wheelhouse, Minister for Energy, Connectivity and the Islands
- Andy Samuel, OGA
- Tim Eggar, OGA
- [REDACTED – personal data], Energy Industries
- [REDACTED – personal data], Energy Industries

#### Key points

- OGA noted that it continues to be a challenging time for investors in the North Sea but they will now be taking a more proactive / robust role in driving forward investment through their engagement with operators, particularly as oil and gas process are over \$50 a barrel; citing examples such as the [REDACTED – confidentiality of commercial or industrial information]. As part of this they are working with an operator on a well P+A plan which, if sequenced, could lead to 100 wells being plugged and leading to use of 4-5 rigs, supporting the supply chain.
- OGA are increasing their activity on the opportunities of electrification and floating offshore wind – there is an opportunity here for Scotland / Ruk rather simply piping across to Norway, but recognised that it must be a tripartite approach to achieving this.
- PW noted the success of Scotwind and that there had been significant interest from a number of oil and gas operators.
- OGA noted that there have been some historical ways that both Governments have been doing this, and that if we want to reach Net Zero then there will need to identify what these hindrances are and rectify them quickly – example cited was in accelerating the grid process which is a capacity issue at Ofgem. As the OGA see these barriers they will raise with both Governments.
- Discussion on the sectors role at COP 26, the Minister noted that there is a lot of powerful messaging from the sector which should be evidenced and include the voices of young people and their role as part of energy transition, including sharing the good practice of the sector both at home but also raising its profile

internationally. The Minister suggested it would be useful for the OGA to have a follow up discussion with spads on COP.

- **Action:** Officials to follow up with Mairi McAllan and Callum McCaig to arrange a short discussion with the OGA.
- OGA noted their new Strategy will be adopted shortly, which will formalise their role in CCS and will be looking to adopt a more strategic approach to CCS offshore, and that they are beginning to support BEIS officials with some early work and thinking on Hydrogen.
- The Minister commented on the recent Trade Vision announcement and what this would mean for the sector, noting that it would be discussed at the SLG on the 18<sup>th</sup> February, and had a specific ask to the OGA Supply Chain Taskforce to:
  - **Action:** OGA SC TF to consider if there are specific elements of the Scottish supply chain that could be detrimentally affected by the inclusion of certain exemptions as part of the Trade Vision proposal – recognising that there will be a different footprint in Scotland to the UK average.
- The Minister highlighted the work of the intra-ministerial group, noting that this could be a good collaboration mechanism, and also to raise profile and strengthen the narrative of the sector and its role in energy transition.
- In closing, the Minister referenced the recent international travel restrictions, and requested feedback from the sector.

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Please note that I am now working from home and available via mobile [REDACTED – personal data]

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## **ANNEX F: Minutes from previous Ministerial Group meeting**

### **COP26 DEVOLVED ADMINISTRATIONS MINISTERIAL GROUP**

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**NOTE** of a meeting held via video-conference on **Monday 22 March 2021** at **2pm (1 HOUR)**

#### **PRESENT**

Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP COP26 President Designate [Chair]	
Roseanna Cunningham MSP Cabinet Secretary for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Scottish Government	Lesley Griffiths MS Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs Welsh Government
Edwin Poots MLA Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs Northern Ireland Executive	Iain Stewart MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland UK Government
Rt Hon Simon Hart MP Secretary of State for Wales UK Government	Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP Secretary of State for Northern Ireland UK Government

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

##### **UK Government**

Ros Eales, Chief Operating Officer, COP26 Unit  
Ashleigh Gray, Deputy Director, COP26 Unit  
Kate Horner, Deputy Director, COP26 Unit  
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[REDACTED – personal data], Office of the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland

##### **Scottish Government**

Ben Macpherson, Minister for Rural Affairs and the Natural Environment  
[REDACTED – personal data], Private Secretary  
Gerard Howe, Deputy Director, COP26 & International Climate Change  
[REDACTED – personal data], Private Secretary

##### **Welsh Government**

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Daniel Butler, Special Advisor, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

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**ITEM 1 OPENING REMARKS AND GENERAL UPDATES**

1. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE welcomed attendees to the second meeting of the COP26 Devolved Administrations (DA) Ministerial Group.
2. He said that the UK Government was preparing for the next big milestone which would be the Climate and Development Ministerial on 31 March that year.
3. A SENIOR OFFICIAL, COP26 UNIT outlined the different COP26 sites. The Expression of Interest Process (EOI) for UK and international stakeholders to submit proposals for the UK Government-managed spaces at COP26 had closed on 5 March that month. The COP26 Unit had received a very large number of proposals and the next steps would be to consider those proposals. COP26 Unit officials had discussed this process with DA Directors and would share a short list of proposals with the DAs from organisations based in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
4. The CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM said that she was pleased the Scottish Government had been able to promote the EOI to stakeholders in Scotland. The Scottish Government would want to see the EOIs and play a role in reviewing bids. There had been increased interest in COP26 from the Scottish Parliament and the media, including on operational matters and how the Scottish Government was working with the UK Government.
5. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE said that UK Government and DA teams were working well together. He welcomed the discussion he had with the CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM the previous week on planning for the event. There was also a lot of interest in COP26 from the UK Parliament, including regular COP26 Oral Questions.
6. The MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RURAL AFFAIRS said that in order to enable meaningful engagement at these meetings, it was important that papers for the Ministerial Group were shared sufficiently in advance. The Welsh Government would like to know when they would have sight of the shortlisted proposals from the EOI and whether they would have a role in deciding who was successful.
7. The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS said that COP26 was a huge opportunity to showcase what the UK had done and would do on climate change. The Northern Ireland Executive and Northern Ireland wanted

to play their role in that.

8. The PARLIAMENTARY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE FOR SCOTLAND said that he would like to know whether there were other ways to get involved in COP26 for those organisations not successful in the EOI process or not able to be physically present at COP26. He had met with the Orkney Islands Council who were interested in showcasing their projects to other island delegates during COP26.
9. A SENIOR OFFICIAL COP26 UNIT said that there was likely to be other 'fringe' activity around COP26 in Glasgow and across other parts of the UK. The COP26 Unit was working closely with Glasgow City Council to understand plans for the city and other events and opportunities taking place in Glasgow. The COP26 Unit was also thinking about the digital platform for COP26 to expand reach and inclusivity.
10. Given the volume of EOI applications received, it would take a while to review all of them and ensuring representation from across the UK was one of many criteria to consider. Once appointed, the production tender company would develop the wider look and feel of the summit. COP26 Unit officials would be in touch with DA officials in due course regarding shortlisted EOI proposals.
11. The CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM said that there were many venues in Glasgow and it was likely that organisations would have booked these venues for their own COP-related events, as Scottish Government had done. Due to uncertainty around what the situation with the pandemic would be in November, it would be sensible to manage expectations about travel across Scotland during COP26.

## **ITEM 2 UK OBJECTIVES FOR COP26 AND G7 CLIMATE TRACK**

### *UK Objectives for COP26*

12. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE set out COP26 Objectives, as laid out in the Written Ministerial Statement (WMS) he had put to the UK Parliament the week before. COP26 Unit officials would circulate the WMS to DA officials.
13. In the last month he had visited South America, Latin America, Asia, Africa and Europe. He would continue to make visits where possible and covid-compliant. Having face to face interaction and detailed discussion had proved to be extremely useful. The Prime Minister had also raised climate directly with a number of Heads of State and Government and other ministers were also engaging on climate change. There had been lots of international engagement but there was still more to do. He would continue to update the DAs on progress made against COP26 objectives.

*G7*

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14. A SENIOR OFFICIAL, BEIS provided an update on the G7 Climate and Environment Ministerial track that the COP26 President Designate and Secretary of State for Defra were jointly leading.

15. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE asked DA ministers: what scope there was to support COP26 objectives using their own international networks; if they were planning activity to champion green recovery in the run up to COP26 and, if so, what activity they might be considering through the COP26 sub-national campaigns such as the Race to Zero and Race to Resilience.
16. The CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM said that the First Minister of Scotland had announced the launch of the Net Zero Futures initiative at Scottish Development International's Race to Zero event on 9 March that month. The Scottish Government would use their position as European co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition to champion ambition, inclusivity and just transition amongst fellow members. They also intended to publish their own indicative Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) ahead of COP26 and would encourage others in a similar position to do so too. The First Minister of Scotland had a productive discussion with the United States Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, John Kerry and touched on some of the logistics of COP26 as well as high level objectives. There would be a distinct Scottish Government offer for COP26 - they had their own targets and leadership on just transition and social justice. It would be important to ensure there was a legacy for Scotland.
17. She welcomed the update on G7 and would like to see continued engagement moving forward.
18. The MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RURAL AFFAIRS welcomed the presentation and engagement on G7. Excitement around COP26 was growing in Wales and the Welsh Government was keen to play their part. It would be important for COP26 to be representative of the UK as a whole. The Welsh Government had recently laid updated legislation for a new net zero by 2050 target. The Under2 coalition has a strong voice, and Wales will use their position on the steering group to call on others to take action. They also planned to join the Race to Zero as part of the Under2 coalition and work with the Scottish Government on their net zero futures project..
19. Civil society engagement was an important matter and it was also important that the public could engage in COP26. The Welsh Government held a successful event for stakeholders and members of the public on climate change the previous November. They also held an event to mark St. David's day earlier that month to build momentum around COP26.
20. The MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS said that the Northern Ireland Executive had reached over 45% renewable energy so far and had set a 70% target for renewable electricity by 2030. They saw an opportunity to promote initiatives such as the Wrightbus hydrogen-fuel cell development project. He welcomed anything that could be done to facilitate Northern Ireland's involvement in COP26.
21. The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES said that COP26 provided an opportunity to demonstrate the unique offers of different parts of the UK as well as

showcasing collective UK ambitions for tackling climate change and reaching net zero. These included the UK Government's commitment of financial support to projects such as the Holyhead Hydrogen Hub and South Wales Industrial Cluster.

22. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE said that he wanted COP26 to be a UK event, showcasing different parts of the UK.
23. The SECRETARY OF STATE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND said that COP26 was a good opportunity to represent all parts of the UK and the work being done to lead the way on renewables. Projects also included the Wrightbus low-cost hydrogen-fuel cell technology development project and the Belfast-based consortia project focused on transforming the maritime industry through the development of zero emission ferries.

### **ITEM 3 DOMESTIC ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

24. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE said that there was lots of work to connect businesses. Andrew Griffith MP had been appointed as the UK's Net Zero Business Champion and would be setting out a 'Together for Our Planet Small Business Campaign' shortly to get SMEs and micro businesses involved in net zero. CPD had recently met with the COP26 Business Leaders Group. Primary asks of all businesses included joining the Race to Zero and the Race to Resilience. He was also keen to see the greening of the finance sector.
25. A SENIOR OFFICIAL, COP26 Unit provided an overview of the partnership based public awareness/engagement campaign, 'Together for Our Planet'. Public facing partnership activations to date included the 'Creative Earth Art Competition'. Future plans included a Blue Peter competition that was due to launch in April and a series of toolkits with assets and resources tailored for different groups, including schools, to do Together for Our Planet activities. The UK Government then planned to highlight some of those activities on COP26 social media channels.
26. The second key strand of the Together campaign was the 'Climate Leaders' campaign where individuals, businesses, community groups and others who had found meaningful, innovative and inclusive ways to reduce carbon emissions at work and at home would be celebrated. The COP26 Unit would appreciate input from across the four nations on gathering interesting case studies to showcase. Branding guidelines were being shared with the DAs so that they could make use of the COP26 and Together for Our Planet brands.
27. The MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND RURAL AFFAIRS said that Wales' 'Low Carbon Heroes' campaign complemented the Climate Leaders concept. The Welsh Government would like to work with the UK Government on these kinds of things. Suggestions from the Welsh Government for art competition judges had not been selected. She would like to encourage officials to work together.
28. The CABINET SECRETARY FOR ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND LAND REFORM said that the Scottish Government would want to consider collaboration on campaign elements on a case by case basis. Elements of the Together for Our

Planet campaign would resonate with the Scottish Government's own COP26 campaign. It would be helpful to keep updated and informed on the Together campaign.

29. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE said that it would be helpful for the Scottish Government to update on their campaign activities and expected timelines for these. On Climate Leaders, it would be helpful for the DAs and Territorial Offices to inform the COP26 Unit of any examples that ought to be highlighted. It would be important to connect the public with COP26. If there were any events the DAs were planning, the COP26 Unit would be happy to consider working with them and collaborating on those. COP26 and DA officials should continue to join up.

#### **ITEM 4 - AOB**

30. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE asked if all ministers were content with the draft communique to be published. [The communique was agreed by correspondence following the meeting].

31. The COP26 PRESIDENT DESIGNATE thanked attendees for the discussion.

#### **Actions**

- COP26 Unit officials would be in touch with DA officials in due course regarding shortlisted EOI proposals.
- COP26 Unit officials would circulate the WMS to DA officials.
- Devolved Administration and Territorial Office officials to inform the COP26 Unit of any examples of Climate Leaders that ought to be highlighted.

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**Subject:** COP 26 Hydrogen Transition Summit 11 November 2021 (Innovation Zone)

Dear Michael Matheson MSP

Forgive the direct email. I'm organising Climate Action's Hydrogen Transition Summit at COP26 to be held in the Innovation Zone on 11 November. I realise that you have the portfolio responsibility for COP26 so I'm hopeful that you would be able to open our (hybrid in-person and virtual) conference by saying a few words of introduction and welcome in the morning and outlining Scotland's net zero plans. I thought perhaps part of the introduction could be playing the advert of the Let's Do Net Zero campaign?

As the host nation, I'm very keen to invite you to speak. So if another time during the day suited you better, we could re-arrange the agenda to suit you.

Meantime I'd be pleased to liaise with your office to discuss any details and provide you with a fuller brief. I'd appreciate speaking with your research team and taking advice from them, as I realise that this would be yet another commitment during an already incredibly busy few weeks.

I'll be in Edinburgh from 19 to 25 August if your office would find it helpful for me to meet and present the event and discuss in person. Otherwise I'm available for a virtual call anytime.

Yours sincerely

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