



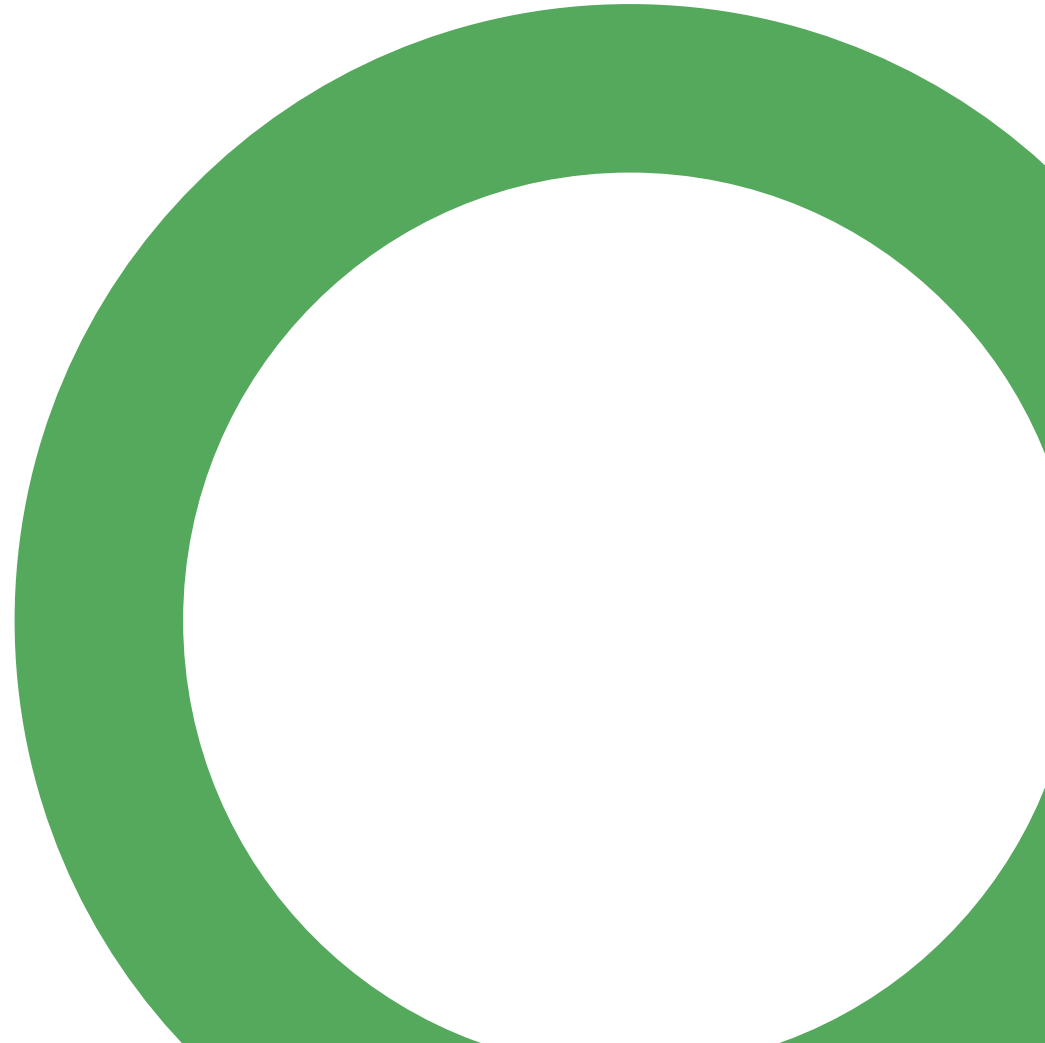
SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT ON CLIMATE ACTION

KEY MESSAGES AND STRATEGY OVERVIEW



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THE ROLE OF SUBNATIONALS: KEY FACTS

Subnational governments have an essential role in reaching net zero

- **50-80%** of adaptation and mitigation actions necessary to tackle climate change will be implemented at the subnational or local levels



- **Over 50%** of emission cuts planned to meet the UK's Net Zero target will require decisions made at the local level

Potential emissions reductions from subnational governments are substantive

- If international cooperative initiatives between subnational and non-state actors are scaled up to their fullest potential, emissions could be reduced by up to **15-23 GtCO₂e per year** by 2030 compared to current policy

THE ROLE OF SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS IN CLIMATE ACTION

Subnational climate action goes beyond emission reductions. It can:

- Help national governments **deliver or overdeliver** on NDC pledges
- **Demonstrate** the benefits of ambitious policy
- Allow new policy to be **tested** on a small scale, before being **scaled up** nationally
- Build new political and economic **constituencies** (e.g. renewable energy providers)
- Enable regional differences to be harnessed for **national benefit**

Subnational governments often face the same challenges

- Insufficient involvement in **national-level planning** – which can lead to policy gaps or duplication of effort
- **Limits to devolved authority** in areas crucial to climate action (e.g. building standards or energy infrastructure)
- Difficulty accessing sufficient, sustainable **finance** for the level of climate action required
- Subnational governments may have **limited capacity** both to deliver but also to **monitor, evaluate and report** on climate action, making it difficult to assess impact,

SCOTLAND'S UNIQUE STRATEGIC POSITION: NATIONAL AND SUBNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

NATIONAL

Scotland has a **clear national identity** and soft power which is globally recognised. It has a well **respected leader**, who is seen as leading a **competent and coherent government**, which can be both values based and pragmatic.

SUBNATIONAL

COP 26 is being held in Scotland. This provides a platform to show how small states and subnational governments can play an **essential role** in making 'net zero' actually happen.

- The Scottish Government can provide examples of the advantages of being **“close to the action”**, how to **implement solutions**, model **effective vertical integration** both upwards and downwards, and highlight its **effective data collection and monitoring systems**
- Scotland has a long **history of innovation and academic excellence** and has clear examples of being ground breaking/world leading **in developing replicable, sustainable models** in climate action that **can be taken to scale**.



COP 26 AND BEYOND: PROMOTING A 'JUST TRANSITION'

COP 26 being held in Glasgow provides a **unique opportunity** for Scotland on the international stage.

Scotland **has the track record** on climate action and skills to play a **leadership role promoting a 'Just Transition'**.

A 'Just Transition' **focuses on developing a green economy**, and supporting structural change that utilises and builds on existing skills. It **promotes decent work, new jobs and fosters technological innovation**



PROPOSED STRATEGIC APPROACH - AIMS

- Use **COP 26 to increase awareness of Scotland's successes** in addressing Climate Change through piloting and implementing innovative approaches in a range of areas
- Present an attractive **clear case for COP attendees to return to Scotland and understand more** what opportunities exist for collaboration, learning and investment.
- Highlight how Scotland's unique national/subnational dynamic allows it to both support and work with other subnational governments to create **a powerful 'critical mass' that can influence larger national states and other global bodies**
- Highlight the importance and **outline an approach to model effective vertical integration** – Given Scotland's strong, consistent bottom up data – show how the Scottish Government is going to work with its Cities and Regions to undertake joined up climate action to achieve a 'Just Transition' – given its good
- Outline how the future strategy will be **effectively resourced**



PROPOSED STRATEGIC APPROACH: LEVERS

- Utilise COP 26 to **present Scotland's Vision and Strategy** and outline opportunities for others to collaborate further.
- Create a series of **evidenced narrative case examples of Scotland's successes** in tackling Climate Action
- Develop **clear, coherent policy positions** on how Scotland will be addressing its climate challenges such as agriculture, hydrogen and North Sea gas
- Outline the Scottish Government's ambition and strategy to **support Climate Adaptation**
- Outline an inclusive consultation process to **develop a detailed plan for a 'Just Transition'** focusing on how a bottom up approach can lead to effective transformation
- **Deepen relationships with the private sector and create a cadre of 'climate champions'** – focus on utilising the passion and energy that exists for effective climate change across Scottish society and ensure all of these voices are heard
- Focus on optimising the impact from **partnerships and bilateral collaboration** with other sub national governments and smaller independent states
- Explicitly develop and communicate how **climate action is central to Scotland's international development strategy** and how Scotland can support other national and subnational governments and movements in combatting climate change.
- Highlight existing **evidence gaps** and identify clear areas which Scotland is well placed to address these



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