

<b>INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon <b>(FM)</b>
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Visit to Danish Architecture Centre, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Date</b>	26 August 2022
<b>Who</b>	Kent Martiniussen, Director of DAC
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KM offered FM an introduction to the work of DAC, promoting the interdependence between design, sustainability and high quality of life in the build environment.</li> <li>• DAC has been instrumental in supporting a design-led transformation of the Copenhagen waterfront from a late-80s post-industrial landscape to one with high design, sustainability and liveability factors. This is thought instrumental in helping Copenhagen attract an increasingly international and highly skilled workforce as it transitioned from industrial to service led economies.</li> <li>• It continues to support innovation and promotion in areas such as circular economies (including in the built environment).</li> <li>• DAC work extensively with international partners, and have offered to follow up on working with waterfront transformations in Scotland; as well as how to use design innovation to drive wider changes in industrial processes and circularity.</li> </ul>
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<b>Type of engagement</b>	Tour of UNICEF Supply Division warehouse, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Date</b>	26 August 2022
<b>Who</b>	Etleva Kadilli, Director of Supply Division
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM received an overview of the work UNICEF does at global scale from Ms Kadilli, including work in attracting donations, procurement, quality control and distribution. Scotland's recent donation to UNICEF's work on Covax and Ukraine was discussed, including an ongoing commitment to international development and humanitarian work by FM.</li> <li>• UNICEF arranged for project and departmental leads to explain the thinking behind recent supply kits, for example a Covid kit with sanitation equipment and vaccination; a pre and post natal care kit supporting maternal and infant health; and a classic UNICEF kit called 'classroom in a box' which supports 40 children for 3 months in a learning setting.</li> <li>• FM was introduced to a number of supply division staff, including some who oversee procurement and quality control. This allowed her to explore the options for Scottish companies to join UNICEF's supply chain in future.</li> </ul>
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<b>Minister</b>	First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon <b>(FM)</b>
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Dinner discussion with regional GlobalScots, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Date</b>	25 August 2022
<b>Who</b>	<b>Omar Shaikh</b> , CEO of COCOA Invest <b>Dan Mackenzie</b> , CEO of Steensen Varming <b>Neil McLauchlan</b> , Director of Strategic Competence at Vattenfall <b>Giles Dudley</b> , Director of Business Development at BioInnovation Institute <b>Steven Ismail</b> , Senior Project Manager, AkerBP
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following introductions, FM opened by setting out SG's priorities in opening a new Nordic Office and asking GlobalScots what they saw as the best opportunities for Scotland to pursue.</li> <li>• The discussion was wide ranging, with particular points of note around</li> <li>• The vast opportunities around energy and heating between Scotland the Nordic countries, and the role that Scotland can play in convening industries and governments from across the region, based on wanting to learn and adapt best practice.</li> <li>• The Danish model of foundations, a tax structure which allows companies to pay less tax against a foundation which invests in innovation or infrastructure in its own sector. The practice is widespread, and this means many of these foundations spend more money than government is able to. The discussion centres both around the mechanics (very good for spin outs and availability of funding) and whether government's interest should be in retaining control, or in positive outcomes for innovation, employment and productivity – does it matter who pays for it if it happens?</li> <li>• The ability of Nordic countries to brand themselves really coherently, for example Sweden and its feminist foreign policy, or Denmark with a commitment to sustainable and green which seems to be followed through to what the government supports exports in, and how it engages multilaterally. Scotland is Now was noted as a huge step up in quality, but whilst ethically more convincing than greening nations in the middle east, perhaps still lacking the full coherence of policy position and nationhood being projected 'as one'.</li> <li>• GlobalScots have offered wide support and contacts in the region, including on innovation policy and funding, energy transition and district heating.</li> </ul>
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<b>Type of engagement</b>	Dinner discussion, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Date</b>	26 August 2022
<b>Who</b>	Nordic women leaders (names not given as subject to GDPR)
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM opened discussion on the distance between legislative equality and everyday equality, noting that both Denmark and Scotland are fully committed to equality and yet do not achieve it in practice.</li> <li>• The discussion was wide ranging and lively, covering areas including               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The extent to which assumptions about equality already being achieved actually undermines it</li> <li>• Quotas, gender balanced parliaments, parties and cabinets, and the persistent questioning of whether a woman attains her role on her own merit</li> <li>• Language and terminology and the extent to which success and equality is still defined as being and acting like men 40 years ago</li> <li>• Intersectional inclusion, including race, sexuality and gender, and generational shifts in feminism</li> <li>• Business and investment opportunities, and how women can support and build their own networks as well as participating broadly</li> <li>• The personal sphere, including childcare and the downsides of performative motherhood</li> <li>• The growing need for a different set of capabilities, for example in tech and ethics</li> </ul> </li> <li>• This is an area of discussion the group would like to stay connected on. There are immediate follow up opportunities around women in investment and connecting the female founders in Denmark and Scotland; and developing the capabilities around tech which foster participation and equality at a systemic level.</li> </ul>
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<b>Minister</b>	First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon <b>(FM)</b>
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting with Copenhagen Infrastructure Partners, Copenhagen Offshore Partners and Pension Danmark
<b>Date</b>	27 August 2022
<b>Who</b>	<b>Christian Skakkebæk</b> , CIP Senior Partner <b>Radu Gruesco</b> , Partner in Flagship Fund (involved in Scottish activities) <b>Alan Hannah</b> , CEO of COP UK <b>Joachim Lind Koefoed</b> , Senior Associate, Global Public Affairs, CIP <b>Torben Møger Pedersen</b> , CEO PensionDanmark
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIP provided an overview of their strategic activity and thinking as an investor. This was notable particularly for its focus on decisively shifting from a 'black' energy grid to a green energy system and therefore thinking about how to manage and balance loads from renewables at a European level; and its willingness as a patient, institutional investor to enter into projects at their earliest development stage. They can do this precisely because they are backed by asset owners like Pension Danmark, who have Denmark's workforce in the sector as members – so taking the risk also means maintaining their jobs and ensuring long-term sustainability of that workforce's pension.</li> <li>• The company shared their concept for energy islands (which the Danish Government are committed to), as midpoints for multiple offshore wind generation sites, transforming the power into hydrogen and power to x for battery, slow transmission to grid and direct fuelling, e.g. of shipping.</li> <li>• COP (Copenhagen Offshore Partners) have recently opened a fund to invest in Scotland, and will open offices in Edinburgh to focus almost exclusively on the build out of floating off shore capability and investment. The scale of Scotwind has been attractive for this, but so has the government's approach to not simply maximising licensing income, instead focusing on supply chain, innovation and building relationships with developers and investors. FM notes the roundtable of ScotWind contractors earlier in the week as a key engagement, underlining the commitment to the long-term sustainability and competitiveness of the sector in Scotland.</li> <li>• CIP/COP are interested in following up directly at official level on Scotland's hydrogen policy, the potential for energy islands and direct fuelling and export.</li> </ul>
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<b>Minister</b>	First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon <b>(FM)</b>
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Roundtable discussion with State of Green, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Date</b>	26 August 2022
<b>Who</b>	<p>Finn Mortensen, Executive Director, State of Green <b>(FMo)</b>            Kristoffer Böttzauw, Director General, Danish Energy Agency <b>(KB)</b>            Ingrid Reumert, Senior Vice President of Group Stakeholder Relations, Ørsted <b>(IR)</b>            Thomas Egebo, President and CEO, Energinet <b>(TE)</b>            Chris Milne, Chief Financial Officer, Orbital Marine Power Ltd. <b>(CM)</b>            Paul Cooley, Director of Offshore, SSE Renewables <b>(PC)</b>            Alan Hannah, Senior Vice President, Copenhagen Offshore Partners <b>(AH)</b>            Patrick Gilly, Global Spearhead Director, Rambøll <b>(PG)</b></p>
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FMo opened the meeting by welcoming the new SG Nordic office opening in Copenhagen.</li> <li>• Highlighting the strong links between Scotland and Denmark, especially in the area of energy efficiency and heat networks, FM thanked State of Green for the invitation and briefly reflected on Scotland's net zero targets. She spoke about Scotland's ambitions in the Just Transition and renewable energy space and how Scotland and Denmark could continue to learn from each other to maximise our renewable energy potential in light of increasing energy prices and cost of living crisis.</li> <li>• FM stressed the need to shift from the current tactical competition to strategic collaboration in which countries work together for shared security and wellbeing. She also briefly reflected on how our countries could use the existing pace in the development of renewables to collectively build a shared global strength in offshore energy.</li> <li>• PC noted that both Scotland and Denmark have been leading the way in renewables for a number of years and both are well placed to upscale the deployment of green energy solutions. He spoke about the barriers to scaling up offshore renewable sites which currently include lengthy planning and consenting processes, as well as challenges with grid connectors. There is a high demand for resources and data, including on biodiversity, in order to drive progress. It is an area that Scotland and Denmark could collaborate on going forward.</li> <li>• CM stated that tidal energy should be given a renewed focus as it could successfully be used as an intermittent source of energy while other energy projects are being deployed. He also added that currently 100% of European supply chains are being used.</li> <li>• The discussion moved to an adjacent sector - hydrogen. AH stressed that there was a great demand for green hydrogen, however, the demand should also be balanced with its higher costs.</li> </ul>

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<b>INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT REPORT</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister, Nicola Sturgeon <b>(FM)</b>
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Date</b>	26 August 2022, Copenhagen, Denmark
<b>Who</b>	<b>Jeppe Kofod</b> , Foreign Minister of the Danish Government <b>Carsten Grønbech-Jensen</b> , State Secretary for European Affairs and the Arctic (equivalent to Director General) <b>Ambassador René Dinesen</b> – who will be Denmark’s Ambassador to the UK from 1 September
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM and JF last met at COP 26 in Glasgow. On this occasion, they discussed:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The new SG Hub and its priorities across the Nordics, including on energy and the north sea</li> <li>2. The need for climate and energy cooperation between Scotland and Denmark, including the MoU on district heating; and particularly in the context of increasing Cost of Living crisis</li> <li>3. The need for European solidarity in respect of Ukraine and the developing humanitarian and refugee situation across Europe.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
<b>Attending Officials</b>	[redacted], Head of Nordic Office, DEXA Emily Mackintosh, Special Advisor [redacted], FMPO Emma Hopkins, Her Majesty’s Ambassador to Denmark



Time and venue	Activity	Event outline
<b>THURSDAY 25th August</b>		
15:10-17:55	<b>TRAVEL</b> from EDI to CPH on flight DY3503	
18:00-18:30	<b>AIRPORT:</b> VIP Arrival Service	
18:30-19:00	<b>TRAVEL</b> from airport to hotel by embassy car.	
19:00-19:30	<b>DOWN TIME</b> check in and refresh.	
19:30-19:45	<b>TRAVEL</b> by foot to restaurant	
19:30-21:00	<b>DINNER</b> with small group of selected guests (GlobalScots)	
21:00-21:15	<b>TRAVEL</b> by foot to hotel	
	Hotel Phoenix Copenhagen	
<b>FRIDAY 26th August</b>		
08:00-08:10	<b>TRAVEL</b> from hotel to MFA	
08:15-08:40	<b>MORNING ACTIVITY:</b> meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs, Jeppe Kofod, René Dinesen, Danish Ambassador to the UK, Carsten Grønbech-Jensen, State Secretary for EU Affairs & Arctic	
08:45-08:55	<b>TRAVEL</b> from MFA to SoG	
09:00-09:25	<b>DOWN TIME:</b> Refreshment break	
09:30-11:00	<b>ROUNDTABLE EVENT</b> hosted by State of Green.	09:30-10:45 roundtable discussion, 15min press
11:05-11:25	<b>TRAVEL</b> from Roundtable event to Christiansborg.	

11:30-12:30	<b>MORNING ACTIVITY:</b> Danish Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee	5mins greetings/introductions, 45mins discussion, 10mins photo
12:30-12:45	<b>TRAVEL</b> to lunch	
12:45-13:15	<b>DOWN TIME:</b> FM private lunch	
13:15-13:30	<b>TRAVEL</b> to UNICEF event	
		5mins greetings/introductions, 20mins warehouse tour led by UNICEF Director (max. 5 pers), 20mins visit to showroom to see specific areas (education, vaccines). FM offered to try packing a kit at the assembling line. 20-30mins meeting room discussion with EK (intro to division, emergency response, SG donation to UNICEF, global politics and effects on aid, covax)
13:30-14:45	<b>ACTIVITY</b> Tour of UNICEF distribution centre	
14:45-15:15	<b>TRAVEL</b> from UNICEF to hotel	
15:15-15:45	<b>DOWN TIME:</b> hotel	
15:45-16:05	<b>TRAVEL</b> from hotel to Launch Event	
15:30-18:00	<b>NORDIC OFFICE LAUNCH Reception</b>	15:30 Guests arrive, greeted by SG Nordic Office representatives, and provided with welcome drinks and nibbles. 15:30 Music in the courtyard. 16:07 Welcome speech by KF and introduction to FM 16:10 FM speech (10 mins) 16:20 Canapes, drinks and mingle. Music in the background/exterior courtyard space 16:20 Music to resume in the courtyard 17:10 FM Media engagement slot
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17:30: Continued mingle and goodbye

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17:30-17:45	<b>TRAVEL</b> to hotel by car
17:45-18:25	<b>DOWN TIME</b> hotel
18:25-18:30	<b>TRAVEL</b> to Dinner event by foot
18:30-20:30	<b>DINNER EVENT:</b> Equalities/Women in Business
	<b>TRAVEL</b> to hotel by foot
	Hotel

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**SATURDAY 27th AUGUST**

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08:15-08:30	<b>TRAVEL</b> to Breakfast event
08:30-10:00	<b>BREAKFAST MEETING/ACTIVITY:</b> CIP/COP
10:05-10:20	<b>TRAVEL</b> to hotel

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10:00-11:00	<b>PRESS</b> engagement (possible slot) OR DOWN TIME
11:00-11:30	<b>TRAVEL from hotel to airport</b>
11:30-12:35	<b>AIRPORT:</b> VIP Check-in Service
12:35-13:35	<b>FLY</b> from CPH to EDI with flight SK2513

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