

MiCase - 351558

- Copies of ministerial and official correspondence, documents, briefing notes prepared etc relating to Nicola Sturgeon's proposed appearance at the Science Festival on 6th April.
- Details of any correspondence relating to her decision to drop out from the event on the 6th.
- Copies of ministerial and official correspondence, documents, briefing notes prepared etc relating to Mairi McAllan's appearance at the Science Festival on 6th April.

From: [redacted]@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs

Sent: 13 April 2023 10:35

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: Images from CabSec participation in event with Patricia Espinosa

Hi [redacted],

Many thanks for these.

Kind regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]@gov.scot] | **Communications: News (Net Zero & Rural Affairs)**

[redacted]

Scottish Government, St Andrew's House

e: [redacted]@gov.scot]

m: [redacted]

Pronouns: he/him

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 13 April 2023 09:45

To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; Communications Net Zero & Rural Affairs <CommunicationsNetZeroandRuralAffairs@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: Images from CabSec participation in event with Patricia Espinosa

Morning all,

Please find below the images from last week's Edinburgh Science Fest event with the Cabinet Secretary.

With thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]@gov.scot] (she/her) | International Climate Change Division | : @ScotGovClimate

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Sent: 07 April 2023 15:33
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]
Subject: thank you

Hi both

Thanks so much or your help with the Cabinet Secretary yesterday

Here are the pictures for your use, please credit [redacted] and use @edscifest and #edscifest on social media and @Edinburgh Science on LinkedIn

<https://wettransfer.com/downloads/8085ece18f82d947320e50ab8908336d20230407100341/1fe00b>

We would love to catch up and share our work and see how we can include the Cabinet Secretary in future Climate events, please share some times that suit.

Best wishes

[redacted]



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From: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Sent: 04 April 2023 10:57
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Subject: FW: Introductions: Patricia Espionsa and Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Sent: 03 April 2023 15:28
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Subject: RE: Introductions: Patricia Espionsa and Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition

Dear [redacted]

I will ask her office if we can make an introduction – but even better and as we are keen to also meet the new Cabinet Secretary for NetZero and Just Transition, and we have two events running with Patricia Espinosa that she would be welcome to join and spend some time with Patricia.

5th April am Round table Climate Co-Lab with senior leaders to discuss “Accelerating the Just Transition to Net Zero”, Chaired by Francesca Osowska, CEO NatureScot.

6th April from 7.30 – “A Climate of Change” one of our Edinburgh Science Festival – events: Patricia Espinosa in conversation with Nicola Sturgeon. We can absolutely offer a front row seat at this event and a meet and greet, followed by a seat a dinner.

I would be delighted if Màiri McAllan would be able to join either of these events (the round table will be followed by a small informal lunch and the Festival event followed by a dinner – both with Patricia in attendance) if she would like.

Best wishes
[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: Monday, April 3, 2023 2:59 PM

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: Introductions: Patricia Espionsa and Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition

Importance: High

Hello [redacted]

I hope this finds you well. Apologies for the email out of the blue, I got your contacts from my colleague [redacted].

I write to ask a favour. Would you be able to put me in touch with Patricia Espinosa office. I understand you are in touch with them re the science festival. We are looking at organising a meeting between her and the new Cabinet Secretary for NetZero and Just Transition. Patricia has a really good relationship with the outgoing First Minister and we would like to build up new connections with her with the current CabSec.

Happy to jump into a call if easier. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Cheerio

[redacted]

[redacted]@gov.scot] |[redacted]| Climate Change Division | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change
Mobile:[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 06 April 2023 14:38

To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted] [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

[redacted],

Please see the attached.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: 06 April 2023 11:49

To: [redacted]@gov.scot] Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

[redacted],

On the back of our discussion earlier, Ms McAllan would also appreciate summaries of what has been achieved / not achieved at COP26 and COP27 as well as a run-down on the Paris Agreement and COP21.

Grateful if we can have sight of an updated briefing asap please to allow Ms McAllan to sufficiently prepare.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition

CabSecNZJT@gov.scot

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 06 April 2023 09:08

To: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

[redacted]

The event is a discussion as you point out and the briefing has reflected this with points to raise, topical issues and background. The section on a brush by is just in case. You will recall we had been trying to arrange a bilat with PE which we understand CabSec is keen on. They are likely to be together ahead of the event and this section is to ensure CabSec has points to make. If you believe this not to be necessary than we can remove it.

I also understand CabSec is now confirmed for the event. Could you let us know who will be supporting from PO so we can organise access.

Cheerio

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: 05 April 2023 21:02

To: [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot] Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

Hi [redacted],

Cab Sec is grateful for the briefing, however Ms McAllan is keen to ensure that officials are clear on the nature of the commission. Cab Sec notes that the briefing mentions a 'brush by' with Patricia Espinosa, when what is being proposed is Ms McAllan potentially hosting the discussion with her?

Grateful if you can clarify?

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]@gov.scot]

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 05 April 2023 17:24

To: [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

Hi [redacted], PO,

Please find attached the briefing for the event with Patricia Espinosa tomorrow.

There are some small gaps highlighted, which will be updated as soon as this information is received from the organisers.

With thanks,

[redacted]

Including link for colleagues who will update: [redacted]

[redacted](she/her) | International Climate Change Division | : @ScotGovClimate

From: [redacted]

Sent: 05 April 2023 16:52

To: [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

Thanks for sight [redacted], its shaping up well. Left you some comments for you to consider, otherwise happy with it and do not need to see again.

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 05 April 2023 16:40

To: [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot] >

Subject: RE: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

Hi [redacted],

Would you mind passing the briefing on to [redacted] when you are happy with it? Ms McAllan has asked for it by 6pm if possible.

Thanks

[redacted]

[redacted] (pronouns: she/her)

[redacted] | Climate Change Division | Directorate for Energy and Climate Change

: @ScotGovClimate



From: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Sent: 05 April 2023 15:27
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Subject: For feedback: draft briefing MMC/PE 'in conversation'

Hi [redacted],

With thanks to [redacted], draft briefing here for 'in conversation' event with MMC and PE.
[redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted] (she/her) | International Climate Change Division | : @ScotGovClimate

From: [redacted]@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition
Sent: 05 April 2023 11:41
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]
Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: Urgent: Opportunity for Cabinet Secretary to meet with Patricia Espinosa on 5/6 April

All,

Do we have any further details on what the former FM is doing w/t Ms Espinosa at the event tomorrow evening, other than just what was indicated below:

6th April from 7.30pm: "A Climate of Change" one of our Edinburgh Science Festival – events: Patricia Espinosa in conversation with Nicola Sturgeon.

- Front row seat at event and a meet and greet
- Followed by a seated dinner at which the Cabinet Secretary would have opportunity to speak with Ms. Espinosa
- Venue – Dynamic Earth

Regards,
[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition

Sent: 05 April 2023 11:03

To: [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>

Subject: RE: Urgent: Opportunity for Cabinet Secretary to meet with Patricia Espinosa on 5/6 April

[redacted],

The Cabinet Secretary is unable to attend the evening engagement tomorrow due to personal commitments.

I note from a separate email chain, that officials will seek availability from Patricia Espinosa for after the Easter Recess for a virtual call. Once you have been provided a few slots – ideally Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday – we can look at Ms McAllan’s diary.

Regards,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 04 April 2023 11:33

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]; Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero & Just Transition <CabSecNZJT@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: Urgent: Opportunity for Cabinet Secretary to meet with Patricia Espinosa on 5/6 April

Hi [redacted],

There are two opportunities to meet with Patricia Espinosa, which would be in addition to the bilateral meeting being explored for Wednesday 5th. These are both in connection with the Edinburgh Science Festival Patricia Espinosa is attending on Wednesday and Thursday:

5th April morning: Round table Climate Co-Lab with senior leaders (incl. Espinosa) to discuss “Accelerating the Just Transition to Net Zero”,

- Chaired by Francesca Osowska, CEO NatureScot.
- Attendance at the event, followed by a small informal lunch at which the Cabinet Secretary would have the opportunity to speak with Ms. Espinosa

6th April from 7.30pm: “A Climate of Change” one of our Edinburgh Science Festival – events: Patricia Espinosa in conversation with Nicola Sturgeon.

- Front row seat at event and a meet and greet
- Followed by a seated dinner at which the Cabinet Secretary would have opportunity to speak with Ms. Espinosa
- Venue – Dynamic Earth

Officials would recommend the evening event and dinner, as this would enable a conversation between the former First Minister, Patricia Espinosa and the Cabinet Secretary.

Grateful to know if the Cabinet Secretary would be interested in and available for either of these events.

With thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] (she/her) | International Climate Change Division | : @ScotGovClimate

From: [redacted]@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** First Minister

Sent: 03 February 2023 15:37

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

[redacted],

To update those in copy, we have spoken again and agreed a suitable approach that will hopefully alleviate the concerns of Edinburgh Science, and which you will communicate to them this afternoon.

Organisers can confirm FM participation in broad terms, but are to be mindful of the level of detail publicised at this stage.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 03 February 2023 14:43

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot] ; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

Hi all,

Thanks for your help – just to say that [redacted] in FMPO has advised they cannot confirm this at this time so I'll let the festival know, so this should be resolved for now.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 03 February 2023 12:23

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]; First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

[redacted],

With apologies, I've not been involved in this at all so I'm not sure of the latest update. I see Spads have been copied in – it would also be worth checking with FMPO to see the status of the event in her diary, if it's in there at all.

Thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 03 February 2023 11:18

To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: Spads Admin <Spads_Admin@gov.scot>; [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: FW: FM Science Festival event

Importance: High

Hello,

Apologies for the scattergun message as not sure who best to approach for this in [redacted] and [redacted] absence.

To see below, Edinburgh Science have their programme going to print today and are desperately needing a response to be able to include FM in their April festival programme – grateful if you can let me or [redacted] at Edinburgh Science know if this is possible please?

Many thanks.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

From: [redactedscifest.co.uk]
Sent: 03 February 2023 11:09
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Subject: FW: FM Science Festival event
Importance: High

Can you help move this? We got an OoO but the programme goes to print today. We have sent to [redacted] who helped sort in the first place but not sure if she is in today or not and we just need a yay to we can include in the programme! [redacted] may be on it but I am just trying all routes as it would be amazing to have it in there after all these years of trying to get this event!

From: [redacted@scifest.co.uk]
Sent: Friday, February 3, 2023 7:23 AM
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]
[redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot] **Subject:** Re: FM Science Festival event

Morning [redacted]

Sorry for the chasing email but I am just wondering if you have managed to get definite confirmation of the First Minister's availability on the evening of 6th April. FYI our venue preference is Dynamic Earth and we have a hold on it for this date.

We do go to press today on our brochure and very much want this event to be included so if you can let me have an update this morning I would be very grateful.

Many thanks

[redacted]

On 1 Feb 2023, at 14:00, [redacted] [redacted]@gov.scot] > wrote:

Thanks [redacted]

Our brochure goes to press Friday and we are very much hoping that we can confirm the date and venue by then for full inclusion so do keep us posted/let us know if you don't think we'll have confirmation in time.

Cheers

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Sent: 01 February 2023 13:56
To: [redacted]@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot] [redacted]@gov.scot]
Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

Hi [redacted],

I'm just checking that 6th April works for the First Minister. Grateful if you could hold off on any comms etc. until I make sure we're good to go.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot] @scifest.co.uk>

Sent: 27 January 2023 09:09

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Subject: Re: FM Science Festival event

Hi [redacted]

Good news- I have had a positive and enthusiastic response from (Ambassador) Patricia Espinosa who is delighted to be approached and excited to take part.

Our preferred date is now Thursday 6 April and she available then so if you could please confirm that this date definitely suits the FM then we can take things from there.

We are now looking to rapidly confirm a venue and I'll draft some copy for your approval asap so that we can aim to get it in the brochure, which is due to go to press next Friday, so I'll be in touch again next week.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

On 25 Jan 2023, at 11:06, [redacted] wrote:

Hi [redacted],

Many thanks for your email and for your feedback on potential invitees.

I HAVE reached out the majority of the people on the original list [redacted](including [redacted] – I am yet to hear back from these but will chase soon and if no replies are forthcoming may see if you can also reach out if/as necessary).

FYI I have had very nice replies to say 'thanks but sadly not available' from [redacted], who each pass on their thanks and best wishes and who we will keep in touch with to explore opportunities for future years. We will now look to approach the additional names we supplied/you have indicated the First Minister has interest in - [redacted] – all with whom we already have direct contact but again we'll give you a shout should we need your help bringing them on board.

Regarding dates, we have asked the invitees to flag availability across the entire Festival duration so as to help maximise our chances of them availing availability but we *have* now identified two dates that would likely work best for us - Monday 3rd and Thursday 13th April – so will also mention these preferences in our correspondence.

I'll keep you posted as things develop and, in meantime, thanks for your help.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

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[redacted]

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e: [redacted]

[redacted]

From: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Sent: 24 January 2023 16:06

To: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

Dear [redacted] & [redacted],

So sorry the delay in coming back to you – I'll pick this up from our end so apologies in advance for all the questions!

I've now had a bit of a steer from the First Minister on her preferences re. the below list – which I've put in order as below. Do you need contact details for any, and do you need us to reach out to anyone?

Also – have you already reached out to anyone and had responses?

I'm not sure whether we have confirmed a date in April yet, so wanted to check whether there is a date which suits from your side? It would be good to get the date confirmed asap and we can get that in the diary. Think we're quite flexible!

Happy to discuss – I'm on [redacted]

Best wishes,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Special Adviser to the First Minister

[redacted]

[redacted]@gov.scot]

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From: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Sent: 20 January 2023 12:18

To: [redacted]@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

Dear [redacted],

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Festival and Creative Director here at Edinburgh Science, whose team will be arranging the event in which the First Minister has very kindly agree to take part.

Having given some thought to what we think will work best by way of event topics for the Science Festival *and* the First Minister, we have reached out to the majority of the people on the list you supplied (or their agents where relevant), to assess their interest and availability to take part in the event and will see what that delivers by way of possibilities.

In the meantime we have also identified a selection of other people who could potentially form a second round of approaches should it be necessary (we know that Easter can be a tricky time for securing speakers so I always like to have back-up plans) but before we reach out to any of *them* I wanted to run the list past you to see if any are of particular interest (or not, as the case may be):

1. **Christiana Figueres:** an internationally recognized leader on global climate change. She was Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 2010-2016. Recipient of the Edinburgh Medal at the 2029 Science Festival.
<http://christianafigueres.com/> and https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christiana_Figueres
2. **Sacha Dench:** aka the 'human swan', is a world record breaking biologist and conservationist. As Ambassador, UN's Convention on Migratory Species and CEO and founder of Conservation Without Borders, Sacha wants to change the narrative of the climate crisis to one of ambition, energy and enthusiasm for solutions. <https://www.sachadench.com//>
3. **Mikaela Loach** (born 1998) is a climate justice activist based in [Edinburgh](#) in Scotland who has been nominated for the [Global Citizen Prize](#): UK's Hero Award. A medical student at the [University of Edinburgh](#) she uses her Instagram platform of over 100,000 to work towards making the climate movement more inclusive, focusing on the intersections of the climate crisis with human rights issues such as white supremacy and maltreatment of migrants.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mikaela_Loach
4. **Heather Reid** OBE: also known as "Heather the Weather", is a Scottish [meteorologist](#), [physicist](#), [science communicator](#) and educator. She was formerly a broadcaster and [weather presenter](#) for [BBC Scotland](#); https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heather_Reid
5. **Laura Young:** Climate activist, public speaker, zero waste advocate and environmental scientist. <https://www.lesswastelaura.com/>

If you could let me know your thoughts on potentially approaching these people if needed and, as per [redacted]'s earlier email, do please let us know if there are at dates across 1–16 April that the FM is *not* available (eg across the Easter weekend?) and we can work around this when we start hearing back from people.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]

Sent: 10 January 2023 11:40

To: redacted@gov.scot

Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; redacted@gov.scot

Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

Dear [redacted]

Thanks for this great list of suggestions.

My colleagues [redacted] will take this forward. Can you tell me:

1. Do you have direct lines of communication with any of these individuals and if so would your/FM's office make an approach or an introduction for us? We usually deal directly with agents who are less easy to make headway with!
2. Are there any dates at all between 1-16 April that the FM is unavailable so we don't secure someone who is available when she is not.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted@gov.scot]

Sent: 09 January 2023 09:57

To: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Cc: [redacted] <[redacted]@scifest.co.uk>[redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

Hi [redacted], that's a shame, but I'm sure he's a very busy man at the moment!

Other thoughts/ suggestions (not exhaustive or exclusive):

Patricia Espinosa
Mia Mottley
Antonio Guterres
Anne Hidalgo

Ellen MacArthur
Stella McCartney
Chris Packham
David Attenborough

Rachel Kyte
Kate Raworth
Megan McCubbin

Raynor Wynn

I've added [redacted] as she'll also have thoughts

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From: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Sent: 05 January 2023 10:31

To: [redacted@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Subject: FM Science Festival event

Hi [redacted]

We heard that unfortunately Hamza is unable to do the event with the FM. Did you have any other ideas or would you like us to send ideas through?

Thanks

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];
Sent: 27 February 2023 12:32
To: [redacted@gov.scot>; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];; [redacted@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted]@scifest.co.uk>; [redacted]scifest.co.uk>; [redacted@scifest.co.uk];
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: FM Science Festival event

This is brilliant news thanks [redacted]. We will update the online event and downloadable programme, we can't change the printed version obviously unfortunately!

[redacted] will be in touch as we move forward to arrange the content.

Delighted about this.

Many thanks

[redacted]

Sent from Outlook for Android

From: [redacted@gov.scot]
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 12:29:05 PM
To: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];
Subject: RE: Automatic reply: FM Science Festival event

Hi [redacted]

Apologies – thought I'd responded last week.

The First Minister is happy to go ahead with this event. She'll just need to be billed as Nicola Sturgeon MSP, or former First Minister.

Many thanks,

[redacted] [redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Sent: 03 February 2023 07:55

To: [redacted@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Subject: Re: Automatic reply: FM Science Festival event

Hi [redacted]

Sorry to pester you but I received an out of office alert from [redacted] in response to my email (chasing confirmation that the evening of 6 April works for the First Minister event at the Science Festival) and I wonder if you can help in her absence as our brochure does to press at the end of the day.

Cheers

[redacted]

On 3 Feb 2023, at 07:23, [redacted]@gov.scot wrote:

I am out of the office today. Please contact another special adviser or spads_admin@gov.scot.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

From: [redacted@gov.scot]

Sent: 09 March 2023 08:53

To: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted@gov.scot] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Subject: RE: Nicola Sturgeon at the Edinburgh Science Festival

Hi [redacted], very happy to have a chat from a policy side of things, but given the timing and she will no longer be FM for either of the events you will need to liaise with her office in relation to logistics etc. [redacted] should be able to help you in terms of who you need to speak to there.

I believe the invite for dinner has already been sent to her current office by [redacted]. Again, [redacted] will be able to help you with an answer for that since it relates to after she will step down.

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

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From: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Sent: 08 March 2023 14:19

To: [redacted@gov.scot]; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];

Subject: Nicola Sturgeon at the Edinburgh Science Festival

Hi [redacted] and [redacted],

I hope this finds you well. I'm just getting in touch to follow up on the First Minister's appearance at the Edinburgh Science Festival on 6th April. We're really looking forward to it and, having just talked to Ambassador Espinosa's team, know that Patricia is also eagerly anticipating it.

Would we be able to have a quick chat with you, maybe next week, to go over the basics of the event? It would also be a chance to talk about a Climate Co-Lab which we're holding on the morning of 5th April with Ambassador Espinosa: bringing together senior Scottish leaders from across sectors to discuss actions around Scotland's ambitions to get to net zero. We would be delighted if the First Minister was available and interested in being part of a conversation which was first started by Christiana Figueres in 2019. If you think this could be a possibility, let me know and my colleague [redacted] (CC-e din here) can send over more details.

I do have a couple of boring practical questions in the meantime...

- We understand she may not be available, but we would love to invite the First Minister to join us, and the Ambassador, for a dinner after the event on the 6th.
- As she won't be living at Bute House by April, would you like us to arrange overnight accommodation for the First Minister?

If you could let us know when it would be convenient to talk, that would be amazing.

With very many thanks,

[redacted]



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From: [redacted@gov.scot]
Sent: 24 January 2023 15:29
To: [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: FW: For FM consideration - Edinburgh Science Festival

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From: Sturgeon N (Nicola) [redacted@gov.scot]
Sent: 24 January 2023 15:22
To: First Minister <firstminister@gov.scot>
Subject: RE: For FM consideration - Edinburgh Science Festival

Any of suggestions would be good – I have indicated, by number, a very rough order of preference below. Availability and logistics will be key obviously

From: [redacted@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 24 January 2023 14:44
To: Sturgeon N (Nicola) [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: FW: For FM consideration - Edinburgh Science Festival

Content to take part and any particular steer on who you would like to converse with?

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted@gov.scot]
Sent: 24 January 2023 11:12
To: First Minister [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: For FM consideration - Edinburgh Science Festival

FMPO,

FM has been invited to attend in the 2023 Edinburgh Science Festival, which takes place 1-16 April.

They have suggested that the best format would be for FM to take part in an 'In Conversation' event focused on climate, and Scotland's leadership on tackling climate change before and since COP26.

SpAds would suggest we approach some of the suggestions below, if FM is content to do this event in principle. They are flexible on date/timings and can work around the FM's diary.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

- [redacted]

[redacted]

Special Adviser to the First Minister

[redacted]

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From: [redacted@gov.scot]
Sent: 30 January 2023 13:39
To: [redacted@gov.scot]; [redacted@gov.scot]; [redacted@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: RE: FM Science Festival event

Don't think I ever said to FM that Espinosa had been asked...anyway..good progress

That's Easter recess, so just hoping FM isn't pre-booked.

Adding [redacted] to help this through FMPO

[redacted]

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From: [redacted@gov.scot]
Sent: 30 January 2023 13:35
To: [redacted@gov.scot] [redacted@gov.scot] [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: FW: FM Science Festival event

FYI – Patricia Espinosa has come back positively on FM Ed Science event.

[redacted] [redacted]

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From: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];
Sent: 27 January 2023 09:09
To: [redacted@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: Re: FM Science Festival event

Hi [redacted]

Good news- I have had a positive and enthusiastic response from (Ambassador) Patricia Espinosa who is delighted to be approached and excited to take part.

Our preferred date is now Thursday 6 April and she available then so if you could please confirm that this date definitely suits the FM then we can take things from there.

We are now looking to rapidly confirm a venue and I'll draft some copy for your approval asap so that we can aim to get it in the brochure, which is due to go to press next Friday, so I'll be in touch again next week.

Warm regards,

[redacted]

From: [redacted@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** First Minister 2021 to 2023

Sent: 12 January 2023 12:16

To: [redacted@gov.scot] First Minister 2021 to 2023 [redacted@gov.scot]; [redacted@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: Invitation for the First Minister from Edinburgh Science Festival

Thanks [redacted], spoken to [redacted] and all good! Will discuss with FM and formalise.

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted@gov.scot]

Sent: 12 January 2023 12:13

To: First Minister [redacted@gov.scot] [redacted@gov.scot]

Cc: [redacted@gov.scot]

Subject: RE: Invitation for the First Minister from Edinburgh Science Festival

Hi [redacted] – see attached correspondence for what's been communicated.

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

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From: [redacted@gov.scot] **On Behalf Of** First Minister
Sent: 12 January 2023 12:07
To: [redacted@gov.scot] [redacted@gov.scot]
Cc: First Minister [redacted@gov.scot] [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: RE: Invitation for the First Minister from Edinburgh Science Festival

Hi [redacted],

We don't appear to have formally accepted this which means that FM has not had sight of it, could you let me know what has been communicated to the organisers?

Many thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];
Sent: 12 January 2023 11:51
To: First Minister [redacted@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted@gov.scot] [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: RE: Invitation for the First Minister from Edinburgh Science Festival

FAO First Minister

We are delighted that the First Minister will take part in the Edinburgh Science Festival 2023. Please can we have confirmation of any dates that the First Minister cannot be available between the 1-16 April or any preferences so we can ensure we do not secure someone on a date that is not possible.

The programme goes to print this month so we are working to tight deadlines.

Many thanks
[redacted]

From: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk];
Sent: 18 November 2022 17:42
To: First Minister [redacted@gov.scot]
Cc: [redacted] [redacted@scifest.co.uk]; [redacted@gov.scot]
Subject: Invitation for the First Minister from Edinburgh Science Festival

Sent on behalf of Dr Simon Gage OBE, CEO of Edinburgh Science

FAO First Minister

Sent on behalf of Dr Simon Gage OBE, CEO and Director, Edinburgh Science

Please find attached a letter of invitation for the First Minister for the Edinburgh Science Festival in 2023.

Best wishes

[redacted]



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**Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition: Màiri McAllan
Briefing for Edinburgh Science Festival event, in conversation with Patricia Espinosa**

What	<i>'In conversation' event with Patricia Espinosa as part of the Edinburgh Science Festival programme</i>
Where	<i>Dynamic Earth</i>
When	<i>Thursday 6 April 7:30pm, 1 hour event</i>
Key Message(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is vitally important that countries recommit themselves to doing everything they can to ensure we keep 1.5 alive and to build a coalition ahead of COP28 that protects and drives progress against any further push back. • The Scottish Government welcomed the breakthrough agreement at COP27 on funding for Loss and Damage. Quick decisions to operationalise the fund are now needed to ensure that funds reach those communities who need it most.
Who	<i>Fellow speaker: Patricia Espinosa</i>
Why	<i>The conversation will cover climate justice, the role of legislation, UN Sustainable Development Goals and how we mitigate the unfolding effects of a changing climate.</i>
Supporting official	<i>[redacted], Head of International Climate Change</i>
Briefing contents	<p>Annex A: Summary Annex B: Topical Issues / Background Lines Annex C: Talking points for brush by Annex D: Attendees</p>
Media Handling	
Social Media	
Greeting Party and specific meeting point on arrival (if event is at a non SE Building)	<i>1845: arrive at Dynamic Earth via Holyrood Gait entrance. You will be met by Simon Gage Director and CEO of Edinburgh Science. [redacted] from International Climate Change will be present</i>

Agenda

6.45pm: Arrival (through Holyrood Gait entrance). To be met by Simon Gage Director and CEO of Edinburgh Science. Taken to green room

7.05: Photoshoot on stage, after which return to green room.

7.30pm: Simon Gage introduces event, with short statement from Development Team

7.35pm: Amb Espinosa and Cabinet Secretary McAllan chat (CabSec to lead)

8.05pm: Simon returns to stage to facilitate Q&A

8.25pm: Wrap up and head for dinner (**OPTIONAL**) at Wedgewood (267 Canongate, Royal Mile, Edinburgh EH8 8BQ).

Logistics

- 6.45pm: Arrival at Dynamic Earth(through Holyrood Gait entrance). To be met by Simon Gage Director and CEO of Edinburgh Science and head to green room. Patricia Espinosa will join CabSec in the green room.
- There will be a photoshoot on main stage before returning to green room.

Format:

- One hour event of **two sessions**, a 30 min in conversation followed by a 30 min facilitated Q&A.
- Session 1: You will **lead a free-flowing conversation** – 30 min – (suggested talking points below). The idea is to keep it natural and share personal experiences and hopes.
- Session 2: **30 min Q&A** to be facilitated by Simon Gage. Questions will be submitted via an app and will focus on climate change.
- Stage set-up TBC (officials have asked orgnirs for details)

Suggested Talking Points: all optional.

- You are to lead, will be a free-flowing conversation
- How climate has been part of both of your careers
- The Paris Agreement, particularly Patricia's role (spend some time around Patricia's career). Biography below.
- The impact of COP, and other international conventions
- What you both hope for, and is that different to you both expect?
- Key points for the future: what should be the next steps, particularly in Scotland?

Other possible points to raise

Climate Justice

- Climate justice demands that our responses to loss and damage, as well as our mitigation and adaptation action, tackles existing inequalities such as wealth disparity and discrimination based upon gender, age, disability or indigenous status, as the impact of climate change can be made worse by these factors.
- Human rights are central to climate action. In the face of inaction to deliver 1.5, there is growing interest in legal mechanisms to encourage greater ambition from both nations and corporations; human rights play a key role in defining our obligation to protect our communities and the most vulnerable from climate change impacts.

- It is disappointing that the recognition of loss and damage at COP27 has not been matched by greater action to prevent a worsening of the climate crisis.
- How do we ensure this COP delivers on finance, climate justice and adaptation as well as energy?

Loss and Damage

- The Transitional Committee, which met for the first time in March, is tasked with making recommendations on the governance and function of the Fund, identifying funding sources and ensuring complementarity with existing funding arrangements. It is made up of 24 UN members, of which 14 from developing countries. It is vital that the Transitional Committee takes quick decisions so that those in urgent need receive support now – not in 2-5 years time.
- Scotland intends to keep international focus on practical action – there are existing and innovative examples that we, the Transitional Committee and those acting outside the UN process need to be learning from. Scotland’s recent report highlights 24 case studies of action and funding to address loss and damage.
- We are learning lessons from our own loss and damage funding, which has been supporting communities to address losses and damages in Africa, Asia and the Pacific; as well as funding research on needs assessments and case study development as part of our commitment to build evidence around how to most effectively address loss and damage.
- The governance and function of the Transitional Committee must include non-economic impacts. The £5m commitment the former First Minister made at COP27 aims to keep focus on this under-researched area.

ANNEX B

TOPICAL ISSUES / BACKGROUND LINES

Climate Justice and Scotland at COP28

Topical Issues

[redacted]

Background Lines

- [redacted]

Loss and Damage

Topical Issues

- [redacted]

Background Lines

- [redacted]

ANNEX C

COP26 - Summary of key agreements

The Glasgow Climate Pact consists of a range of agreed items, strengthened efforts to build resilience to climate change, to curb greenhouse gas emissions and to provide the necessary finance for both. Nations reaffirmed their duty to fulfill the pledge of providing 100 billion dollars annually from developed to developing countries. And they collectively agreed to work to reduce the gap between existing emission reduction plans and what is required to reduce emissions, so that the rise in the global average temperature can be limited to 1.5 degrees. For the first time, nations are called upon to phase down unabated coal power and inefficient subsidies for fossil fuels.

While there is much to be pleased about from COP26, the conference did not deliver as much as many including representatives from the Global South, activists, and campaigners demanded and expected.

SG at COP26

1. [redacted]

COP27 - Summary of key agreements

1. **Loss and Damage:** agreement to establish a global fund for L&D to provide financial assistance to developing countries, particularly those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, representing a vital step in rebuilding trust both between the global north and south; and in the COP process itself.
2. **Emissions and 1.5C:** agreement that keeping below 1.5C should remain the global goal but with no agreed detail on how.
3. **Fossil fuels:** agreement that the COP26 language on phasing down coal should remain. Some countries – led by India with support from the EU, US and UK – wanted to build on the COP26 language to include a commitment to phase down *all* fossil fuels, not just coal. The attempt failed and it has been noted by many as disappointing.
4. **Reform of the multilateral development banks (MDBs):** The PM of Barbados, Mia Mottley's "Bridgetown Initiative" calls on the MDBs to make more finance available and alleviate the debt burden of those countries impacted by climate change. The argument gained momentum with the final text calling on MDB shareholders to reform bank practices and policies to scale up funding, including via non-debt instruments. The US and Germany, the World Bank's largest stakeholders, have called for the World Bank to develop a roadmap for increased climate finance in time for the April 2023 World Bank meetings.
5. **Adaptation:** There was limited progress on adaptation, which still lacks a concrete goal, akin to the 1.5C target. Few countries have set out plans to adapt to climate change. There was though agreement to develop a new framework for adaptation.
6. **Finance:** Data released prior to COP27 showed a shortfall of \$17bn against the totemic target, agreed at COP in 2009, to mobilise \$100 billion a year from 2020-2025 to support climate action in developing countries. At COP27 some countries sought to remove the COP26 commitment to double the amount spent on adaptation but this attempt failed. Setting a new finance target beyond 2025 is scheduled to conclude by the end of 2024.
7. **Biodiversity:** COP27 kept to the COP26 pledges on forest finance, for the Congo basin, and for indigenous peoples and local communities' forest tenure. There was also mention in the cover decision of "nature-based solutions". Despite this, there was little acknowledgement during the conference of the "twin crises" of climate and biodiversity or links made to December's COP15.

SG achievements at COP27:

[redacted]

Paris Agreement / COP21

Summary

A historic first universal climate agreement adopted at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21). It is legally-binding (in parts) in international law, recognising climate change as an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies and the planet, requiring cooperation by all countries. The Agreement aims for urgent and deep cuts in global greenhouse gas

emissions to hold global temperature to well below 2°C, and to pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C, above pre-industrial levels. The Agreement sends a strong signal to investors that governments are committed to the low carbon future for the global economy. Further, the Agreement recognises context of sustainable development and poverty eradication, as well as equity, human rights, just transition and climate justice and importance of non-state actors: sub-national governments, cities, businesses, financial institutions, civic society and local communities (Lima-Paris Action Agenda).

Key Requirements

The Agreement:

1. Requires countries to have **national mitigation plans** to reduce emissions and **revisit these every five years** from 2020 with a view to raising ambition in the future.
2. Mandates a **stocktake of progress** towards the long term goals on mitigation, adaptation, and finance, starting in 2018, and then every five years thereafter to inform countries' reviews of their mitigation plans.
3. Locks-in the **below 2 degree goal** as the global objective – and goes further by stating that efforts should be pursued to limit to 1.5 degrees.
4. Sets a collective **long term goal for near net zero emissions in the second half of the century** (so at least by the end of the century) – which all countries will work together to achieve. This gives a clear sense of direction to drive investment and help reduce the cost of climate action through cheaper technology and greater innovation.
5. Establishes a single **framework for enhanced transparency** which requires countries to report on their progress in implementing and achieving their mitigation plans, and then subject these to independent review and multilateral consideration.
6. Includes explicit provisions for the **use of markets/ carbon trading**, and the establishment of a UN crediting mechanism, to deliver emissions reductions at lowest cost and prevent any double counting.
7. Establishes a **new long term goal to strengthen adaptation and resilience** and reduce vulnerability to climate change. Countries will share their adaptation planning and cooperate to **support those developing countries** who need it, helping them adapt to climate change.
8. Continues the commitment by developed countries to mobilise, from public and private sources, **\$100bn per year** to 2025, when the commitment will be reviewed (from a floor of \$100bn), to **help developing countries**, especially the poorest and most vulnerable, to curb their emissions whilst developing, adapt to climate change and build their own capacity to deal with the problem in the long term.
9. Incorporates a broader and more detailed work programme on reducing the risk of **loss and damage** but rules out compensation claims or liability based on the Agreement.
10. The Paris Agreement is legally binding in international law.

Scotland at COP21

- First Minister and Dr McLeod promoted Scotland's positive story at COP21.
- First Minister announced £12 million over four years for Climate Justice Fund.

ATTENDEES



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Ms. Espinosa was Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from 2016 – 2022. She has twice served as Ambassador of Mexico to Germany and Ms. Espinosa was Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mexico from 2006-2012. Elected Chair of the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly (1996) she played a key role in the process leading to the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action at the 4th World Conference on Women. Previous Ambassador of Mexico to Austria, Slovakia, Slovenia and UN Organisations in Vienna (2002-2006), she was Chief of Staff to the Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1989-1991) and responsible for economic issues at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN in Geneva (1982-1988).

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