

**Document 1 - Briefings for meetings held by the First Minister at COP28****COP28 ENGAGEMENT BRIEFING FOR THE FIRST MINISTER 30 November - 4 December 2023 (full conference 30 November – 12 December)****MEETING WITH EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF UNFCCC, SIMON STIELL****30 November 15:00-15:20**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will continue to play a bridging role, ensuring that the voice of women, young people and the Global South influence debate and action at COP28.</li> <li>We will also continue to lead ambition and action by sub-national governments.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	Bilateral meeting with Executive Secretary of UNFCCC, Simon Stiell.
<b>Why</b>	Opportunity to hear the UNFCCC Executive Secretary's aspirations for the negotiations, and to provide an update on Scotland's recent action on loss and damage.
<b>Who</b>	Executive Secretary of UNFCCC, Simon Stiell
<b>Where</b>	COP28 Blue Zone; ES office, secretariat staff area B2-10 im
<b>When</b>	30 November 15:00 -15:20
<b>Agenda</b>	UNFCCC Negotiations Role of subnational governments Loss and damage
<b>Media</b>	tbc
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted 38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary</li> <li><b>Annex B</b> - Biography</li> </ul>

**SUMMARY**

This will be your first formal meeting with Simon Stiell (you met him briefly at the UN Climate Ambition Summit in September), who took over as UNFCCC Executive Secretary in August 2022. The Former First Minister met him at COP27 and had a good

relationship with his predecessor, *Patricia Espinosa*. Simon Stiell recorded a video message the Scottish Government's loss and damage conference in October 2022.

## **Agenda**

### **1. UNFCCC Negotiations**

- Parties must use the Global Stocktake to make meaningful progress on reducing emissions, while also increasing climate finance, including to address loss and damage. It cannot be either/or. We need action on both.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **2. Role of subnational governments**

- We will continue to play a bridging role, ensuring that the voice of women, young people and the Global South influence debate and action at COP28.
- We will also continue to lead ambition and action by sub-national governments
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **3. UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund**

- Progress towards the operationalisation of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage fund is welcome. But that must not come at the expense of it being meaningfully operational in a way that ensures rapid, equitable access to sufficient funding that acknowledges the moral responsibility of historic emitters.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **4. UNFCCC engagement with Scottish Government**

- Thank you for recording a message for our loss and damage conference in October last year. We would be happy to share our conference synthesis with you.
- Our pledged £8m on loss and damage has now been allocated and mobilised in full. We are announcing a further £2m for action to address loss and damage.
- [redacted s.32(1)(b)]

## **Desired outcomes**

- Shared agreement on the need to put communities and marginalised groups first in the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund negotiations.
- Better understanding of how sub-national governments can best support the work of the UNFCCC, particularly on loss and damage.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

**BIOGRAPHY**



**Simon Stiell - Grenadian politician, serving as the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change** since August 2022. He was previously Grenada's Environment, Education, and Human Resources Minister.'s Environment, Education, and Human Resources Minister.

The former First Minister met him at COP27 where they discussed loss and damage and aspirations for greater collaboration between the SG and UNFCCC.

## ROUNDTABLE WITH GLOBAL SOUTH STAKEHOLDERS

30 NOVEMBER 15:30-16:30

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COP 28 must be inclusive of participants from the Global South and communities most affected by climate change in decision-making on climate change.</li><li>• Scotland wants to play a bridging role, ensuring the voices of the global south are heard and acted on.</li><li>• The Scottish Government will use COP28 to call on all to <u>urgently</u> step up to address the injustice at the heart of climate change by supporting those communities who are suffering the most but have done the least to cause climate impacts. There is no time to wait.</li></ul>
<b>What</b>	Meeting with Global South Stakeholders
<b>Why</b>	<p>To hear directly from those in the Global South experiencing the worst impacts of the climate crisis and to reaffirm our support and solidarity with them.</p> <p>To hear directly their priorities for COP28 and how they would like Scotland to build on their global leadership on this issue.</p>
<b>Who</b>	Attendees to be confirmed
<b>Where</b>	Multilevel action and urbanisation pavilion
<b>When</b>	Thursday 30 November – 15:30-16:30
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome and introductions</li><li>• Stakeholders outline their hopes for COP28</li><li>• You will hold an open discussion</li><li>• Closing and thanks</li></ul>
<b>Media</b>	Social media post
<b>Supporting official</b>	TBC – Likely [redacted s.38(1)(b)] and [redacted s.38(1)(b)].
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary</li><li>• Agenda</li><li>• Desired outcomes</li><li>• Annex A: Biography</li></ul>

## **Summary**

This meeting between Global South Stakeholders aims to:

- Hear directly from those people living and working in communities experiencing loss and damage
- Hear the priorities of those Global South partners for COP28
- Hear how those from the Global South would like Scotland to build on their global leadership on loss and damage and what more Scotland can do to support the communities impacted

## **Agenda**

### **An informal discussion**

- Welcome and introductions (3 to 4 minutes)
- Partners outline their experiences of Loss and Damage and hopes for COP28 (a few minutes each)
- You will respond and hold an open discussion (10 minutes)
- Closing and thanks (2-3 minutes)

### **Desired outcomes**

To hear directly from the experiences of those in the global south to inform SG policy and approach

## **ANNEX A**

### **Biography**

Attendees to be confirmed.

## MULTILEVEL ACTION AND URBANISATION PAVILION OPENING CEREMONY

30 November 2023 16:30-17:30

<b>Key message</b>	SG will have 4 key objectives at COP28: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• urging greater action and funding for <b>loss and damage</b>;</li> <li>• leading ambition and action by <b>sub-nationals</b>;</li> <li>• showcasing our progress on delivering a <b>just transition to net zero</b> and continuing to build our leading renewables and hydrogen industries; and</li> <li>• playing our part as a <b>good global citizen</b> and advancing international relations, including through a business delegation.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	5 min speech followed by reception
<b>Why</b>	The Scottish Government is a partner at Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion at the UNFCCC COP28 and will be using the space to promote key SG COP28 activities and events
<b>Who</b>	A number of key contacts from Under2 Coalition, C40, GlobaScots and University Alumni (wider guest list to be included in supporting bio annex)
<b>Where</b>	Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion at the UNFCCC COP28 in Dubai
<b>When</b>	30 November 16:30-17:30
<b>Agenda</b>	5 min speech highlighting COP28 Objectives, promoting our Loss and Damage leadership and our commitment to a Just Transition
<b>Media</b>	TBC
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Speech</li> </ul>

### Summary

Opening ceremony held at the Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion in the Blue Zone. Aimed to launch the operations of the Pavilion and Scotland's participation at COP28. First Minister's speech will be followed by a reception. Approximately two hours long with refreshments and food provided; [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## **Annotated agenda**

### Agenda item 1

- Opening remarks highlight Scottish Government COP28 Objectives:
  - The Scottish Government's leadership on loss and damage builds momentum towards increased global action on, and urgent funding, for loss and damage.
  - The Scottish Government's Co-Chairmanship of the Under2 Coalition supports increased ambition and action towards net zero, a just transition and resilience by both party and Non-Party States and Governments (NPSG).
  - The Scottish Government's commitment to low carbon energy under a Just Transition to Net Zero, in particular around offshore wind and hydrogen, influences others to do more to achieve Net Zero.
  - The Scottish Government advances international relations both diplomatic and economic, attracting investment in strategic sectors in Scotland and enhancing Scotland's global reputation, particularly on renewable energy.

### **Desired outcomes**

- Highlight the pavilion's activities, programme and planned engagements.
- Support wider COP28 objectives in increasing global exposure of Scotland's focus on net zero and the Scottish Government's leadership on Loss and Damage.

### **Background briefing**

We will have a targeted audience of key Under2 Coalition, Regions4 and C40 partners, international climate stakeholders, government representatives and Global Scots.

**Annex A**

***To be provided by speechwriters***

## SCOTLAND AT COP28 – ST ANDREWS DAY EVENING RECEPTION

Wednesday 30 November 19:00-21:00

<b>Key message</b>	Celebrating Scotland’s ambitions for COP28 by promoting Scotland’s climate change action and showcasing some of Scotland’s leading sustainable food and drink companies whose produce are supporting the drive to net zero.
<b>What</b>	Speech and networking including one to one engagement with specifically selected VIP guests and, where the opportunity presents, short bilateral’s with UAE or other Government guests
<b>Why</b>	To provide a key note address promoting Scotland’s sustainable food and drink produce, SGs ambitions for COP28 and setting out our approach to trade and investment and links with the UAE.
<b>Who</b>	There will be an audience of around 200 guests. Annex A provides a list of guests officials have put forward for introductions or where relevant one to one / bilateral engagement.  [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Where</b>	Radisson Blu Hotel Dubai Waterfront, Marasi Drive, Business Bay, Dubai
<b>When</b>	Wednesday 30 November 2023 - 7 to 9.30pm  Aim is for FM to arrive 18.00 allowing time to freshen up, have some dinner and change into evening attire. This will leave some time to undertake pre event introductions to key people (as indicated above).
<b>Agenda</b>	Running order and timings provided
<b>Media</b>	Our in market PR agency, Sevenmedia, have invited a range of Food & Beverage media organisations to attend. A post event media release, including First Minister quote, has been agreed and cleared through SpAds and FM Comms.  No specific media interviews are planned with First Minister during the reception.
<b>Supporting officials</b>	On arrival you will be met by supporting officials from DITI: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Richard Rollison, Director, International Trade and Investment</li> </ul> <b>[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].</b>
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary</li> <li>Running order and Timings</li> <li>Annex A: Potential Guests to meet and Biographies</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annex B: speaking note to be provided by speechwriters</li></ul>
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### **Summary**

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

Invited guests will include Global Scots, Senior renewables/net zero business representatives, diplomatic contacts, Scottish university alumni, food and drink sector and media representatives and potentially UAE Emirati's from specific UAE Government Ministries. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] will provide light MC duties on the night, providing short opening remarks and formally introducing you to the audience before inviting you on stage for your speech.

### **First Minister Timings**

*(all timings are best approximation and subject to change on the night where needed)*

TIMINGS	ACTIVITY
18.00 - 18.40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM arrival - escorted to private room to change and have dinner (dinner will be pre-ordered for the room)</li> <li>• [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]. ) will hand over to DITI officials at 18.40</li> </ul>
18.40 – 19.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short pre-brief by DITI officials in Green Room</li> <li>• FM introduced to SDI UAE Team</li> <li>• FM meets Nick Maclean</li> </ul>
19.00 - 19.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short Bilateral's with any attending UAE VIPs/Emirati's <i>(alternative if VIPs don't attend is short introduction Quality Meat Scotland and Seafood Scotland representatives – [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]. respectively)</i></li> </ul>
19.20-19.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Net Zero Hero Film (short edit approx 1 min long) to be played on large screen behind stage )</li> <li>• [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] as MC provides short opening remarks</li> <li>• [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] invites Pipers onto stage and introduces FM</li> <li>• FM is piped onto the stage as intro</li> <li>• Pipers finish and move off stage</li> <li>• FM Speech (5-7.5 mins)</li> </ul>
19.30 – 21.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guests begin Networking</li> <li>• Hot food stations are open to serve catering menu</li> <li>• Soft Drinks available to guests in the main Terrace area</li> </ul> <p><b>***FROM 19.30 OR POST FM SPEECH - SPONSOR ALCOHOL ONLY AVAILABLE IN THE SEGREGATED AREA***</b></p>
19.30 – 21.25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM networks and engages at F&amp;D product showcase</li> <li>• FM does any short intros/brush pasts as directed by officials <i>(by pre arrangement as briefed or ad hoc on the night as briefed by supporting officials)</i></li> </ul>
21.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM offers one or two brief closing remarks <i>(optional and on the basis FM is still at the Reception)</i></li> <li>• [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] will invite Pipers to stage</li> <li>• Pipers perform as guests move out</li> </ul>

[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]

**Nick MacLean, Scottish Government Trade & Investment Envoy to the UAE**



Nick Maclean is CBRE’s Chairman & Managing Director for the Middle East Region. He was appointed in 2004 to establish a CBRE business within the Middle East with a particular emphasis on developing a platform that would service the requirements of CBRE’s international and local client bases. He is responsible for setting and implementing the firm’s strategies for growth across the region, as well as overseeing the firm’s business across North Africa and The Levant. Nick has been Scotland’s T&I Envoy to

UAE since November 2017.



**David Allan, General Manager, Radisson Blu Hotel Dubai Waterfront**

Born in Scotland, David started his career with Carlson Rezidor at Radisson Blu Hotel, Glasgow, progressing from food and beverage manager to the role of deputy general manager. He is currently on his fifth general manager appointment and has taken the lead for pre-opening the two five star properties located in Business Bay. Highly respected in the industry, David has won the leading hotel hospitality heavyweight winner in Leading in Hospitality awards

2023, in addition to being chosen among the TOP 100 General managers in Hospitality Middle East.



**Simon Forrest, CEO Nova Innovations**

Simon is CEO of Nova Innovation, which he co-founded in 2009. He has over 30 years industrial experience, having worked with Scottish Power and Wood Mackenzie. His previous experience includes hi-tech manufacturing with IBM's world-wide organisation, and investment banking with Salomon Brothers in London and New York. Simon is a Chartered Engineer with a PhD in Electrical Engineering from

the University of Edinburgh.


**UAE GOVERNMENT MINISTERS & SENIOR OFFICIALS**

We have formally invited Senior Emirati’s from UAE Ministries as VIP guests. Should they attend officials will seek to secure short bilateral engagements. To note that these are the same Ministries we have sought specific bilateral engagement with as

part of your wider engagement programme. Specific objective briefing with full Bio's for those meetings are provided within the wider COP28 briefing pack - for the purposes of this brief headshots have been provided.

### **Objective**

Officials suggest short brush pasts introductions rather one to one meetings in the green room or Majilis area – officials will confirm appropriate engagement focus on the night:

	<p><b>Dr. Mohammad Al Redha- Dubai Health Authority</b> Director, Health Informatics &amp; Smart Health at Dubai Health Authority. He is a graduate and post-graduate of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland. He was also a research fellow in clinical informatics at Harvard Medical School in Boston. <b>[redacted, s.38(1)(b)]</b> SDI have been engaging with Dr Redha for some time and he is actively supporting life science sector and healthcare collaboration at a G2G level. Ivan McKee previous Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise met briefly with Dr Redha during the GCC eHealth Conference in November 2022.</p>
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*Speaking Note Separate*

**Rt Hon Humza Yousaf MSP**

**First Minister**

**St Andrew's Day Reception**

**Wednesday 30 November 2023**

**Maximum length: 10 minutes**

**Current length: 10 minutes**

You are delivering opening remarks at a St Andrew's Day reception that the Scottish Government is hosting at the Radisson Blu Hotel Dubai Waterfront. It takes place in the evening of the opening day of COP28. The event is designed to showcase sustainable Scottish food and drink companies. The food stations will open after your remarks.

There will be an audience of around 150-200 guests – including Global Scots, senior renewables/net zero business representatives, diplomatic contacts, Scottish university alumni, food and drink sector and media representatives and potentially Emiratis from specific UAE Government Ministries.

Your speech will take place on the main stage of the Firelake Terrace within the hotel and you will be introduced by [redacted - s.38(1)(b)].

There will be a lectern and fixed microphone. You will be speaking in front of a large screen, on which a short (60 sec) net zero Brand Scotland film will be played prior to [redacted - s.38(1)(b)] introductory remarks and before your speech.

Your remarks will conclude with a presentation to our UAE Trade & Investment Envoy, Nick Maclean, recognising his service to Scotland and commitment to that role. Officials are keen for this to take place, as a way of assuring Nick that his efforts are valued.

## Opening

Thank you, James.

It is an absolute pleasure to be here, and to welcome you all to this very special event. I'm delighted that so many of you have been able to attend.

Known for his kindness and compassion, the Declaration of Arbroath described Saint Andrew as "the most gentle Saint", and made him the patron Saint of Scotland in 1320.

Today, people in Scotland, and around the world, celebrate the 30th of November as St Andrew's Day.

It's a time when our diaspora communities around the world come together to celebrate their connections and shared love for Scotland.

And it's a time to deepen cross-cultural friendship and cooperation.

But, before going any further, I'd like to thank everyone at the Raddison Blu for hosting us, and – in particular – the hotel's manager, David Allan, for taking such good care of us this evening. David is a very valued member of our GlobalScots network.

I also want to say a word of thanks to our wonderful musicians for this evening, the Scottish Association Dubai Pipe Band.

And, of course, I want to thank each and every one of you for coming. Particularly, our friends from the UAE. I hope you'll all use this opportunity to get to know one another better.

### Scotland's presence in Dubai

For Scotland, the fact that the start of COP28 coincides with our national day is quite fortunate.

Because it gives us the chance to repay the very warm welcome that the Scottish delegation has received, since we arrived in Dubai yesterday.

And I can't think of better way to do that, than by sharing with you some of Scotland's most famous produce – our magnificent food and drink.

I can't wait for you to try what's on offer this evening.

But first, I want to talk about COP28, and Scotland's presence here in Dubai.

We're here to add our voice to the call for urgent action – to address the twin crises of climate change and nature loss.

By restoring nature and ending our contribution to climate change by 2045, Scotland is a small country that aims to play a big role in improving the lives of everyone on this planet.

Today, there can be no greater moral imperative than ensuring future generations can thrive.

Today, there can be no better investment opportunity for any nation, than in embracing the transition to fairer, cleaner, greener societies.

And there can be no better business case than the one for regenerative economic systems, which serve every human being and the planet.

Our delegation includes representatives from a range of Scottish businesses – from sectors as diverse as low carbon and renewable energy, agritech, space data, and bio-engineering.

In each case, these companies are playing their part in Scotland's journey to net zero.

In doing so, they are also achieving huge business success.

And one really good example of that is the company Nova Innovation – who specialise in marine energy technology.

Earlier today, Nova announced that they have secured a £30 million grant from the European Commission to install tidal turbines in the waters around Scotland's Orkney islands.

It will be the largest tidal energy farm, anywhere in the world, further underpinning Scotland's status as a world leader in renewable energy.

### Strengthening ties - Food and Drink

So, our delegation includes businesses with reputations that are growing internationally.



And I'm delighted that being here in Dubai gives us the chance to find new opportunities for trade, collaboration and investment, with the UAE.

That's something we've managed to do, very successfully, over the past few years, not least through our presence at Expo 2020 Dubai.

In October, Scotland also signed a memorandum of understanding with the UAE, committing us to strengthening our ties of trade and innovation.

And one area where we think there is particular scope to do that, is in relation to food and drink.

That sector is already Scotland's largest source of exports to the UAE.

By reducing its emissions and becoming more sustainable, the industry is also playing an increasingly important role in our transition to net zero.

And so, tonight, we've decided to showcase eighteen of our most ambitious and sustainable food and drink businesses.

The companies have been selected by the Dubai and Abu Dhabi teams of our international trade body, Scottish Development International.

And their products exemplify the quality and diversity for which the industry in Scotland is so renowned.

Our wonderful chef for this evening, Adam Tracey, has prepared some incredible dishes for you.

So, I hope all of you take the opportunity to sample the food and drink on offer.

Among other things, it includes:

- Some exceptional meat, fish and seafood,
- Superb Scottish drinks,
- Some delicious soft fruits and ice cream,
- Traditional oatcakes and shortbread,
- And a range of other items made with our fantastic Scottish ingredients.

I'm also delighted that this evening marks something of a first – with the launch of Scotch Lamb, in this market.

It's a further sign that the list of premium Scottish products – enjoyed around the world – keeps on growing.

And I hope that our visit will open up new opportunities for these products to be enjoyed here in Dubai, and across the UAE.

I should say, that if you are keen to find out more about any of the products or businesses, there are members here from our Scottish Development International teams, who will be happy to speak to you.

We're also joined this evening by representatives from two of our main trade associations – Adam Wing, from Seafood Scotland, and Tom Gibson, from Quality Meat Scotland.

I know they too will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

### Conclusion and Tribute to Nick MacLean

For now, I simply want to thank you all – once again – for joining us, as we celebrate Scotland's national day.

Thanks again to our hosts for the wonderful welcome you've given us – and for the work you're doing to make COP28 a success.

And thank you to everyone here, for your part in strengthening Scotland's ties with the UAE.

Whether you are a Scot living here; one of our official GlobalScots; or simply someone who trades with, invests in, or who simply has a love for Scotland – we are hugely grateful.

And on that note, I want to finish my remarks tonight by paying a special tribute to our Trade and Investment Envoy, Nick MacLean.

Nick has been in post since 2017 – so he'll be a familiar face to many of you. And he's done an incredible amount to strengthen Scotland's relationship with the UAE.

So, as we mark this occasion, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank Nick, and present him with this quaich as a sign of our appreciation.

We're hugely grateful for your efforts, Nick – and long may they continue!

Allow me to wish you all a very happy St Andrew's Day, and please enjoy your evening and your many conversations tonight.

## INTELLIGENT GROWTH SOLUTIONS VERTICAL FARM DEMONSTRATOR

1 December 09:00-09:45

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scottish Government back company creating sustainable food solutions for the UAE.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	A short visit and tour of Intelligent Growth Solutions' (IGS) vertical farm demonstrator in the UAE.
<b>Why</b>	IGS will announce a major expansion in the UAE on 3 December. Scottish Enterprise was an early stage investor in IGS and we want to demonstrate our support.
<b>Who</b>	David Farquhar CEO and Andrew Lloyd CFO of IGS
<b>Where</b>	Intelligent Growth Solutions vertical farm demonstrator, location to be provided
<b>When</b>	09:00 – 09:45, 1 December 2023
<b>Agenda</b>	This will be positioned as a short tour of the IGS Facility being used for COP28 as opposed to any formal meeting.
<b>Media</b>	Photo op and social media opportunity.
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] DITI Richard Rollison, DITI
<b>Attached documents</b>	Annex A: Biographies

### Summary & past engagements

Cabinet Secretary Gray visited the IGS demonstrator during his visit to UAE in October. Scottish Enterprise were at an early stage investor in IGS, stepping in when a private sector investor pulled out. IGS are particularly grateful for that intervention.

### Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### Background briefing

Vertical farming is the practice of growing crops in vertically stacked layers. It often incorporates controlled-environment agriculture, which aims to optimize plant growth, and soilless farming techniques such as hydroponics, aquaponics, and

aeroponics. Some common choices of structures to house vertical farming systems include buildings, shipping containers, tunnels, and abandoned mine shafts.

Founded in 2013, IGS brought together decades of farming and engineering experience to create an agri-tech business with a vision to revolutionise the indoor growing market. IGS's commitment to innovation has continued apace to develop patented plug-and-play vertical farming technology systems which deliver consistently high-quality food produce onsite at a customer's location.

In May 2021, IGS signed a partnership deal with AgTech R&D experts and growers, Madar Farms, bringing its vertical farming technology to the UAE for the first time.

### **Background in the UAE**

SSK (Saeed Salem Khalfan Enterprise) are the distributor for IGS here in the Middle East, they have a JV with Christof Global Impact (CGI), who are an international group with multiple interests in climate change and food security sectors. SSK have negotiated a substantial loan, underwritten by UK Export Finance (UKEF). IGS will be the main supplier for a subsidiary of SSK.

### **The Deal (embargoed until 3 December)**

**[redacted - s.33 (1)(b)]**

- IGS are currently speaking to other investors and customers in the region, which SDI are supporting.
- **[redacted - s.33 (1)(b)]**

The deal is scheduled to be announced on 3 December. As it is supported by a UK Export Finance loan guarantee, the announcement will be made in the presence of a UKG VIP. We can arrange a congratulatory message on social media.

### **COP28**

The 2-tower farm they are building at Al Quoz for COP28 will be handed over in late October, with 1 tower being used for PR/media/politicians/public tours, and the other will grow crops to be used by the contract caterers for COP28.

### **Mangrove Initiative**

In November 2022 the UAE announced the Mangrove Alliance for Climate which aims to plant 100 million mangrove trees to support and grow mangrove forests with a view to developing nature based solutions to Climate Change. **[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]**

### **Annex A**

### **Biographies**



**David Farquhar, CEO, IGS**

David is the chief executive of Intelligent Growth Solutions (IGS), which specialises in technology regarding “vertical farming” – growing crops indoors in layers stacked on top of each other.



**Andrew Lloyd, CFO, IGS**

Andrew was appointed as CFO in 2021. He joins IGS from Dynama Solutions where he was Managing Director and his recent responsibilities included the delivery of workforce planning for the NHS Nightingale Hospital rollout in England. Prior to that, he held senior executive positions at Corero Network Security, Workplace Systems (subsequently WorkForce Software), Oracle and Netegrity (subsequently CA)

## MEETING WITH AGNÈS PANNIER-RUNACHER, FRENCH MINISTER FOR ENERGY TRANSITION

1 December 11:30-12:00

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland deeply values our long and historic relationship with France and the many common values we share.</li> <li>• We look forward to enhancing this at the national and regional levels, such as with Brittany, Occitanie and Région Sud.</li> <li>• We are eager to increase engagement with French partners on green hydrogen. With our huge potential, Scotland can play a key part in the development of a European hydrogen network/market, linking up with partners in our near northern neighbourhood. There will be a Scottish ministerial delegation at Hyvolution in Paris (30 Jan-1 Feb).</li> <li>• We would be pleased to strengthen links in offshore wind and to share our expertise. [Redacted Under Section 32(1)(a) - (i) relations between the UK and any other State]. DFM was delighted to attend the Celtic Forum in Rennes in August. We look forward to building on the MoU she signed with Brittany on environment, renewables and marine.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)].
<b>Who</b>	Agnès Pannier-Runacher, French Minister for Energy Transition
<b>Where</b>	French delegation offices, Blue Zone
<b>When</b>	15:45-16:05, 1 December 2023
<b>Agenda</b>	Renewables, biodiversity, loss and damage
<b>Media</b>	Social media post
<b>Supporting official</b>	[Redacted Under Section 38(1)(b) - the personal data of a third party]
<b>Attached documents</b>	Summary and agenda Annex A – biography

### SUMMARY AND AGENDA

Recent engagement with France has focused on biodiversity, agriculture and land use. We have particularly strong relations with the French biodiversity agency (OFB) and with regional partners such as Brittany. [Redacted Under Section 32(1)(a) - (i) relations between the UK and any other State]. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### Recent Engagement



- **30 Nov 2023** – **Ms Gougeon** attended the Paris Hub’s St Andrew’s Day reception in the British Embassy which celebrated Scottish islands, including food and drink and key sectors such as space
- **6-7 Oct 2023** – **DFM** visit to Paris to attend Scotland v Ireland rugby match. She met the Mayor of St Denis, food and drink import group Lactalis, and welcomed the Kenny Logan challenge cyclists into Paris
- **25 Sep 2023** – **Mr Robertson** attended a Q&A session with agri-food Delegation Club Demeter
- **3 Aug 2023** – **DFM** attended the Celtic Forum in Rennes and signed an MoU with Brittany and the ‘Rennes Declaration’ with all Celtic partners

## Agenda

### 1. Renewables

- We are building our hydrogen production capability to meet an ambition of 5GW of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen by 2030 and 25GW by 2045.
- Scotland can play a central role in securing Europe's future energy supply and climate neutrality, and is well located to key hydrogen import locations in northern Europe.
- Our 2022 Hydrogen Action Plan outlined our export ambitions and we are currently developing a more detailed Hydrogen Sector Export Plan.

[Redacted Under Section 32(1)(a) - (i) relations between the UK and any other State]

### 2. Biodiversity

- We have been pleased to have been able to develop strong relations with the French biodiversity agency (OFB) who have helped garner significant support for the Edinburgh Declaration from sub-national partners across France.

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### 3. Loss and damage

- We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with France as we build evidence on how to most effectively address loss and damage. We are all experiencing the devastating effects of climate change - but the Global South and most vulnerable in society are bearing the brunt.
- At New York Climate Week, the First Minister confirmed the Climate Justice Resilience Fund, a £5m programme to address non-economic loss and damage, including nature loss, cultural loss and damage to health. This programme recognises the differentiated impact of climate change by focusing its support

on marginalised groups, including women and young people being impacted more severely.

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **Desired outcomes**

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **ANNEX A**



**Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Minister for Energy Transition** since May 2022. She had previously been Minister Delegate for Industry to the Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire. Prior to that, she was deputy CEO of Compagnie des Alpes (2013-18), a key player in the European leisure sector and world leader in the operation of ski areas.

## LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT- OPENING CEREMONY

1 December 16:30-17:30

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scotland is committed to realising the potential of non-parties, and keen to work with counterparts.</li></ul>
<b>What</b>	Opening ceremony of the Local Climate Action Summit, hosted by COP28 President and Bloomberg.  No speaking slot, but an opportunity for brush-bys.
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COP28 President Sultan Al Jaber</li><li>• Mike Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions</li><li>• H.E. Abdulla Mohammed Al Basti, Secretary General of the Executive Council of Dubai</li><li>• Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, KwaZulu Natal</li><li>• Mayor Abigail Binay, Makati, Philippines</li><li>• Mayor Anne Hidalgo, Paris</li><li>• Governor Yuriko Koike, Tokyo, Japan</li><li>• Mayor Claudia Lopez, Bogota Colombia</li><li>• Mayor Eduardo Paes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil</li><li>• Laurence Tubiana, CEO of the European Climate Foundation</li></ul>
<b>Where</b>	DEC North Hall- WCAS Theatre
<b>When</b>	30 November 16:30-17:30
<b>Agenda</b>	Opportunity for brushby meetings with principals
<b>Media</b>	UNFCCC accredited media / social media post
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	Biographies

### Biographies



**Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology of the United Arab Emirates, UAE Special Envoy on Climate and President Designate of COP28.**

Dr Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, has been instrumental in leading the UAE's green agenda, while championing the importance of the energy transition to accelerate economic growth and fulfil environmental goals. Dr. Al Jaber is also the first CEO to serve as a President for the climate summit, following his contributions towards fostering an ecologically sustainable society in the UAE through projects he's guided in the public and private sectors.



**Mike Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions, President of the C40 Board.**

Michael Bloomberg cofounded financial information and media company Bloomberg LP in 1981. A major philanthropist, he has committed to donating his stake in Bloomberg LP to Bloomberg Philanthropies when he dies, if not sooner. Bloomberg served as mayor of New York City for 12 years, from 2002 to 2013, and launched an unsuccessful bid for president in the 2020 race. Bloomberg is one of America's most effective voices on urgent national and international issues, including climate change, gun violence, public health, and immigration reform. He serves as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions, and as the WHO Ambassador for Noncommunicable Diseases and Injuries.



**H.E. Abdulla Mohammed Al Basti, Secretary General of the Executive Council of Dubai.**

His Excellency Al Basti oversees the creation and implementation of The Executive Council's vision, direction, and strategic decisions for the emirate across various sectors. Al Basti manages the Council based on four main pillars: integrated government services; government excellence; strategies, policies and corporate governance; and integrated government communications.



**Premier Nomusa Dube-Ncube, KwaZulu Natal, Under2 Coalition Co-chair for Africa.**

Hon. Nomusa Dube-Ncube is a South African politician and former diplomat who has been the 9th Premier of KwaZulu-Natal since August 2022. A member of the African National Congress, she is the first woman to hold the office. Prior to serving in the legislature, she was South Africa's ambassador to the Czech Republic. You met with Premier Dube-Ncube during New York Climate Week this September, both at the capacity as Co-chairs of the Under2 Coalition meeting, as

well as at the Bloomberg Philanthropies Roundtable COP28 event.



**Mayor Abigail Binay, Makati, Philippines.** Abby Binay previously served in Congress as representative of the second district of Makati from 2007 to 2016. Binay's vision includes transforming Makati into a smart city: she initiated a digital economy through cashless payments and connected Makati citizens via free Wi-Fi. In 2020, Binay gained worldwide recognition for her efforts as the country's sole finalist in the

World Smart Cities Awards. Her upcoming plans include making Makati a green city powered by renewable energy and retrofitted with efficient and sustainable transportation systems.



**Mayor Anne Hidalgo, Paris, France, member of the C40 Steering Committee.**

Anne Hidalgo has served as Mayor of Paris since 2014, the first woman to hold the office. Paris wants to reshape the way its two million residents interact with the city around them, with a focus on reducing car use and encouraging travel on foot and public transport by 2026, mayor Hidalgo has pledged to plant more than 170,000 trees across the capital, with

50 percent of the city covered by planted areas by 2030. Hidalgo, Paris became one of the first C40 cities to boast a bike-sharing scheme.



**Governor Yuriko Koike, Tokyo, Japan, member of the C40 Steering Committee.**

Yuriko Koike currently serves as the Governor of Tokyo, since 2016. Koike is the first woman to be elected as Tokyo's government. "Resource circulation is the pillar of Tokyo's climate change measures. Promotion of a circular economy is an urgent task," said Koike. She said that of the Zero Emission Tokyo Strategy in December 2019.



**Claudia Lopez, Mayor of Bogota, Colombia, member of the C40 Steering Committee.**

On October 27, 2019, López won the elections for Mayor of Bogota and became the first woman to win this position in the Colombian capital. As of January 1, 2020, Mayor López implemented The Development Plan which bears the name of New Social and Environmental Contract for the Bogotá of the XXI Century, among its composed 5 pillars there are two of interest: a) Change citizen habits to make Bogotá greener and mitigate the climate crisis and b) To make the Bogotá Region a model of multi-lateral and sustainable mobility.



**Mayor Eduardo da Costa Paes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.** Eduardo da Costa Paes is a Brazilian politician who has been the mayor of the city of Rio de Janeiro from 2009-2012, served a second term from 2013 to 2016 and was re-elected again in 2021. During his second term as mayor of Rio, Eduardo Paes was elected president of the C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, a position he held until December 2016. He has been also elected as the President

of the Social Democratic Party in the state of Rio de Janeiro.



**Laurence Tubiana, CEO of the European Climate Foundation (ECF).**

Laurence Tubiana is CEO of the European Climate Foundation (ECF) and a Professor at Sciences Po, Paris. Before joining the ECF, Laurence was France's Climate Change Ambassador and Special Representative for COP21, and as such a key architect of the landmark Paris Agreement. Following COP21 and through COP22, she was appointed UN High-Level Champion for climate action.

**Saturday 2 December 2023**

**(World Climate Action Summit Day)**

**ROUNDTABLE ON DRIVING SUBNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION**

**2 December 08:00-09:00**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We must work together and up our game on climate – [redacted s.29(1)(a)].</li> <li>• Realising the full potential of states and regions will be critical in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, both in relation to mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to an already changing climate, and funding for loss and damage.</li> <li>• Scotland is determined to work towards greater inclusion of non-parties in UN processes and will work with international partners to explore mechanisms to provide and shape the political direction needed to champion this agenda in UNFCCC and other spaces.</li> </ul>																								
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### Summary

This roundtable is hosted by The Climate Group. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]



Your roundtable will be guided by key guiding questions, set by the Climate Group. Please see points to make under each guiding question (please note interventions should be only one minute long – your answers below are approx. one minute each).

What would you like to see in the Global Stocktake decision that would help you in delivering on your climate action together with national government?

- The Global Stocktake reveals the deep gulf between where we are and where we need to be.
- We need to see clear actionable milestones to put us on track to achieving 1.5 degrees. This must include levers and opportunities for subnational governments, civil society, philanthropies and the private sector to contribute to global ambition and delivery.
- The deep gulf revealed by the GST can be filled – at least in part – by properly empowering states, regions and devolved governments, as we know, up to 80% of adaptation and mitigation actions are or will take place at the state, regional, and city level. Key to this is enabling such governments to access finance.
- In terms of how Parties can learn from the GST, regions and devolved governments have real value to add here. Scotland - for example - has enshrined in law annual emissions targets against which we provide an annual report including sector-level indicators. This level of transparency enables us to be appropriately held to account and challenged to push ourselves further.

When given opportunities to engage with negotiations, which track of negotiations would you be following and why

- The Scottish Government is keenly following discussions on the UNFCCC Loss and Damage fund, as well as climate finance.
- We are keen to see all developments underpinned by the principles of transparency, equity and fairness that meet both the scale and urgency of global need.
- Voices and communities in the Global South must be heard and are an integral part of agreeing global solutions.

### **Desired outcomes**

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **Biographies**



**Mateus Simões de Almeida, Vice Governor of Minas Gerais.**

Mateus Simões de Almeida is a Brazilian lawyer, professor and politician. He was elected in the 2022 state elections of Minas Gerais. From March 2020 to January 2023 he was the secretary general of the Minas Gerais government and after the state elections of 2022, he was appointed as a vice-governor. The state government of Minas Gerais is a signatory member of the Under2 Coalition.



**Ms Thekla Walker, Minister for Environment, Climate Protection and Energy Sector, Government of Baden-Württemberg.**

Ms Walker has met with Cabinet Secretary McAllan twice this year, once as part of a visit to Edinburgh where they discussed Scotland and Baden Wurttemberg's ambitions for the Under2 Coalition and at the Under2 Coalition European Ministerial meeting hosted by SG in Brussels in June.



**David Mascort I Subirana, Minister of Climate Action, Food and Rural Agenda of the Government of Catalonia.**

He was mayor of Vilablareix, Gironès (2011-2022), vice-president of the Gironès Regional Council (2003-2007) and member of the Diputació de Girona (2013-2015). Under Teresa Jordà (former Minister), he was the Secretary General of Climate Action, Food and Rural Agenda. He holds a degree in Economics and Business Administration.



**Mr Sergio Arjona Jiménez, Vice Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Blue Economy, Government of Andalusia.**

Arjona Jiménez attended the Under2 Coalition European Ministerial meeting in Brussels where he met Cabinet Secretary McAllan. Discussion focused on respective climate action, public engagement around climate policy and Andalusia's intention to join the SG funded and chaired Under2 Coalition Net Zero Policy Forum.

**Martin Haese, Chair of the Premier's Climate Change Council in South Australia.** Former Adelaide lord mayor Martin Haese, was appointed as Chair of the Premier's



Climate Change Council and commenced his role on January 2019. He has vowed to use his new role to help unlock economic opportunities and create within South Australia's sustainability sector. According to him "*climate, environment and sustainability would surely have to be the most important and the most relevant sectors today*". One of his announced priorities would be helping the state and local governments to reduce their carbon footprint and, in doing, so reduce costs. South Australia is a member of the Under2 Coalition.



**Jônatas Souza da Trindade, Undersecretary of Environment, Sao Paulo State.**

Da Trindade has working experience in Public Policies and Government Management in the Energy and Mineral sectors and in Recovery of Degraded Areas. He has been working for 13 years in the environmental area, having worked at the Ministry of Mines and Energy, as an Infrastructure Analyst, responsible for technical advice ahead of socio-environmental issues of projects,

especially those related to hydroelectric projects, and at IBAMA, where he was responsible for managing a portfolio of more than 3,000 licensing processes in Brazil. Sao Paulo State is a co-chair of the Under2 Coalition.



**Adolfo Uriarte, Director of Natural Heritage and Climate Change, Basque Country.**

Uriarte is the author of multiple scientific and technical national and international publications, as well as of many technical reports and international congress presentations. At present leads the value assessment of the different technological assets developed within the organization, being responsible of the transference of technical and scientific knowledge to the private and public sectors. Is

member of the Basque Environmental Advisory Council of the Basque Government, of the Committee of experts of the UNESCO Chair for the Reserve of Urdaibai and permanent member of the board of the Spanish Port and Coasts Engineers' Conference. Basque government is both member of the Under2 Coalition and the Regions4 where they are the President of the Regions4 Board of Chairs.



**Champa Patel- Executive Director for Governments and Policy, The Climate Group.**

Champa Patel is currently Executive Director, Governments and Policy for The Climate Group, focused on achieving net zero emissions as fast as possible, and ensuring prosperity for all. Champa was formerly Director of Innovation at The Crisis Group, working on conflict prevention, mediation, and resolution. You met her during New York Climate Week.



**LOCAL CLIMATE ACTION SUMMIT: ROUNDTABLE ON ‘NATIONAL-SUBNATIONAL SYNERGIES TO UNLOCK GREATER AMBITION: UNDERSTANDING THE POWERS AND POTENTIALS OF STATE AND REGIONS GOVERNMENTS’**

**2 DECEMBER 09:47-10:17**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland is committed to showing leadership on climate change.</li> <li>• Scotland’s actions to reduce emissions are beneficial for both Scotland and the UKG’s emissions.</li> <li>• States, regions and devolved governments, when sufficiently empowered, can support their national government to go further on climate change.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 30 minute panel: ‘National-subnational synergies to unlock greater ambition: Understanding the powers and potentials of state and regional governments’.</li> <li>• Panel includes pre-designated questions, answers to which are detailed below.</li> </ul>
<b>Why</b>	This is part of the Local Climate Action Summit, put on by COP28 President and Bloomberg. This is the first of its kind and indicates the greater level of recognition being afforded to states, regions and devolved governments at COP this year.
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wade Crowfoot, California’s Natural Resources Secretary</li> <li>• His Excellency Kim Tae-heum, Governor, Chungcheongnam-do (Korea- he will be speaking through a translator)</li> <li>• H.E Anne Waiguru, EGH, OGW, Chairperson Council of Governors and Governor, County Government of Kirinyaga (Kenya)</li> <li>• Dr Champa Patel, Executive Director of Government and Policy, Climate Group (moderator)</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	COP28 Expo City, UNFCCC Action Arena 2 - Al Wakri
<b>When</b>	2 December 2023 9:47-10:17
<b>Agenda</b>	<p>Dr Patel to introduce panellists</p> <p>Dr Patel to ask questions of the panel</p> <p>Dr Patel finishes with a question to California Sec. Crowfoot to prepare for the announcement of methane initiative.</p> <p>Sec. Crowfoot makes announcement on methane initiative.</p> <p>Dr Patel closes the panel and introduces video of Gavin Newsom (not attending COP28).</p>
<b>Media</b>	TBC

<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	Summary Agenda Desired outcomes Annex A: Biographies Annex B: Speaking note

### Summary

- This is a moderated session with set questions and is focused on how sub-national governments can be empowered to unlock their potential, and how they can better work with their national counterparts.

### Annotated agenda

Q1- How has your government utilised its legislative authority to set an advance net zero climate goals? What was the impact of that work?

- Scotland is proud to have responded to the urgency of the situation and set legally binding annual targets that go further than the requirements of the Paris Agreement.
- To miss our 2021 emissions reduction target by just 1.2% points (49.9% against a target of 51.1%) is disappointing but it demonstrates that we are not far behind where those ambitious targets dictate that we need to be, and we continue to be ahead of the UK as a whole in delivering long-term emissions reductions.
- By setting legal annual targets, we have made ourselves available for scrutiny and ensured we are appropriately held to account and challenged to do all we can.
- By taking such action, we have set an example to others of what real credibility looks like.

Q2- Please tell us about an example of when your action at the local level supported delivery of national goals?

- The UK Government's climate targets are necessarily reliant on action that takes place in Scotland, and Scotland has served the UK Government by setting more challenging targets than our national government counterparts and reduced emissions more rapidly.

- For example, last year it was shown that Scotland is planting more than 75% of all new woodland in the UK. We have also invested heavily in peatland restoration. Such action is funded solely by Scotland but benefits the UK Government's climate targets.
- Scotland's renewables sector has grown hugely and is serving both the UK and Scotland's targets: the emissions intensity of Scotland's electricity grid is lower than in other parts of the UK and as a significant amount of electricity generated in Scotland is exported to other parts of the UK helping to reduce overall UK emissions.
- Scotland is ready and willing to go further to achieve both our own climate targets and those of the UK Government, but has a number of asks (in particular around the energy market and the gas grid) that would enable us to accelerate action, but are sitting with the UKG that have not been addressed.

Q3 How can the international community better support and collaborate with subnational governments to maximize the impact of their legislative, regulatory, and procurement powers in achieving collective climate goals? Provide an example of your past experience or tell us about an example where such support would be needed in the future.

- The international community can support Scotland - and other states, regions and devolved governments by maintaining the momentum around a greater role for states and regions. We are seeing this via the Local Climate Action Summit and the CHAMP initiative. States, regions and devolved governments will do all we can to carry this momentum beyond COP but we need to see the international community championing this agenda.
- In terms of how we can be supported, as I mentioned, we have a number of asks sitting with the UK Government. In particular, around reform of the electricity market aimed at reducing the cost of electricity for both suppliers and consumers. We need national momentum around the role of states and regions to be carried such that national governments are responsive to the asks and insight offered by their state, regional and devolved governments.

#### **Desired Outcomes**

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

#### **Sensitivities**

- [redacted s.32(1)(b)]

#### **Biographies**

**Anne Waiguru, Governor of Kirinyaga County, Kenya and Chairperson of the**



**Council of Governors (CoG).** Anne Waiguru is the Governor of the Kirinyaga County. She is among the three elected female governors in Kenya. Previously she served as the first Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Devolution and Planning. Anne Waiguru served as the first female Vice Chair of the Council of Governors in Kenya between December 2017 and January 2019, and currently she is the chairperson of the Council of Governors.



**Wade Crowfoot- Natural Resources Secretary, California**

You met Sec Crowfoot at Climate Week NYC 2022 and discussed shared climate goals and areas of collaboration. You also provided joint opening remarks at the COP26 Adaptation Labs (hosted by SG, Californian government, Regions4 and Climate-KIC) with Secretary Crowfoot in 2021.

Wade Crowfoot was appointed California Secretary for Natural Resources by Governor Gavin Newsom in January 2019.



**Hon. Kim Tae-Heum, Governor, Chungcheongnam-do (South Korea).** Mr Kim Tae-Heum has a Master of Public Administration, Sogang University. He was the Former Vice Governor for Political Affairs of Chungcheongnam-do and is a Member of the Congress, 19th, 20th, 21st National Assembly.



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**BILAT BRIEFING SATYA TRIPATHI, GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE PLANET (GASP)**

<b>Key message</b>	Scotland is an established hub for investment management, ethical finance, has a strong community of development professionals within our public and private sector, is home to a vibrant NGO sector and offers strong climate credentials. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>What</b>	Meeting with Satya Tripathi Secretary General of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet (GASP)
<b>Why</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GASP are launching a World Climate and Nature Guarantee Fund on 2 Dec at COP28 with signed backing agreement from global organisation Federated Hermes.</li> <li>• [redacted s.30(b)(1)]</li> <li>• <b>[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]</b></li> </ul>
<b>Who</b>	Satya Tripathi TBC
<b>Where</b>	TBC
<b>When</b>	2 Dec 10:45-11:15 TBC
<b>Agenda</b>	Summary of agenda here.
<b>Media</b>	TBC
<b>Supporting official</b>	TBC
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biography</li> </ul>

## **Summary**

- At the GEFI Ethical Finance Summit on 20 September, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy (Cab Sec WEFWE) Neil Grey, Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture Angus Robertson and Minister for Small Business, Tourism Trade and Innovation Richard Lochhead all met with Satya Tripathi, the Secretary General for the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet (GASP).

**[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]**

## **Agenda**

This meeting will centre around the launch of the World Climate and Nature Guarantee Fund and possibilities of what role, if any, Scotland could play in this project

### 2. Agenda item 1

- On behalf of the Scottish Government delighted to be invited to be part of the launch and the ambition around the climate fund.
- The previous global work GASP have instigated and collaborated on has shown how GASP, as the catalyst, has improved not only climate and environmental goals but communities and the lives of those in them.
- What would be your ultimate goal and outcome of the World Climate and Nature Guarantee Fund?
- What could be potential barriers or challenges to the success of the fund?

### 3. Agenda item 2

**[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]**

## **Desired outcomes**

**[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]**

**Biography****Satya S. Tripathi, Secretary-General, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet**

Satya is currently the Secretary-General of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet. With experience as a development economist, lawyer and changemaker with over 40 years of varied experience, Mr. Tripathi also serves as Chancellor of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in Kalinga, the Philippines, the world's largest academic institution dedicated exclusively to indigenous people and cultures. Satya is also a Senior Distinguished Fellow on Innovative Finance at the World Agroforestry Centre.

Satya has served with the **UN** for more than two decades in key positions across the planet and was most recently **the UN Assistant Secretary-General, Head of New York Office at UN Environment and Secretary of the UN Environment Management Group**. His other strategic engagements with the UN include: Head of Human Rights Investigations for the UN in post-war Bosnia (UNMIBH); Chair of the Committees on Laws, Treaties and Administrative matters for the UN-mediated Cyprus unification talks in 2004; UN Recovery Coordinator for Aceh and Nias where he facilitated international cooperation and funding of over US\$ 7 billion for post-tsunami recovery efforts in support of the government and affected populations; and Executive Head of UNORCID, a UN System Office established by the UN Secretary General in 2011 to facilitate the implementation of a US\$ 1 Billion REDD+ partnership between Indonesia, Norway and other stakeholders.

Mr. Tripathi was instrumental in establishing the Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility (TLFF) in Indonesia in 2016 and the Sustainable India Finance Facility (SIFF) in 2017 to leverage 'private finance for public good' at mega-scale to achieve transformative social and environmental impact for millions of people in developing countries. He previously served on the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Forests.

## SPACE AS A ROUTE TO NET ZERO - BLUE ZONE SESSION

2 December 11:30-12:30

<p><b>Key message</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Space data can act as ‘Earth intelligence’</b> to support all of our environmental challenges</li> <li>○ <b>The industry can play a role in net zero through satellite data</b>, but also through greener technologies to launch satellites into space</li> <li>○ <b>For emerging space nations like Scotland, there is a golden opportunity to build sustainability into our commercial space sector from the beginning</b></li> <li>○ Scottish companies working with space data sets as exciting examples of why the benefits of space are limited only by ones imagination</li> <li>○ Scotland’s space ecosystem is leading by example on taking a collaborative approach to space debris and the promotion of a more sustainable approach to launch</li> <li>○ <b>Scotland’s space sector is open for business and open for international partnerships</b> – share your environmental challenges with us</li> </ul>
<p><b>What</b></p>	<p>Panel Session on Sustainability in Space, featuring leading voices within the sector, followed by a bilateral meeting with the Moderator Anousheh Ansari.</p>
<p><b>Why</b></p>	<p>[redacted s.30(b)(1)]</p> <p>This session will explore the key role that space-sourced intelligence can provide in supporting Govts, NGOs, organisations and businesses to measure, validate and accelerate net zero initiatives across a range of applications on Earth.</p>
<p><b>Who</b></p>	<p><b>Anousheh Ansari (Moderator)</b> – CEO of XPRIZE  <b>Daniel Smith</b> – Founder of AstroAgency  <b>Allan Cannon</b> - CEO and Co-Founder of Krucial  <b>Phil Mclachlan</b> - CEO and Co-founder of D-Cat  <b>Anna Hazlet</b> – CEO of Azur X</p>
<p><b>Where</b></p>	<p>MLA and Urbanisation pavilion, BlueZone</p>
<p><b>When</b></p>	<p>11:30 - 12:30,</p>
<p><b>Agenda</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel discussion moderated by Anousheh Ansari– CEO of Xprize</li> <li>• Short Bilateral Meeting with Anousheh Ansari to follow.</li> </ul>

<b>Media</b>	Social media post
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] Richard Rollison
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Panel Session</li> <li>• Points to Raise During Bilateral Meeting</li> <li>• Biographies</li> </ul>

## **PANEL SESSION**

### **Questions to be asked of the panel during the session:**

- What is unique and what are the strengths of Scotland's space sector?
- How does Space data act as 'Earth intelligence' to support all of our environmental challenges?
- What is the role of industry to ensure greener technologies to launch satellites into space?
- How are emerging space nations like Scotland, building sustainability into our commercial space sector from the outset?
- How are Scottish companies working with space data demonstrating their cross sector multi discipline applicability?
- How is Scotland's space ecosystem leading by example when it comes to important issues such as space debris and the promotion of a more sustainable approach to launch?
- How does Scotland's space sector fit with the international space eco system and what are the opportunities for international collaboration?

### **Specific Questions for FM on the Panel session**

#### **Question: what are the strengths of Scotland's Space Sector?**

#### **Points to raise:**

- Glasgow manufactures more small satellites than anywhere outside of the US.
- Edinburgh has positioned itself as the Space Data Capital of Europe.
- The country is in the process of finalising the development of both vertical and horizontal launch sites will be ready for launch in 2024
- We have more space focused jobs per capita than any other part of the UK
- Continuing to attract key international Space focused companies and organisations like Mangata and of course Xprize who are choosing Scotland as a great place to be based.

- We are continuously growing our end to end capability from Satellite creation, development to launch to application and all of the research and expertise that goes with it.
- We have been very clear through our Space strategy, that was launched here in the UAE During Expo, that sustainability should be at its core
- We are now world leading when it comes to space sustainability following the publication of the world's first Sustainable Space Roadmap.

**Question: how does Scotland's space sector fit with the international space eco system and what are the opportunities for international collaboration?**

**Points to raise:**

- International collaboration opportunities are huge. We launched our space strategy at the World Expo here in Dubai because we know that this sector needs international partnerships and collaboration.
- We are continuing to build links with partners here in the UAE and globally.
- We are continuing to explore areas of collaboration between the Scottish and international partners and as we are demonstrating we have the expertise that can enhance global efforts in space exploration and climate monitoring.
- International collaboration on satellite technology, data sharing for climate research aligns with COP28's goals for sustainable development and environmental monitoring.
- Space education and workforce development could create a robust foundation for collaboration between the Scottish and other space sectors, fostering innovation and contributing to global efforts in addressing climate change.

## **BILATERAL MEETING WITH ANOUSHEH ANSARI**

### **Points to Raise**

#### **Key Messages:**

- I am delighted that your conversations with the Scottish Government earlier in the year has led to such a positive outcome.
- Our universities are amongst the best in the world and I'm sure that you will find the University of Glasgow to be an outstanding partner. Scotland is pleased to aligned to the work of XPRIZE. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
- How can Scotland better utilise space capabilities to support the global transition to net zero?
- What would it take for the next X-Prize on net zero transition to be centred around Scotland so we can continue to demonstrate our climate leadership?

#### **Key Points on Space Strategy:**

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## **Biographies**



**Anousheh Ansari - CEO of the XPRIZE Foundation**, the world's leader in designing and operating incentive competitions to solve humanity's grand challenges. Ansari, along with her family, sponsored the organisation's first competition – the Ansari Prize; a \$10 million competition that ignited a new era for commercial spaceflight. Prior to being appointed CEO of XPRIZE, Ansari was the CEO of Prodea Systems, a leading Internet of Things (IoT) technology firm she founded in 2006. She made headlines around the world when, in 2006, she embarked upon an 11-day space expedition, becoming the first female private space explorer, first astronaut of Iranian descent, first Muslim woman in space, and fourth private explorer to visit space. Ansari serves on the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council, is a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador and is a member of the STEM Leadership Hall of Fame.



**Daniel Smith - Founder of global space communications firm AstroAgency and a Founding Director of not-for-profit Space Scotland**, an industry-led group that brings together the nation's space companies with government and academia. A serial space entrepreneur who has played a founding role in five space companies since 2017, including spaceport development company Fire Arrow and orbital launch company Skyrora, he supports AstroAgency's global space clients - over 50 private companies and several international government agencies - with strategic guidance, industry connections and business development.



**Anna Hazlett - Founder and Principal of AzurX**, a UAE-based private space and satellite advisory and investment firm committed to advancing the state of humanity and human knowledge. Anna is recognised as a global champion of the 'New Space' industry advancing space-centric initiatives, working closely with both private sector and government.



**Phil McLachlan - CEO and co-founder of D-CAT**. He has over thirty years' leadership experience across aerospace, defence, and high technology industries. Prior to co-founding D-CAT in 2016, Phil held senior leadership positions at Accenture and QinetiQ. The first half of his career was in the Royal Air Force where he served in operational and MOD roles specialising in air defence command and control, radar, missile systems, and the UK MOD's Digitisation Strategy. He is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institution of Engineering and Technology.





**Allan Cannon - co-founder and CEO of space technology scale up Krucial**, where he is responsible for business growth and strategy. As former Head of Missions for Satellite company Clyde Space he has first-hand experience in working in both the upstream and downstream sectors of the Space Industry.

**FINANCING LOSS AND DAMAGE GLOBALLY: MALAWI AND SCOTLAND  
CLIMATE JUSTICE LEADERSHIP**

**2 DECEMBER 14:30- 15:30**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland is proud to showcase our commitment to climate justice and addressing loss and damage globally.</li> <li>• We are committed to utilising our exemplary partnership with Malawi to raise the profile of climate justice globally, and to increase financing commitments for loss and damage.</li> <li>• We are proud to announce that Scotland will be providing £1m in additional funding to Malawi, via GiveDirectly.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 minute opening remarks</li> <li>• 35 minute semi- structured panel discussion with five other panel members, Moderated by [redacted s.38(1)(b)].</li> <li>• 15 minute audience Q&amp;A (Moderated by [redacted s.38(1)(b)])</li> <li>• 5 minute closing remarks (made by [redacted s.38(1)(b)]-TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>Why</b>	<p>The event will be used to build global ambition around finance and action to address loss and damage, from both state and non-state actors. Scotland and Malawi’s partnership around addressing loss and damage will be used as a springboard for increasing such ambition.</p> <p>The event will demonstrate Scotland’s commitment and make the case based on moral responsibility.</p> <p>The event will include the announcement of Scotland providing £1m in additional funding to Malawi, to support communities displaced by loss and damage.</p>
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The First Minister of Scotland</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (Moderator) (Scotland)</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (Kenya)</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (Kenya)</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (Bangladesh)</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (Rwanda, attendance TBC)</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	Multi-Level Action and Urbanisation Pavilion
<b>When</b>	2 December 2023 14:30- 15:30
<b>Agenda</b>	<p>14:30- 14:35: FM Introductory Remarks</p> <p>14:35- 15:10: Panel discussion (semi- structured, approx. 10 min/question)</p> <p>15:10- 15:25: Audience Q&amp;A</p> <p>15:25- 15:30: Closing remarks</p>

<b>Media</b>	Quote in partner news release
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: speaking note provided by speechwriters</li> <li>• Annex B: Biographies</li> </ul>

## Summary

- The core purpose of the event will be to demonstrate Scotland’s ongoing commitment to climate justice and to announce £1m in new funding to Malawi, working with Give Directly to support displaced communities. This support comes in addition to existing Scottish Government support to Malawi including the £8m Climate Just Communities programme; and the £800k Storm Freddy programme delivered by the Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund.
- The event will be used to build global ambition around finance and action to address loss and damage, from both state and non-state actors. The event will do so by exemplifying Scotland and Malawi’s existing successful and longstanding partnership around loss and damage, demonstrating our commitment and making the case based on moral responsibility.

## Prior engagement

- In November 2023, Ms McKelvie met the Malawian Minister for Tourism at an event in Glasgow - the following week the Malawian Minister for Health had meetings with the Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Health (Deputy).
- You attended the Malawi Partners Conference during New York Climate Week (NYCW) in September 2023.
- In May 2023, you and President Chakwera met. Discussion focused on climate justice and SG international development programming.

## Annotated agenda

1. FM Opening Remarks (14:30- 14:35: 5 min)
  - Speaking note attached separately.
2. Panel Discussion Moderated by [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (14:35- 15:10: 35 min)

- Q1- How can partnerships on loss and damage, like that between Scotland and Malawi, be used to promote stronger and faster global action? [For other panellists: How can Scotland be a better friend and continue acting in solidarity on loss and damage?]
- o Suggested FM answer:
  - o Scotland is proud of it's strong and longstanding partnership with Malawi on addressing loss and damage.
  - o We are proud of our world first Climate Justice Fund (total of £36m over the course of this parliament) which will continue to focus on communities most affected by climate change. It is crucial that ensuring the views and needs of those typically marginalised in such communities are at the centre of future climate justice interventions in Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia.
  - o I firmly believe that Scotland leading the way in demonstrating the scale of action that is possible at the subnational level, can, and is already, providing impetus for other historical emitters to do the same.
- Q2- How does subnational action fit within the loss and damage action and finance landscape, and how best can this be supported?
- o Suggested FM answer:
  - o Subnational governments have a crucial and essential role to play in addressing loss and damage and the global journey to net zero. For over half of the emissions cuts needed at a global level, the responsibility lies with local government such as states, regions, and devolved nations like Scotland.
  - o We are closer to communities than governments of large countries can be. That helps us to be effective as we legislate, build new infrastructure, fund investment, and protect our environment.
  - o As well as recognising the contribution that devolved, regional and subnational governments can make in responding to the global climate emergency, we must also create an environment that enables states and regions to harness that potential and translate it into action.
  - o Scotland has secured a second term as European co-chair of the Under2 Coalition (2022-2024), a network of states, regions and devolved governments

committed to ambitious climate action. Networks like the Under2 Coalition are an excellent example of how best subnational action can be supported.

- Q3- How can we continue to ensure that global action to address loss and damage is centred around the rights of and justice for those most impacted by climate change?
  - Suggested FM answer:
    - A climate justice approach recognises those least responsible for the global climate emergency are being affected first and most severely by it.
    - An effective response must tackle 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.
    - The Climate Justice Fund supports International Development's new programme principles, in particular through embedding in our new programmes a Partner-Country led approach, equality and amplifying global south voices.
    - It is my firm belief that this equalities-centred approach to climate justice can be replicated elsewhere through focussing on a partner-country led approach.

3. Audience Q&A (15:10- 15:25: 15 min)

4. Closing Remarks [redacted s.38(1)(b)] (15:25- 15:30: 5 min)

### **Desired Outcomes**

- Increased commitment to financing and practical action towards addressing loss and damage globally, done so in a climate just manner. This outcome could be realised from smaller scale action such as improved international and intranational relations, to larger scale action such as new financial commitments and partnerships.
- For example, the event could target some invitees as possible contributors to the SG- led Non-Economic Loss and Damage Programme. [redacted S.32(1)(a)]

### **Sensitivities**

- We are clear that our funding must not distract from establishing the COP27 Loss and Damage fund. Decisions to operationalise the fund are urgently needed to ensure the funds reach those communities who need it most. The Scottish Government will do all we can to support this.
- Given the urgency and scale of what is needed, the Scottish Government encourages all to consider what they can do now to support communities already facing the worst impacts of climate change. Contributing to our new programme is one way to do this.

## Annex A

### Speaking note provided by speechwriters

## ANNEX B

### Biographies

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

### LOSS AND DAMAGE: AN URBAN PERSPECTIVE

2 December 17:30-20:00

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland is proud to partner with key stakeholder C40 Cities on the Inclusive Climate Action programme, which will support Global South cities to address urban loss and damage.</li> <li>• We are committed to using this partnership to raise the profile of climate justice globally and to showcase devolved government action in addressing for loss and damage.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	<p>You will make a keynote speech to open the event before joining a diverse panel to discuss Scotland’s contribution to addressing loss and damage. After the event you will meet panel members for brush-by engagements. A networking reception will be held 19:00-20:00.</p> <p>Announcements (embargoed):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1 million grant awarded by the Scottish Government to C40 Cities to support work on urban loss and damage as part of their Inclusive Action Programme.</li> <li>• First of a kind thought leadership piece on urban loss and damage – the first deliverable from the SG-C40 partnership.</li> </ul>
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C40 moderator; Caterina Managing Director for Inclusion and Global Leadership in Inclusion and Global Leadership</li> <li>• Local government representative from Asia: Mayor Islam, Dhaka North Bangladesh</li> <li>• Local government representative from Africa: Mayor Aki-Sawyerr, Freetown Sierra Leone</li> <li>• Youth representative: Nicki Becker, Argentina</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion
<b>When</b>	17:30 – 20:00
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote opening remarks</li> <li>• High level panel discussion</li> <li>• Brushbys</li> <li>• Reception</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	Press release and social media
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Annex A: speaking note to be provided by speechwriters</li> <li>• Annex B: Biographies</li> </ul>

### Summary

This engagement will announce the new Scottish Government grant to C40 Cities' Inclusive Climate Action programme and provide you with an opportunity to meet with climate ambitious Global South politicians, youth activists and climate organisations.

### Desired outcomes

The event will elevate leading voices from the Global South addressing loss and damage's urban dimension, putting forward recommendations for national and international actors to develop and support solutions which incorporate urban experiences and perspectives in loss and damage responses.

### Agenda

#### 17:30 – 18:30 Loss and Damage: an Urban Perspective - Run of show

- **17:30 Introductions from Caterina S – 1 min**
- **17:31 First Minister to provide opening remarks at lectern – 4 mins (then take seat on stage)**
- **17:35 Mayor Sawyerr-Aki to provide opening remarks - 4 mins (then take seat on stage, other panellists to join)**

- **17:39 Panel discussion – 40 mins**
  - **Caterina S to open** - Highlight role of global urban leadership in addressing L&D
  - **Mayor Aki- Sawyer** - Highlight city's own leadership + how international community can step in
  - **Mayor Islam** - Highlight city's own leadership + how international community can step in
  - **Mayor Hidalgo** - Highlight city's perspective on global solidarity + how international community can step in
  - **First Minister - Highlight role of global community and national governments in L&D responses and support for local governments, especially in the Global South**
  - **Nicki Becker** - Climate justice angle, focus on long-term POV from a youth perspective
- **18:20 Closing remarks – 10 mins (panel to remain seated)** - Concluding remarks, capturing key takeaways from earlier segments + forward looking vision for future
- **18:30 panel ends**

### **First Minister speaking points**

The First Minister will be asked a question focused on highlighting the role of global community and national governments in addressing loss and damage and providing support for local governments, especially in the Global South.

Suggested speaking points:

- Devolved governments have a crucial and essential role to play in addressing loss and damage and we are proud of our world first Climate Justice Fund (total of £36m over the course of this parliament) which will continue to focus on communities most affected by climate change.
- It is crucial that ensuring the views and needs of those typically marginalised in such communities are at the centre of future climate justice interventions – particularly urban voices from the Global South and Youth perspectives.
- I firmly believe that Scotland leading the way in demonstrating the scale of action that is possible at the devolved government level, can, and is already, providing impetus for other historical emitters to do the same.
- Scotland is pleased to be partnering with C40 Cities, a strong example of how devolved governments and cities can continue to lead international action to address loss and damage taking place in communities today.
- This funding for the C40 Cities Inclusive Climate Action programme will support cities in the Global South deliver local inclusive climate action to build resilience for residents, pilot city led approaches to loss and damage and build cities' influence in global policy debates.



- In particular, I am interested that Scottish Government funding will:
  - Scale the existing pilot scheme focused on climate induced informal housing and work to additional African cities (*tbc*)
  - Support the South Africa just transition pilot, where Scotland has a strong interest
  - Strengthen C40's diplomacy efforts, putting mayoral voices at the heart of international discussion of addressing loss and damage.
- Scotland will use COP28 to call on all to urgently step up to address the injustice at the heart of climate change, by supporting those communities who are suffering the most but have done the least to cause climate impacts.

### **18:30-19:00 Brush-by meetings with panel members**

An opportunity to meet with panel members after the event to discuss the Scottish Government – C40 partnership and hear from Global South politicians how they are addressing loss and damage in their communities.

#### **Mayor Yvonne Aki-Sawyerr, Freetown**

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

#### **Mayor Mohammad Atiqul Islam, Dhaka North**

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
- **Sensitivity:** [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

#### **Mayor Hidalgo**

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

#### **Nicki Becker**

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **19:00-20:00 Reception**

Expected attendees to include climate movement leaders, Global South representatives, local grassroots community leaders, climate finance authorities and philanthropists. Officials advise staying for opening remarks and to meet with attendees, with an option to stay for full event or leave before the end.

**ANNEX A**

***Speaking note to be provided separately by speechwriters.***

**Annex B**

**Biographies**



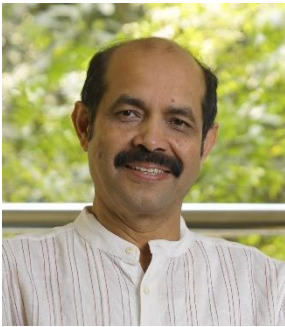
**Caterina Sarfatti, Managing Director for Inclusion and Global Leadership in Inclusion and Global Leadership**

Previously Director of C40's Inclusive Action Programme (Scotland will fund specific parts of this programme with £1m grant, to be announced at this event). Recent engagement with Scottish Government officials at New York Climate Week 2023.



**Mayor Yvonne Aki-Swayerr, Freetown Sierra Leone**

Mayor Aki-Swayerr was elected as co-chair of C40, alongside Mayor Khan, in November 2023 and is leading the C40 mayoral delegation at COP28. Under her Mayorship, Freetown launched the Transform Freetown plan in 2019, aimed at improving urban mobility, addressing waste management and job creation and tackle environmental degradation.



**Mayor Mohammad Atiqul Islam, Dhaka North Bangladesh**

Mayor Islam was elected as the Mayor of Dhaka North City Corporation in 2019. Mayor Atiqul Islam has been a member the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA) since 1990 where he abolished child labour, promoted gender equality, established hospitals for workers and managed the response to the Rana Plaza incident.



**Nicki Becker – Youth Organiser – Argentina.** Nicki Becker is one of the main organisers of the youth climate movement at a national and international level and is a co-founder of Youth for Climate Argentina. She was co-host of "Permitido pisar el grass" environmental radio program of FutuRock. She is a law student with a focus on human rights and the environment at the University of Buenos Aires. In 2019 and 2021 she was awarded a scholarship to attend the United Nations Conference against

Climate Change on behalf of Argentine youth.



**Sunday 3 December 2023**

**(Health/ Relief, Recovery and Peace Day)**

**UNDER2 COALITION STEERING GROUP MEETING**

**3 DECEMBER 09:00-10:00**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scotland will use COP28 to lead the Under2 Coalition towards greater action on climate, identifying opportunities for collaboration across the coalition.</li><li>• Key priorities for Scotland Under2 Co-Chair's term include working closely with other Co-Chairs to support members in the delivery of their climate targets, strengthen the effectiveness of the Coalition and provide robust political leadership to build international recognition and credibility of non-Party Government climate action.</li><li>• We are now at a turning point for the Coalition which requires us to move rapidly from climate ambition to action in a way that is both fair and just. Our leadership of the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum and Just Transition Taskforce ensures that Coalition members have the practical support they require to deliver their climate targets.</li></ul>
<b>What</b>	You are participating in the Under2 Coalition steering group meeting, which will be attended by heads of governments and ministers from other Under2 Coalition steering group members.
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Who</b>	The meeting will be chaired by either Helen Clarkson, CEO of Climate Group or Champa Patel, Executive Director of the Under2 Coalition (tbc).  A full list of governments in attendance can be found on the summary page.
<b>Where</b>	Al Baraha - Ground Floor, Intercontinental Festival City, Dubai, UAE
<b>When</b>	09:00 – 10:00
<b>Agenda</b>	This will be a key and high-level strategy discussion focusing on the Under2 Coalition's successes to determine the Coalition's priorities for 2024
<b>Media</b>	This is a closed door meeting, no media are able to attend

<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> </ul>

### Summary

This meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the Under2 Coalition 2024 priorities as put forward by The Climate Group (still to be published) and feed into the high level strategy discussion. You will give opening remarks alongside the other co-chairs present.

### Annotated agenda

8:30am	Arrival and breakfast
9:00am	Welcome and meeting objectives <i>Helen Clarkson, CEO, Climate Group (chair)</i>
9:05am	Secretariat 2024 priorities <i>Champa Patel, Executive Director of Governments and Policy, Climate Group</i>
9:15am	Ministerial discussion on 2024 priorities <i>Co-chairs &amp; Steering Group ministers</i>
9:45am	Resourcing the Coalition's growth and impact <i>David Mole, Executive Director of Development, Climate Group</i>
10:00am	Summary and closing <i>Helen Clarkson, CEO, Climate Group</i>

## 1. Opening from the Climate Group

Presentation from secretariat on the Coalition's priorities for 2024: just energy transition, adaptation and resilience, climate finance, multi-level action.

### 1. Ministerial discussion on 2024 priorities

This will be an open discussion on what topics the Coalition should work on going forward and how Coalition members can work together to achieve objectives. Responses will be asked first from the three co-chairs attending; Governor of Chugnam, Premier of KwaZulu-Nata, followed by the First Minister before being opened up to the wider members.

## Points to Raise

- Thank the Climate Group for the presentation and update on the Coalitions work.

### Co-Chair

- One of Scotland's core objectives during our first term as co-chair was to increase the ambition of the Coalition. We have done this by actively supporting the Coalition's move towards net zero at COP26, through actively leading in the drafting and launch of the updated MOU, which now commits the Coalition to collectively achieve net zero emissions by 2050.
- We are now at a turning point for the Coalition which requires us to move rapidly from climate ambition to action in a way that is both fair and just. Our leadership of the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum and Just Transition Taskforce ensures that Coalition members have the practical support they require to deliver their climate targets.
- For the remainder of our term as co-chair, we are committed to continuing to deliver on the objectives we set out:
  - Working closely with other Co-Chairs to support members in the delivery of their climate targets,
  - Strengthen the effectiveness of the Coalition including on shared lesson learning; and
  - Provide robust political leadership to build international recognition and credibility of non-Party Government climate action, including by establishing a formal link between subnational governments and the UNFCCC.

### Local Climate Action Summit

- Devolved governments, states and regions often set a higher level of climate ambition – both domestically in terms of emission targets - and internationally in terms of recognising our moral responsibilities than their national government counterparts and I welcome the increased recognition of the role of non-Party actions.
- The Under2 Coalition must use this momentum going forward to take on a collaborative approach with the work it does with its members but also working collaboratively alongside other networks such as Regions4.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## **Desired outcomes**

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## **Biographies**



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## UNDER2 COALITION GENERAL ASSEMBLY CO-CHAIRS PANEL

3 DECEMBER 11:30-12:00

<p><b>Key message</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland will use COP28 to lead the Under2 Coalition towards greater action on climate, identifying opportunities for collaboration across the coalition.</li> <li>• Key priorities for Scotland Under2 Co-Chair’s term include working closely with other Co-Chairs to support members in the delivery of their climate targets, strengthen the effectiveness of the Coalition and provide robust political leadership to build international recognition and credibility of non-Party Government climate action.</li> <li>• We are now at a turning point for the Coalition which requires us to move rapidly from climate ambition to action in a way that is both fair and just. Our leadership of the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum and Just Transition Taskforce ensures that Coalition members have the practical support they require to deliver their climate targets.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What</b></p>	<p>Panel Discussion</p>
<p><b>Why</b></p>	<p>The General Assembly and Co-Chair panel offers a high profile platform at one of the main Under2 Coalition engagements of the year to set out Scotland’s strategic vision for the Coalition at COP28 and remaining six months as European co-chair.</p>
<p><b>Who</b></p>	<p>The panel will be made up of representatives from the other co-chairs:</p> <p>Regional leaders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Premier, KwaZulu-Natal (South-Africa)</li> <li>• Kim Tae-heum, Governor, Chungcheongnam-do (South Korea)</li> </ul> <p>Representatives for leaders unable to join:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC, São Paulo (Brazil)</li> <li>• TBC, California (United States)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Where</b></p>	<p>Intercontinental Festival City, Dubai, UAE</p>
<p><b>When</b></p>	<p>11:30 – 12:00</p> <p><b>The Minister is advised to arrive 30 mins before the co-chair panel – 11:00.</b></p>
<p><b>Agenda</b></p>	<p>Remarks from the three co-chairs present at the General Assembly</p>



<b>Media</b>	Social media post
<b>Supporting official</b>	[readacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> </ul>

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## BILATERAL WITH BARBADOS PRIME MINISTER, MIA MOTTLEY

3 December 13:30-14:10

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commend PM Mottley's steadfast climate leadership.</li><li>• We will continue to urge all to take action to increase climate finance available to vulnerable countries.</li></ul>
<b>What</b>	Bilateral meeting with Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley
<b>Why</b>	<p>PM Mottley is a world leading climate advocate for the Global South, in particular Small Island Developing States.</p> <p>PM Mottley has praised Scotland's leadership on loss and damage; and sought to understand how Scotland is harnessing its off-shore wind capacity.</p> <p>The former First Minister met PM Mottley at COP27.</p>
<b>Who</b>	Prime Minister of Barbados, Mia Mottley
<b>Where</b>	Blue Zone
<b>When</b>	1 December, 13:30- 14:10
<b>Agenda</b>	Climate leadership and Bridgetown initiative UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund Scotland's action on loss and damage
<b>Media</b>	tbc
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary</li><li>• Annex A – Biography and Background</li></ul>

### Summary

An opportunity to build on former First Minister's meeting at COP27 and emphasise Scotland's steadfast commitment to addressing loss and damage.

## Agenda

### 1. Climate leadership and Bridgetown initiative

- Commend your on-going climate leadership, particularly on the Bridgetown Initiative. Interested to hear your reflections on the Paris Summit.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### 2. UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund

- Progress towards the operationalisation of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage fund is welcome. But that must not come at the expense of it being meaningfully operational in a way that ensures rapid, equitable access to sufficient funding that acknowledges the moral responsibility of historic emitters.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### 3. Scotland's recent action on loss and damage

- At New York Climate Week, I confirmed the Climate Justice Resilience Fund as our partners a £5m programme to address non-economic loss and damage, including nature loss, cultural loss and damage to health.
- This programme recognises the differentiated impact of climate change by focusing its support on marginalised groups, including women and young people being impacted more severely.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

**Desired outcomes:** [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## ANNEX B

### Biography



**Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados-** Prime Minister of Barbados since 2018 and Leader of the Barbados Labour Party since 2008. She is the first woman to hold either position. Architect of the Bridgetown Initiative, a proposed reform of the global financial architecture and development finance which has been increasing in momentum during 2023 and will feature in COP28 discussions.

Barbados is part of the Loss and Damage Transitional Committee with Mottley's climate envoy saying that the agreement caused an "equality of discomfort" between global south and global north and Mottley's statement's welcoming the progress made.

SG has asked PM Mottley to speak at our Loss and Damage event where we will announce £1m of new funding via C40 to support urban workers address the impacts of climate change. She has not yet confirmed.

**Former First Minister met PM Mottley at COP27** where they discussed the Bridgetown Initiative, transition to renewables and the urgent need for action on climate change.

In January, Lisa Cummins, **Barbados Minister for Energy and Business Development**, visited Scotland to learn about our renewables sector, in particular offshore wind and hydrogen. She met with the First Minister and energy officials. There has been no follow up.

**MEETING / BRUSH-BY WITH MAROS SEFCOVIC EUROPEAN COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT FOR INTERINSTITUTIONAL RELATIONS AND FORESIGHT**

**3 DECEMBER 14:30**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scottish Government greatly values our relationship with the EU.</li> <li>• As European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, Scotland is committed to playing a constructive role in the global effort to address climate change.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	Meeting / Brush-by
<b>Why</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.30(b)(1)]</li> </ul>
<b>Who</b>	Maroš Šefčovič, European Commission Vice President for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight. Responsibilities include Co-chair and EU representative in the Partnership Council, established by the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement.
<b>Where</b>	TBC
<b>When</b>	TBC – Mr Sefcovic’s team have indicated 14:30
<b>Agenda</b>	<p>Flexible but the following areas of interest were suggested to Mr Sefcovic’s Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss and Damage - the transitional committee recommendations and plans on providing funding</li> <li>• Fossil Fuels – the EU position and how we can support you on momentum</li> <li>• Global stocktake – the role for sub-national actors and how we can support increased ambition and action</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	No
<b>Supporting official</b>	Jemima Gordon-Duff
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biography</li> </ul>

**Summary**

You met with Maros Sefcovic on 28 June in Brussels when you discussed a wide range of topics. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

Mr Sefcovic is the EU's lead negotiator at COP 28. You discussed Scotland's renewables and hydrogen potential in June. One of the key EU COP 28 aims is agreement on global action towards the tripling of renewable capacity to 11TW and the doubling the rate of improvement by 2030, recognising that cooperation with developing nations will be necessary to achieve this. The EU's mandate also calls on *"partners, from all regions, in a position to do so, including [governments, NGOs, private institutions], to provide enhanced and additional support for climate action, including in responding to loss and damage."*

## Agenda

This is a potential brush by opportunity to deepen relationship established during your June Brussels visit, with a Senior Commissioner and EU Green Deal / COP 28 negotiations lead.

You may wish to highlight the work that we are doing chairing the European Ministerial group of the Under2 Coalition and on Loss and Damage (the EU negotiating mandate "recognises that the existing funding arrangements need to be strengthened to increase responses to loss and damage") and our offer around sharing learning on practical implementation.

The following areas of possible interest were highlighted to Mr Sefcovic's team:

- Loss and Damage - the transitional committee recommendations and plans on providing funding
- Fossil Fuels – the EU position and how we can support you on momentum
- Global stocktake – the role for sub-national actors and how we can support increased ambition and action

## Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

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**Maroš Šefčovič is a Slovak diplomat and politician serving as Vice-President of the European Commission for Interinstitutional Relations** since 2019, previously holding the office from 2010 to 2014. He has been member of the European Commission since 2009.

2019 – present: European Commission Vice-President for Inter-institutional Relations and Foresight

2014-2019: European Commission Vice-President for the Energy Union and EU Space Policy. In 2019, he stood as a Slovakian Presidential Candidate but lost to Zuzana Čaputová, the current president of Slovakia.

## BILATERAL WITH JIM SKEA, IPCC CHAIR

03 December 2023 – 15.30-16.00

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IPCC key to making the case for climate action - congratulations on his appointment as Chair.</li> <li>• Building on the expertise of the Just Transition Commission and Professor Skea, Scotland is well-placed and prepared to continue to show leadership on just transition and climate justice.</li> <li>• Scotland, along with our partners in the Under2, Regions4 and C40 groups, are prepared to show the benefits of Subnational Leadership globally. Scotland will use COP28 to lead the Under2 Coalition towards greater action on climate, identifying opportunities for collaboration across the coalition in our role as European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition and co-chair of its Policy Forum</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	You will be meeting with Jim Skea to discuss the agenda below.
<b>Why</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.30(b)(1)]</li> </ul>
<b>Who</b>	Professor Jim Skea – IPCC Chair
<b>Where</b>	Jim Skea’s Office – COP28 Blue Zone
<b>When</b>	03 December 2023 – 15.30-16.00
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IPCC latest reports and future plans</li> <li>2. Just Transition</li> <li>3. Climate Justice and Loss &amp; Damage</li> </ol>
<b>Media</b>	TBC
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)], International Climate Change [redacted s.38(1)(b)], International Climate Change
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biography</li> </ul>

### Summary

As chair of the IPCC, Professor Skea will play a central role in informing and influencing discussion at COP28.

In his prior role as Just Transition Commission chair, he scrutinised and advised SG on the development of its Just Transition Plans, including through meetings with officials, workshops and sector briefings published by the Commission.

Cab Sec TNZJT attended the Commission's workshop on finance in September, which was Prof Skea's last appearance as outgoing chair of the Just Transition Commission. The Commission is now led by Prof Dave Reay and Satwat Rehman, constituting leadership on climate science and social justice.

## Agenda

### 1. IPCC

- Firstly, congratulations on your appointment as chair of the IPCC.
- The conclusions of the first-ever global stocktake report are deeply concerning and we must use COP28 to provide the dramatic course correction we need to secure a net zero and climate resilient world.
- How can the science provided by the IPCC better inform global decision making at COP28?
- What outcomes would he need to see for Professor Skea to consider this COP28 a success?

### 2. Just Transition

- Scotland is leading on just transition, not just at home, but internationally with the SG-funded Just Transition Taskforce, and our funding of Africa's first local Just Transition Commission through the C40 grant under the Climate Justice Fund.
- COP28 will see the parties discuss a Just Transition workplan. This needs to broaden out to go beyond energy policy and be more holistic and ensuring it is about leaving no one behind.
- Where does Prof Skea see real opportunities for just transition collaboration at an international level beyond knowledge sharing?
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### 3. Climate Justice/Loss & Damage

- Scotland is determined to play its part as a good global citizen and has led the way on Loss and Damage and climate justice issues.
- We are making the case internationally on the **practical action** needed to support communities facing climate-induced loss and damage. This includes the role of subnational governments and non-state actors.



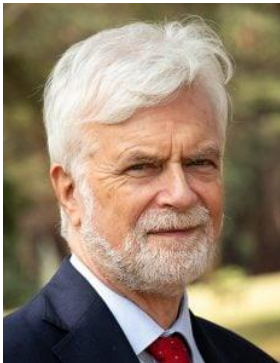
- What does Professor Skea see as the IPCC’s role in enshrining the principles of climate justice in global action?

**Desired outcomes**

- [redacted s.32(1)(b)]
- Through engagement with this high-profile stakeholder, increase the Scottish Government’s reach and influence in international climate change.

**ANNEX A**

**Biography**



**Professor Jim Skea – IPCC Chair**

Jim Skea was elected IPCC Chair for the Seventh Assessment cycle in July 2023. From 2015 to 2023, Jim was Co-chair of Working Group III of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, focusing on climate change mitigation. He was part of the scientific leadership for the IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5C. He was the Chair of Scotland’s Just Transition Commission from 2018 to 2023, and was a founding member of the UK’s Committee on Climate Change, acting as its Scottish

champion.

The IPCC is the globally authoritative United Nations body responsible for assessing the physical basis of climate change, and the mitigation and adaptation solutions to address it. The Chair is the most prestigious role in the IPCC and is responsible for leading the Bureau in setting the strategic direction of the IPCC over its next Assessment Cycle.

**Private Dinner held by Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI)**

**03 December 21.00-23.00**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scottish Government is ambitious to seize the opportunities of the transition to Net Zero, across all areas of the economy.</li> <li>• We recognise the key role the financial services industry will play in supporting not only the Scottish economy, but globally, in our ambitions of building a fairer, greener and more equal country and planet.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	<p>An informal dinner with GEFI stakeholders. Discussion points will include global trends in sustainability, where investment flows are moving and related key policy directives. It will be a restricted audience and a relaxed setting so discussions will be “softly” guided.</p>

<b>Why</b>	FM has been invited to share his thoughts on Scotland's position on: 1) Wellbeing Economy – how Scotland understands this; 2) Scotland's top 2 most exciting sectors where we have an edge in the climate arena; 3) Highlight Scotland's open for business and invites collaboration.
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heads of ESG at Mercer (a professional services firm) and PwC</li> <li>• Ahmed Abdelaal, CEO Mashreq Bank,</li> <li>• Saker Nusseibeh, Federated Hermes CEO,</li> <li>• Arif Amiri, Dubai International Finance Centre CEO and Chairman,</li> <li>• Satya Tripathi (former UN Ast. Sec.Gen),</li> <li>• Mansoor bin Khalid Al Thani (Qatar Royal Family),</li> <li>• Tan Sri Azman Mokhtar (Malaysia – a prominent figure in Islamic Finance);and</li> <li>• Dame Susan Rice, GEFI Chair</li> <li>• David Pitt Watson, Chair of Scottish Taskforce on Sustainable Financial Services</li> <li>• Simon Thompson, CEO Chartered Banker Institute</li> <li>• Possible UAE minister to attend</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	<b>[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]</b>
<b>When</b>	2100 – 2300 3 December 2023
<b>Agenda</b>	There is no formal agenda.  Discussion points over dinner will include key global trends in sustainability, where investment flows are moving and key policy directives.
<b>Media</b>	N/A Private dinner
<b>Supporting official</b>	Richard Rollison, DITI
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biography</li> </ul>

### Summary

This private dinner is part of a series of events GEFI are hosting within their Path to COP28 programme. Attendees at this dinner include key GEFI stakeholder partners.

The First Minister participated at a GEFI event on 2 Dec, Finance Day. The FM met Satya Tripathi (Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet-GASP) on their Climate Fund launch day. Attendees at this dinner include key GEFI stakeholder partners.

**Sensitivity:** GEFI are currently funded (over a 3 year period, 2021-2024) by the Scottish Government to convene the Scottish Taskforce for Green and Sustainable Financial Services with the final report and recommendations to be presented to ministers Spring 2024.

## **Agenda/talking points**

### **1. Wellbeing Scotland ~ how Scotland understands this**

- Harnessing and combining the economic power and opportunity of Scotland's rich renewable energy resources, the skills and talents of our people and the knowledge and expertise of our businesses, large and small, will be critical to achieving this.
- As we create a Wellbeing Economy, we will work closely with the private sector, the public sector – locally, nationally and UK wide – and we will engage directly with communities and partners in the third sector.
- A key priority is building economic resilience, supporting sectors such as hospitality and tourism that have been adversely impacted by COVID but make significant economic contributions across communities throughout Scotland.

### **2. Scotland's top 2 most exciting sectors where we have an edge in the climate arena**

- Through our National Strategy for Economic Transformation and our enterprise agencies, we have already identified key sectors where Scotland is demonstrating a competitive advantage: in renewable energy and hydrogen economy.
- Scotland strengths in renewable energy and our offshore natural assets – particularly offshore wind and potential for vast carbon storage; potential for hydrogen development and exports; expertise and skills in the decarbonisation of heat and leading innovations in zero emissions heavy duty vehicles as well as innovative, cross-cutting technologies such as data, sensors and software.
- Scotland's offshore assets are a key strength and area of potential. ScotWind reflects very significant market ambition for offshore wind in Scottish waters and will deliver over £750m in revenues to the public purse in initial option fees

### **3. Highlight Scotland's open for business and invites collaboration**

- Scotland enjoys strong competitive advantages in several specific areas across the transition to renewable energy; including market opportunity, sector strength and policy ambition.
- We want to work with overseas or global businesses that share our values and ambition to decarbonise the economy and jointly achieve net zero.

## Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## ANNEX A

### Biographies



#### **Dame Susan Rice – Chair, Financial Services Culture Board & GEFI Global Steering Group**

Dame Susan Rice, a Chartered Banker, chairs the Banking Standards Board and was founding chair of the Chartered Banker: Professional Standards Board. She also chairs Scottish Water, Business Stream and the Scottish Fiscal Commission, Scotland's independent economic and fiscal forecaster. She has helped develop approaches to social finance in the US and UK, led work on cultural and ethical standards for bankers, chaired Scotland's 2020 Climate Group.



#### **Ahmed Abdelaal, CEO Mashreq Bank**

Ahmed is an accomplished banking professional with over 30 years of experience in progressively senior roles across banking verticals spanning international and regional banks covering major global markets.



#### **Arif Amiri, Dubai International Finance Centre CEO and Chairman**

Arif Amiri is the Chief Executive Officer of DIFC Authority where he is responsible for setting the strategy and growth direction of the Authority. Under his leadership, DIFC has emerged as a powerful catalyst for the financial services sector, as well as the leading global financial centre in the Middle East, Africa and South Asia (MEASA) region.



#### **Mansoor bin Khalid Al Thani (Qatar Royal Family)**

A member of the Qatari ruling family, H.E. Sheikh Mansoor Bin Khalifa Al-Thani is an entrepreneur with over 25 years of experience in strategic development, innovation and venture capital. As the founder and Chairman of MBK Holding, Sheikh Mansoor invests, manages, and incubates technology companies and experiments with business models.



**Saker Nusseibeh, CEO, Federated Hermes Limited**

Saker is Chief Executive of Federated Hermes Limited and is also a member of the Federated Hermes, Inc. Executive team. He was appointed CEO in November 2011 having joined the firm in June 2009 as CIO. Prior to this, Saker was Global Head of Equities at Fortis Investments, having initially been appointed to the firm as CIO Global Equities in 2005. Before this, he was CIO of Global Equities and Head of Marketing for SGAM UK. He started his career at Mercury Asset Management in 1987.



**Satya S. Tripathi, Secretary-General, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet.**

Satya is currently the Secretary-General of the Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet. With experience as a development economist, lawyer and changemaker with over 40 years of varied experience, Mr. Tripathi also serves as Chancellor of the Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in Kalinga, the Philippines, the world's largest academic institution dedicated exclusively to indigenous people and cultures. Satya is also a Senior Distinguished Fellow on Innovative Finance at the World Agroforestry Centre. Satya has served with the **UN** for more than two decades in key positions across the planet and was most recently **the UN Assistant Secretary-General, Head of New York Office at UN Environment and Secretary of the UN Environment Management Group.**



**Tan Sri Azman Hj. Mokhtar** is currently the Chairman of Lembaga Tabung Haji Malaysia (Hajj Pilgrims Fund Board), the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Universiti Teknologi Malaysia (UTM) and the Chairman of INCEIF (The International Centre for Education in Islamic Finance, in Malaysia). Between June 2004 and July 2018, he was the Managing Director of Khazanah Nasional, a Malaysian sustainable investor.



**David Pitt Watson, Chair of Scottish Taskforce on Sustainable Financial Services**

David is a member of GEFI's Global Steering Group and Chair of the Scottish Green Finance Taskforce. Born and brought up in Scotland, he was co-founder, and CEO of Hermes Focus Funds & Equity Ownership Service. Throughout his career he has been deeply involved in policy, particularly in the field of corporate governance and financial market regulation. He has led numerous initiatives to improve the performance of the financial system. At GEFI, David is the Chair of the Scottish Taskforce for Green and Sustainable Financial Services, for which GEFI is the secretariat.



**Simon Thompson, CEO Chartered Banker Institute**

Simon Thompson was appointed Chief Executive of the Chartered Banker Institute in 2007 after working for a number of international professional bodies and standard-setters. He is a Fellow of the Institute and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. Simon is the author of *Green & Sustainable Finance: Principles and Practice*, and chairs the UK's Sustainable Finance Education Charter.

**Monday 4 December 2023**  
**(Finance/ Trade/ Gender Equality/ Accountability Day)**

**EVENT BRIEFING FOR FIRST MINISTER ATTENDING A BUSINESS BREAKFAST WITH THE DELEGATION AT HERIOT WATT**

**Business Breakfast with the Delegation**

**4 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>Key message</b>	<p>Opportunity to thank the University and Leadership team for their support in offering a partnership with Team Scotland at COP28.</p> <p>Opportunity to set out our key COP28 Goals to the Business Delegation.</p> <p>Welcome the business delegation to Dubai and COP28 on what will be their first official engagement</p>
<b>What</b>	<p>The First Minister has been invited to give a 5 minute address to the Business Delegation attending COP28. He will also have an opportunity to network informally with the delegation. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]</p> <p>Given FM is networking during this event it may be prudent for him to eat breakfast prior to leaving his hotel.</p>
<b>Why</b>	<p>Provide high-level support to the business mission at the start of their programme.</p>
<b>Who</b>	<p><b>Professor Dame Heather McGregor</b>  <b>Professor Tadhg O'Donovan, Deputy Vice Principal,</b>  <b>Academic Leadership</b></p>
<b>Where</b>	<p>The Market Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Heriot Watt University, Al Sufouh Knowledge Park, Dubai.</p>
<b>When</b>	<p>07:45-09:00, 4 December 2023.          FM expected to speak around 08:05.</p>
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0745</b> – FM arrives and is greeted by Dame Heather McGregor</li> <li>• <b>0800</b> –Event begins and FM introduced by Mark Boyce, Head of COP28 Business Engagement</li> <li>• <b>0805</b> – Informal Address from FM to Delegation</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>0810</b> – Networking</li> <li>• <b>0840</b> – FM given tour of Heriot Watt Campus</li> <li>• <b>0900</b> – FM Departs</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	N/A
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	Annex A - Speech

### **Specific Points to Raise:**

#### **Dame Heather McGregor**

- Thank the University and Leadership team for their support in offering a partnership with Team Scotland at COP28.
- Note that It's pleasing to see how the University has grown since opening in 2005.
- Acknowledge that before the pandemic, Heriot Watt was considered the top destination for UAE students coming to Scotland. Have these numbers picked up in recent years?
- Ask how the next steps for the Robotarium project are progressing?
  - [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

#### **Orbital**

- Congratulate Orbital on their recent success in securing Contract for Difference Allocation Round 5 for their device – currently operating at EMEC – to move to commercial scale.
- Ask about their plans to expand their fleet of turbines in Orkney on the back of the CfD award.
- Ask what they hope to achieve at COP28?
- Ask about the ambitions to expand internationally and what we can do to support.

### **Essential Background Orbital Marine**

Orbital Marine Power is a Scottish engineering company, with offices in Orkney and Edinburgh, focused on the development and global application of its floating tidal stream energy technology.

The Scottish Government gave Orbital £3.4m to help develop its tidal turbine which was manufactured by Scottish company Texo Group at their quayside facilities in Dundee. The Scottish National Investment Bank (SNIB) has invested £4 million in Orbital Marine Power, to support the ongoing operation of the existing project in Orkney and enable the company to continue its course to delivering multi-device projects in locations across the UK and around the world.



Orbital Marine Power has been successful in securing Contracts for Difference (CfD) to deploy a further 14.4 MW of tidal stream capacity in Orkney over the next 4-5 years.

### **Business Programme Top Lines**

- Scottish Government, working in partnership with Scottish Development International and the Scottish Chambers of Commerce will support a business delegation of **19 leading Net Zero companies** who will showcase their expertise at business facing events during COP28.
- When selecting companies the Scottish Government and partners used criteria that included characteristics such as company size, annual turnover; proven track record of fair work and inclusive employment practices, a product or service that aligns with Scottish Government COP28 priorities; and a strong interest in the UAE as a market.
- The 4 Day programme from **4-7 December** will allow us to highlight these innovative companies that see the economic opportunities which exist in a net zero future, and also showcase Scotland as an incredible investment opportunity for global businesses to achieve their net zero aspirations.
- The programme will kick off with a **breakfast briefing and networking reception with the First Minister** at Heriot Watt University Campus Dubai where we have established a partnership to host a number of events for the delegation.
- The delegation will be participating in panel and pitching sessions, site visits, events and networking engagements as well as visiting and engaging at the COP28 **Green Zone** and some of our companies have the opportunity to pitch at events in the Scottish Pavilion in the **Blue Zone**.
- A '**Route to Market**' session will address the major barriers for many of our energy companies to enter the UAE market.
- **Panel discussions** will focus on **Energy Transition**, identifying areas of similarities in energy transition between UAE and Scotland and also on **The Future Technologies of Sustainability** to promote a more sustainable way of living.
- The delegation will have the opportunity to **pitch for Capital Investment** to a group of invited Venture Capitalists at an event which will include a fireside chat between Heriot Watt Dubai Principle Dame Heather McGregor and Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero. .
- Key **Networking** events the delegation are invited to attend include a **British Chamber of Commerce and British Business Group** reception and a **GlobalScot and Alumni Reception** being held in partnership with Strathclyde University Campus Dubai.
- Site visits include the **Dubai Energy and Water Association** as well as an opportunity to visit and meet with the Sharjah Chamber of Commerce before going on to meet with **BEEAH Group** which is one of the biggest sustainability holding groups in the region with very strong ties to the UK.
- Time has also been allocated for the companies to undertake any **one to one meetings** to follow up on activity and interest.

## Delegation List

<b>Company</b>	<b>Sector</b>
<b>Aquatera</b>	environmental & Sustainable Energy Consultancy
<b>AstroAgency Limited</b>	Space Intelligence
<b>CCU International</b>	ClimateTech; Carbon Capture; Low Carbon; Energy Transition
<b>D-CAT</b>	Environmental monitoring; Space data
<b>Green Bioactives</b>	AgriTech
<b>Hydrogen Vehicle Systems (HVS)</b>	Heavy Duty EV's
<b>Krucial</b>	IoT; Space; ClimateTech; AgriTech
<b>Mocean Energy</b>	Tidal energy
<b>Motive Offshore Group</b>	specialist supplier of cables
<b>Norco</b>	Battery Storage
<b>Nova Innovation</b>	Tidal energy
<b>Orbital</b>	Energy Transition; Low Carbon
<b>ReVantas</b>	Circular Economy; CleanTech
<b>Roslin Technologies</b>	AgriTech
<b>Siccar</b>	ClimateTech; Energy Transition
<b>SolarisKit Ltd</b>	Low Carbon; Energy Transition
<b>Sunamp</b>	thermal storage

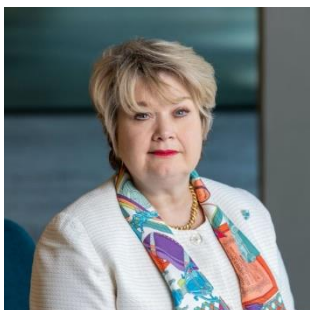
## Background briefing

Heriot-Watt University Dubai Campus is a satellite campus of Heriot-Watt University based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Established in 2005, it was one of the first campus of an overseas university to open in Dubai International Academic City. Heriot-Watt was invited to Dubai to provide specialised programmes in the fields of management, engineering, built environment, food science and fashion.

In 2019, Heriot-Watt signed a 10-year lease for a brand-new 218,000 sq. ft campus in Dubai Knowledge Park, thereby building on its commitment to deliver high quality education and research in Dubai. Staff and students moved to the new campus in January 2021 – the same year Heriot-Watt celebrated its founding bicentenary.

## Biographies

### **Professor Dame Heather McGregor**



Professor Dame Heather J. McGregor DBE FRSE is the Provost and Vice Principal of Heriot-Watt University Dubai. Professor McGregor was previously the Executive Dean of the Edinburgh Business School, having held the post since 2016. Her earlier career was in investment banking, and she has spent 17 years as an entrepreneur leading her own executive search firm prior to her move into higher education.

Professor McGregor has a PhD from the University of Hong Kong in Structured Finance and an MBA from the London Business School. She is a qualified chartered management accountant (CGMA) and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Her undergraduate degree was a BSc in Agricultural Economics & Marketing from Newcastle University.

### **Professor Tadhg O'Donovan, Deputy Vice Principal, Academic Leadership**



Prof Dr Tadhg O'Donovan is the Acting Deputy Vice Principal (ADVP) – Academic Leadership and the Head of the School of Engineering and Physical Sciences at Heriot-Watt University Dubai. Prof O'Donovan works closely with the senior leadership to develop and lead plans in line with 'Strategy 2025' – that articulates how the University should continue increasing its global presence and impact through its campuses and partnerships and by focusing on its strengths in research, teaching and learning.

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Since the success of Scotland's participation at EXPO 2020 Dubai, considerable momentum has built up within our relationship with the UAE government and we are getting better access than ever before as a result of this consistent engagement.

Scotland's world-class workforce has deep and broad skills honed from years of working in the oil & gas industry that can be seamlessly transferred into future renewable energy opportunities. The role of our workforce will be critical as Scotland carefully undertakes a just transition away from fossil fuels and towards a zero-carbon economy.

Scottish oil and gas supply chain companies are increasingly diversifying into the low carbon and renewable energy sector. The ingenuity, resourcefulness and sheer pioneering spirit that created a globally respected industry is now being brought to bear on the energy transition.

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Secondly to Scottish Development International and Scottish Chambers of Commerce in their support in developing such a strong programme.

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## COP28 CLIMATE FINANCE SUMMIT: FINANCING SURVIVAL

4 DECEMBER 2023 09:40-10:10

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scottish Government is ambitious for our financial services industry as a significant employer and investor, and for the work it does to support prosperity and the transition to Net Zero across the economy.</li> <li>• Scotland has all the ingredients (natural resources, skills, technology, and a mature financial services sector) necessary to leverage in the investment we need to realise our Net Zero potential.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	You have been invited to give a 10 minute joint opening address at the GEFI on financing survival. This summit in the Dubai International Financial Centre should attract an audience of around 250-300 international finance professionals.
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Who</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Where</b>	Atrium, Dubai International Finance Centre
<b>When</b>	09:40 – 10:10 4 December 2023. FM expected to speak around 10:00.
<b>Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>Welcome (0930 - 0940)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TBC, DIFC (3-4 mins)</li> <li>• Omar Shaikh, MD, GEFI (3-4 mins)</li> <li>• Amal Larhlid, Partner, PwC (3-4 mins)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Keynote Address (0940 - 1010)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dame Susan Rice, Global Steering Group Chair, GEFI (8 mins)</li> <li>• Steven van Rijswijk, CEO, ING (10 mins)</li> <li>• <b>Humza Yousaf, First Minister (10 mins)</b></li> <li>• Sigrid Kaag, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Netherlands</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	N/A
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] Richard Rollison, DITI

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**Summary & past engagements**

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**Desired outcomes**

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**Background briefing**

The Summit is being organised by Global Ethical Finance Initiative, GEFI, a not-for-profit body focused on advancing the ethical finance movement and a partner for action on ethical finance within the financial services industry. GEFI has previously received funding from the Scottish Government for an investment summit in Edinburgh.

The theme of this Summit is financing survival with key discussion points:

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**ANNEX A**

**SPEAKING NOTE TO BE PROVIDED BY SPEECHWRITERS**

## EVENT BRIEFING FOR FIRST MINISTER OPENING ADDRESS AT GLOBAL ETHICAL FINANCE INITIATIVE SUMMIT

«COP28 Climate Finance Summit: Financing Survival»

«4 DECEMBER 2023»

<b>Key message</b>	<p>The Scottish Government is ambitious for our financial services industry, as a significant employer and investor, and for the work it does to support prosperity and the transition to Net Zero across the economy.</p> <p>Scotland has all the ingredients – natural resources, skills, technology, and a mature financial services sector - necessary to leverage in the investment we need to realise our Net Zero potential.</p>
<b>What</b>	<p>The First Minister has been invited to give a 10 minute joint opening address at the GEFI on financing survival. This summit in the Dubai International Financial Centre should attract an audience of around 250-300 international finance professionals. FM will then a short (15mins) informal majlis style meeting with DIFC and GEFI speakers before departing around 10.30</p>
<b>Why</b>	<p>This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the Scottish Government’s policy approach to working with the private sector to finance Net Zero solution and to set out Scotland’s potential to be a globally competitive Green Financial Services hub.</p>
<b>Who</b>	<p>Arif Amiri, Chief Executive Officer – DIFCA will meet the FM on arrival.</p> <p>Chris Tait, CEO Global Ethical Finance Initiative is running the event.</p>
<b>Where</b>	<p>Atrium, Dubai International Finance Centre</p>
<b>When</b>	<p>09:40 – 10:30 4 December 2023.</p> <p>FM expected to speak at 09:40. GEFI will flex the keynote order should FM arrive late.</p>
<b>Agenda</b>	<p><b><u>Welcome (0930 - 0940)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o CEO or COO, DIFC (3-4 mins)</li> <li>o Omar Shaikh, MD, GEFI (3-4 mins)</li> <li>o Amal Larhlid, Partner, PwC (3-4 mins)</li> </ul>



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As well as reminding the audience of Scotland’s financial industry heritage we want to set out that Scotland, and Edinburgh, remains at the forefront of thinking on developing green finance solutions. Start a relationship with the senior leadership of the Dubai International Financial Centre. We were advised that DIFC officials will not commenting on the crisis in Gaza and conversation on that topic should be avoided.

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### **The Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC)**

The DIFC is home to an internationally recognised, independent regulator, with an English common law framework, as well as Middle East’s financial ecosystem of over 36,000 professionals working across over 4,300 active registered companies – making up the largest and most diverse pool of industry talent in the region. The DIFC was set up 2004 and is a large precinct spread over 270 acres featuring financial institutions, hotels and retail.

### **DIFC Biographies**



**H.E. Essa Kazim, Governor and Chairman of DIFCA** is the Governor of Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), Chairman of Borse Dubai, Deputy Chairman of Supreme Legislation Committee in Dubai, and Member of the Securities and Exchange Higher Committee and Dubai Supreme Fiscal Committee.



**Arif Amiri, Chief Executive Officer - DIFCAi** is the Chief Executive Officer of DIFC Authority where he is responsible for setting the strategy and growth direction of the Authority. Prior to joining DIFC Authority, Mr. Amiri held several senior positions at Emaar Properties PJSC and HSBC Bank Middle East.



**Alya Al Zarouni, Chief Operating Officer at DIFCA** is the Chief Operating Officer (COO) of the DIFC Authority (DIFCA), Alya is responsible for setting the strategic direction of DIFCA’s operations and client experience.

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**First Minister**

## **Climate Finance Summit: Financing Survival**

**Monday 4 December 2023 | 09:40-10:30**

**Maximum length: 10 minutes**  
**Current length: 10 minutes**

You have been invited to give a keynote address at the Global Ethical Finance Initiative's 'Path to COP28' Event at Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC). GEFI is pronounced [Jeffy].

Your speech will take place in the DIFC Atrium. Amal Larhlid, PwC's ESG Leader for Tax, Legal and People services, will thank the previous speaker and introduce you, inviting you to approach a lectern. Your headshot and title will be displayed on the digital screen at the back of the stage. A countdown clock will be visible to you on the monitors facing the stage.

The proposed speech opens by reflecting on Scotland's aim to play a big role in improving the lives of everyone on this planet, before covering the following themes:

- The Legacy of COP26 as the "Finance COP"
- Scotland and a Just Transition
- Scotland's offer for Green and Sustainable Financial Services

The speech concludes with an invitation to those present to consider Scotland as a natural partner and home for Green and Sustainable Financial Services.

## **OPENING**

Good morning.

Thank you, Amal, for that very kind introduction.

Thank you for all being here and sharing in what I am confident will be a very productive and useful discussion.

And a special thank you to Omar, and the wider GEFI team, for all of your work in promoting global dialogue around the development of Green, Sustainable and Ethical Finance.

You are supporting Scotland's ambition to become a truly global centre for green and sustainable financial services.

Backed by over fifty global institutions and thought leaders in Green and Sustainable finance, I am incredibly proud that the 'Path to COP28' is being led by a Scottish organisation.

Indeed, many of you here today will have visited Edinburgh for the annual GEFI-led Ethical Finance Summit in September.

The Summit has firmly established Edinburgh as the home of global conversations on how to get sustainable finance flowing.

Today is a very welcome opportunity to continue those conversations, and for me to outline some of the work the Scottish Government is doing to build on our position as a global partner for green finance.

And also our work - I think mutually reinforcing work - to attract more investment to Scotland to facilitate our own Just Transition.

## **CLIMATE CRISIS**

None of us in this room are in any doubt that we are facing a climate crisis; and one which is escalating rapidly.

Indeed, scarcely a week goes by without news of a major climate-related natural disaster.

United Nations Secretary General Antonio Gutierres has warned that "the evidence is everywhere. Humanity has unleashed destruction."

He also said that "this must not inspire despair, but action."

It is humanity, and humanity alone, which can take the action we urgently need to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5 degrees celsius.

Unless we act now, we will continue to see an increase in devastating heatwaves, floods, catastrophic storms, and water scarcity - something which we are already seeing in Scotland, a nation which many of you will know is famous for its rain.

That is a price our planet simply cannot afford to pay.

By restoring nature and ending our contribution to climate change by 2045, Scotland aims to play a big role in improving the lives of everyone on this planet.

Today, there can be no greater moral imperative than ensuring future generations not only survive, but thrive.

There can be no better investment opportunity for any nation,

than in embracing the transition to fairer, cleaner, greener societies.

And there can be no better business case than the one for regenerative economic systems, which benefit every single human being, and our planet as a whole.

### **Legacy of COP26, “the Finance COP”**

COP26 in Glasgow was one of the most significant conferences ever hosted in Scotland or indeed the UK.

At COP26 we showed that in Scotland - a country which helped lead the world into the industrial age - now wants to use that same ingenuity to secure a fair and equitable net zero future.

In many respects, Glasgow’s COP was “the Finance COP”.

The private sector showed it was ready to supply the financing required to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

And financial institutions, with collective assets under management of nearly 100 trillion dollars, came together under The Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero.

Here in Dubai, it is essential that we keep up the momentum for delivery, action, and progress.

We have already seen some progress in areas like loss and damage and climate finance - but we are not there yet. The world must go further, and quickly.

### **Scotland and a Just Transition**

To meet the biggest challenge humanity has ever faced - climate change - we need to collaborate.

In Scotland, we are approaching this challenge through progressive and ambitious policy and targets, as well as through attracting vital investment and collaborating with academia and the private and third sectors.

Since 2016, the Scottish Government's radical innovation division, CivTech, has been delivering groundbreaking solutions to address the climate and biodiversity emergencies.

These cover everything, from better land management to cutting-edge land and marine natural capital investment vehicles.

CivTech's extraordinary success is the result of a fundamentally collaborative approach between the public sector, businesses, both large and small, the third sector, and citizens –

Collaboration which is already yielding results.

CivTech graduates **RiverTrack**, have designed ultra-low-cost early flood warning systems for remote and rural communities –

Reducing the cost of implementation and maintenance of flood warning systems by up to 95%.

**Rethink Carbon** are using smart technology to help communities and land managers make good land-use decisions and increase carbon capture.

We know the costs of transition to a net-zero economy are lowest and the opportunities greatest with early and well-managed action and investment.

This is why my government will soon implement a new Green Industrial Strategy – which will provide certainty to businesses and investors, ensuring the people of Scotland share in the

enormous economic opportunities of the global transition to net zero.

Through close cooperation with international partners and the private sector, Scotland will continue to develop its role as a global financial centre for responsible, sustainable investments that lead to greater rewards for all, not fewer.

### **Green Financial Services**

For deals to be done, for finance to flow, and for net zero to be achieved, we must ensure that Scotland's financial system is ready for the future.

Because the just transition to net zero is not just an environmental and moral imperative. It is the greatest economic opportunity of this century.

A clear example of that is ScotWind - the world's largest floating offshore wind leasing round - which is expected to deliver up to £25 billion of investment across Scotland's supply chain.

That point on economic opportunity is particularly true when it comes to financial services.

Behind every investment, every transaction, sits a team of financial, legal, data and accountancy experts moving deals through to completion.

I want to attract and grow that international talent pool in Scotland.

The Global Green Finance Index ranks Edinburgh as one of the top 20 financial centres in the world and we are the second largest centre for financial services in the UK, with deep historic knowledge and capacity for innovation.



TheCityUK reported last year that the green finance market has already grown one hundred-fold since 2012.

And, we know it will have to continue to grow quickly in this decade, to support the move to net zero.

This is why the Scottish Government established a taskforce on Green and Sustainable Financial Services, convened by the Global Ethical Finance Initiative, and which is supported Scottish Financial Enterprise.

Bringing together industry leaders to cement Scotland's status as a global centre for green and sustainable investment.

I am looking forward to receiving the group's final recommendations early next year, which will provide a clear road map for Scotland – one of the world's oldest financial centres – to seize the opportunities presented by the transition to a net zero economy.

One of the ways that the Scottish Government is already trying to intervene to support investment in net zero sectors is the establishment of the Scottish National Investment Bank in 2020.

Since 2020, the Bank has made investment commitments worth over £460 million – in projects and businesses which support Scotland's ambitions on innovation, place, and net zero.

One of the key areas that the Scottish Government and the Bank believe to be an enormous opportunity for Scotland, is in offshore wind.

Which is why I recently announced up to £500million of public sector funds over the next five years to stimulate and support private investment in the infrastructure and manufacturing

facilities critical to the growth of our world-leading offshore wind sector.

We know that kind of de-risking of investment, is hugely important.

But we also know that for green finance to flow, we need to make the best case possible for why it should flow to Scotland.

And we must make it as easy as possible for our partners to invest.

## **INVESTOR PANEL**

This has been the key focus of the Scottish Government's Investor Panel, which I co-chair with Angus Macpherson, the Chief Executive of Noble and Co.

We established the Investor Panel to advise us on how we can attract more capital investment to Scotland.

Its remit includes areas such as offshore wind, hydrogen and decarbonising transport

Its membership includes an expert panel of investors and asset managers who will use their wealth of experience to provide market intelligence on current and future green opportunities.

The Investor Panel makes clear the Scottish Government's determination to work with this community to support sustainable growth and achieve our wider ambitions

We agree with the Panel that the scale of our ambition will require a new, and very different, approach if Scotland is to deliver the physical infrastructure necessary for a Just Transition.

And it will require public and private capital investment on a far greater scale than anything that has been accomplished to date.

But we are clear that such investment has the potential to generate significant economic growth and create new jobs and industries right across Scotland.

We are up for the challenge. We are ready to capitalise on the opportunities in front of us. And we are already taking steps towards that.

Recently, the Investor Panel recommended that we consider issuing a Scottish Bond, to improve our engagement with institutional investors and debt markets.

Given the wealth of investment opportunities in front of us, I announced, in October, that the Scottish Government will take steps to issue its first ever Bond, to finance key infrastructure such as affordable housing.

We are moving forward with that work, taking the first steps including beginning due diligence assessments. If fiscal, economic and value for money conditions are satisfied, the aim is to make the bonds available to the market by the end of the current parliamentary session - in 2026.

This is a first for the Scottish Government, and an exciting opportunity to help raise Scotland's profile and engagement with international investors to attract investment.

## **Conclusion**

The biodiversity loss of the past decades has shown us all, the humility of nature – doing everything it can to maintain the life support systems that sustain us, and which we continue to erode - while the earth-shattering destruction of extreme weather events continue to warn us of the growing cost of global inaction.

We have the chance to establish Scotland as a major centre for green and ethical finance, while helping Scotland and the wider world make the crucial move to net zero.

We need everyone – investors, governments, and industry – to rise to the challenge of financing our survival.

For now, that is a challenge we can still meet. It is imperative that we do. Thank you.

**STRENGTHENING SUPPLY CHAIN RESILIENCE: NAVIGATING GLOBAL DISRUPTION.**

**4 DECEMBER 12:30-13:15**

<b>Key message</b>	Trade and Business have a central role to play in tackling climate change and can help countries reduce emissions by supporting emerging technologies and connectivity across the system. Welcome that trade has been prioritised by the UAE at this COP
<b>What</b>	The First Minister has been invited by HE DR Thani – UAE Foreign Trade Minister and the Ministry of Economy to participate in the first ever Trade Day Panel discussion. The FM is the only other Govt representative on this panel alongside HE Dr Thani.  First Minister will have an opportunity to make some opening comments as part of the panel and then actively participate in the moderated Q&A session.
<b>Why</b>	Opportunity to showcase Scotland’s approach to Net Zero highlighting the COP 28 Net Zero Business delegation from Scotland which focuses on emerging technologies in a number of sectors and applications that can be applied internationally and used to solve global issues such as supply chain resilience and climate change impacts. Highlight Scotland’s approach to

	supply chains and the importance of building in resilience and sustainability.
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE Dr Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economy, UAE.</li> <li>• Le Thi Thu Thuy, Chairwoman Vinfast LLC</li> <li>• Thibaud Simphal, Global Head of Sustainability – UBER</li> <li>• Mohammed Almutawa, Group CEO, Ducab Group</li> <li>• Mr Anoud Van Den Berg – Group CEO Al Dahra Group</li> <li>• John Defterios – Moderator I</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	Blue Zone – Al Hairat – Plenary 1 FM is on stage at 12:30 – so will be required to be onsite at COP28 Blue Zone for 12:00. This will give him an opportunity to meet other panellists.
<b>When</b>	12:30 – 13:15
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>1230</b> – welcome from moderator - scene setting and an opportunity for each panel member including FM to introduce themselves</li> <li>• <b>12:40</b> – Discussion – Q&amp;A in rounds – the moderator will pose questions in rounds to each of the speakers. With some questions from the audience.</li> <li>• <b>13:10</b> Moderator concludes and provides a close to the session</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	Pictures for tweeting – Comms FM to advise.
<b>Supporting official</b>	<b>[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]</b> Richard Rollison – DITI
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex A: opening remarks</li> <li>• Annex B: speaking points – Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Annex C: biographies</li> </ul>

## ANNEX A

### Opening remarks

I would like to thank His Excellency Dr. Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi for inviting me to sit on this panel with my distinguished colleagues.

I want to thank him and the UAE as hosts for the inclusion of a specific day on trade at COP28 and I look forward to the UAE hosting the WTO Ministerial Conference<sup>13</sup> in Abu Dhabi early next year with His Excellency as Chair.

As Cabinet Secretary during some of the Covid period I witnessed first hand the fragility of our supply chains and global trading systems. The war in Ukraine has also demonstrated the vulnerability to key sectors in our daily lives such as Energy security and the cost of living and the need to double down on renewables. Which is why I am really glad to have seen some of the announcements coming through this week at COP28.

The Scottish Government have been calling for a greater coherence between trade and climate policy since we published our trade strategy, the Vision for Trade, in 2021.

Our Vision for Trade sets out the principles and values for the trading relationships we want our country to have, now and in the future. We want Scotland to be a successful trading nation, but we also want to be known as much for *how* we trade as for *what* we trade.

We view the nexus of trade and climate as the good, the bad, and the ugly.

The good is that trade can help to scale up and promote the use of environmental goods and services. The more we can do to promote cross border trade and international collaboration to deliver a just and fast transition to net zero the better.

The bad is that trade emissions are contributing to the challenges we face. The world economic forum estimates just eight supply chains, from construction to textiles to food, account for more than 50% of global emissions. This is why the decarbonisation of supply chains is so important.

And finally, the ugly is that climate change is already changing our ability to trade. We've seen climate impacts to our major trade routes, from the Panama Canal to the Rhine. This is why the conversation around supply chain resilience is equally important.

But I know that it is businesses who trade, not Governments, so I'm here as much to learn from you, distinguished colleagues on the panel and in the audience, on what you need from governments to maximise the opportunities of a just transition and manage the risks that climate change poses to our trade and resilience.

Remarks end

**ANNEX B**

**Question:** to be asked by Moderator:

**How is Scotland contributing to making international trade more resilient and sustainable?**

Answer:

Let me focus on policy and practice.

As I briefly highlighted, Scotland's Vision for Trade sets out the principles and values for the trading relationships we want to have, now and in the future. It's about HOW we trade as well as what we trade.

It's focussed on ensuring trade works for people, prosperity and the planet – what we term a wellbeing economy – and on creating a fair trading system that works for everyone.

The Vision for Trade calls for greater coherence of the international climate and trade regimes so that they support each other. That is why, for example, we welcome efforts through the World Trade Organisation to reduce barriers to trade for environmental goods and services.

**On a practical level**, we are supporting a vibrant Scottish ecosystem of start ups with a strong emphasis on climate tech and sustainability. In fact, I spent this morning with 19 Scottish businesses who are here at COP to showcase their pioneering innovation and technologies and to learn from and collaborate with other. These companies range from sustainable vertical farming, to ocean and tidal energy to green heat.

Similarly, earlier in the week I joined a panel about Space and Sustainability and how Scottish companies like D-Cat and Krucial are leading the way in using satellite data to address climate change, make supply chains more efficient and improve resilience.

These companies are working and trading right across the globe and it is our role as the governments to make that as easy and straightforward as possible.

Further Background Information

**Supply Chain Resilience**

Supply chain resilience has been tested more than ever in recent years. It was tested in unprecedented ways by COVID-19, demonstrating the importance of resilient



supply chains to ensure the continued flow of critical goods. It's being tested now by conflicts around the world. Finally, climate change is also testing this resilience. It's already changing our ability to trade. We've seen climate impacts to our major trade routes, from the Panama Canal to the Rhine.

That is why we recognise in our **Vision for Trade** that In addition to using trade to contribute to net zero targets, action is needed to prepare for climate impacts on trade.

**Global Value Chains** are also hugely important for Scotland. By strengthening supply networks this can support our economy and encourage businesses to diversify their supply chains, thereby building greater resilience.

While it is businesses that trade, one significant lever Governments do have to influence trade flows is the public procurement of goods and services. This represents a major part of a country's market. Therefore, the Scottish Government's approach to sustainable public procurement is geared towards support development of a diverse, responsible and resilient supply chains. Our approach outlines steps on how public bodies could:

- **maximise opportunities to engage with the market** to build the capability and flexible capacity of both existing and new supply chains;
- **engage with key partners**, including other public bodies, local economic development and enterprise organisations, to prioritise and target efforts.
- **consider action to achieve a positive social impact**, assuring and protecting workers' rights within supply chains and achieving employment and skills where possible.

**The Scottish Government declared a Climate Emergency in April 2019** and has shown leadership by establishing the cross-sector Climate and Procurement Forum in November of that year.

From the outset we have taken a multi-track approach to address strategic enablers for climate action - building capability across the public sector and its supply chains and collaborating across procurement and climate policy to address the complex challenges we face in delivering against our climate ambitions.

Our national collaborative frameworks that are available for use by the wider public sector in Scotland and by charities represent approximately 10 per cent of annual procurement spend in Scotland (£14.5 billion). Building on risk management exercises that were conducted relating to previous supply chain shocks including Brexit, COVID and the Ukraine, we are undertaking a risk management exercise on national collaborative frameworks through the lens of climate adaptation.

**This approach is also reflected in our approach to International Climate Justice.**

The Climate Just Communities contract started in August this year. It aims to deliver “on the ground” interventions in Malawi, Rwanda and Zambia to combat the impact of climate change on the most marginalised communities in Africa. The focus is on communities most at risk of the consequences of a changing climate including increased droughts, floods and unpredictable weather patterns.

- Three £8 million contracts were established with different service providers for each, totalling £24 million over three years.
- Each lead service provider has a consortium of delivery partners and subcontractors “on the ground” to deliver agreed interventions, giving great work opportunities to local communities.
- Through the tender process, the lead service providers submitted climate emergency proposals detailing actions they plan to take throughout the contract duration.

**Scotland Vision for Trade (VfT)**

Published in January 2021, VfT sets out the Scottish Government’s five principles - **Inclusive Growth, Wellbeing, Sustainability, Net Zero and Good Governance** - underpinning our trade decisions and relationships. The Vision positions our approach to trade within a broader economic, social and environmental context. It considers the strategic role of trade and how it contributes to wider governmental ambitions, in line with our National Performance Framework.

**ANNEX C**

**Biographies**



**HE Dr Thani al Zeyoudi, UAE Minister for Foreign Trade**

HE Dr Thani bin Ahmed Al Zeyoudi was appointed the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade in July 2020. Dr Thani also oversees the development of non-oil foreign trade sectors and the expansion of global partnerships, in addition to enhancing the investment climate in the country, in order to cement its position as a major business destination at the regional and global levels. Dr Thani is our main interlocutor in the trade and investment space.



**Le Thi Thu Thuy, Chairwoman Vinfast LLC**

is the chief executive of the automotive company VinFast and vice-chairwoman of the Vingroup conglomerate which is its parent company. She was born in 1974 in the Bình Định province of Vietnam and educated in business and economics at Hanoi Foreign Trade University, International University of Japan and the Harvard Kennedy School



**Thibaud Simphal, Global Head of Sustainability – UBER**

Thibaud was Commercial Director at Wakefield Software Solutions, and Director of Technology at En-droit.com. Thibaud Simphal joined Uber in 2014. Thibaud served as General Manager, Paris and General Manager, France for Uber. Thibaud Simphal is currently General Manager, Western and Southern Europe and Global Head of Sustainability, Worldwide Mobility, Delivery, Freight and Corporate at UBER EMEA.



**Mohammed Almutawa, Group CEO, Ducab Group**

Mohammed Abdul Rahman Al Mutawa's was appointed to the position of Group CEO in January 2021, previously serving as CEO of Ducab Cable Business.

**Moderator**



**John K. Defterios** John K. Defterios is an American journalist best known for his work at CNN. He was CNN Business Emerging Markets Editor on CNN International. He left the company in May 2021, after 35 years

## BILATERAL BRIEFING FOR MEETING WITH CEO OF TAQA

**Jasim Husain Thabet, Group CEO & MD, TAQA**

### 4 DECEMBER 15:00 TAQA PAVILION GREEN ZONE

<b>Key message</b>	Opportunity to raise Scotland's Investment Opportunities and find out more about TAQA Britannia's [redacted - s.33(1)(b)] North Sea Oil decommissioning programme
<b>What</b>	TAQA is a UAE energy and water utility company with operations in 11 countries
<b>Why</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Discuss plans for the UAE's future energy strategy and TAQA's approach to energy transition, highlighting Scottish capabilities and supply chain opportunities including Scotland's work in green hydrogen, offshore wind and integrated energy systems.</li><li>• Understand T&amp;I opportunities between Scotland and TAQA and ask TAQA to work with SDI to develop a showcase/workshop for a select group of Scottish companies to demonstrate TAQA's capabilities.</li></ul>
<b>Who</b>	<b>Jasim Husain Thabet</b> – TAQA's Group Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director
<b>Where</b>	TAQA PAVILION GREEN ZONE
<b>When</b>	15:00 -15:30
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Energy Transition</li><li>2. North Sea</li></ol>
<b>Media</b>	Photo for social media.
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)] Richard Rollison, DITI Reuben Aitken, SDI
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary</li><li>• Agenda</li><li>• Desired outcomes</li><li>• Annex A: Biography</li></ul>

## Summary

TAQA is a Abu Dhabi based power and utility company. Its UK arm, TAQA Britannia, operates 8 North Sea oil platforms that will be decommissioned, costing **[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]** creating a significant opportunity for Scottish firms to build decommissioning expertise. CabSec WEFWE met with TAQA during his visit to the UAE last month on the recommendation of Dr Thani Al Zeyoudi.

## Discussion Points

### 1. Scotland is well placed to support TAQA in achieving your ambitious energy transition goals.

- Reaffirm Scotland's journey in energy transition and discuss Scotland's strengths in: Just Transition/Reskilling Oil & Gas workers and Energy Transition/Supply Chain.
- The conclusion of the ScotWind offshore wind leasing auction is a tremendous vote of confidence in Scotland.
- ScotWind projects allow us to make huge progress in decarbonising our energy supply while securing investment in the Scottish supply chain of at least £1bn for every gigawatt of power.

2. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### 3. X-Links and XLCC

**Background:** X Links is the UK power project importing renewable energy from Morocco to UK via cables on the seabed.

XLCC has been set up as a subsidiary cable manufacturing company to deliver this – we are keen to locate this in Scotland (Hunterston) and SE/SG have offered £9m in support.

#### **Key points to make:**

- We were really pleased to see your investment in X-Links, as you will be aware the Cable element of this project is crucial.
- We have been in discussions with XLCC for some time about a potential location in Scotland for their manufacturing facility. To support this, two weeks ago we announced £9m of support for them to continue their development plans for the site in Hunterston.
- **[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]**

## Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## Biography - Jasim Husain Thabet, Group CEO TAQA



Jasim Husain Thabet serves as TAQA's Group Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, a role he has held since July 2020. Mr. Thabet, who was elected to TAQA's Board of Directors in 2019, is an energy industry veteran with more than two decades of experience.

Prior to his role at TAQA, he served as CEO & MD of Abu Dhabi Power Corporation, where he leveraged the company's portfolio of assets throughout the value-chain to support the transformation of the power and water sector in the UAE. He also served as CEO of the National Central Cooling Company PJSC (Tabreed), where he drove capacity expansion and revenue growth. Mr. Thabet sits on the board of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Etihad Aviation Group and Abu Dhabi Ports.

### Further Background:

#### **New 2030 Strategy**

TAQA has committed to investing an additional **[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]** by 2030 to grow its UAE regulated asset base. TAQA will focus on opportunities to reduce exposure in oil and gas, specifically on producing green hydrogen. They have recently announced the development of a 2GW green hydrogen to ammonia export project in Abu Dhabi.

#### **Oil & Gas Future in Scotland**

TAQA is a significant player in the UK North Sea. The North Sea business, which is run from Aberdeen, operates 8 platforms employing 870 people and has stakes in a range of fields, including the Brae area assets north east of Aberdeen, the Brent system pipeline and the Sullom Voe terminal on Shetland. **[redacted - s.33 (1)(b)]**

### **Promoting The Use of a Trading System to Scale Up Breakthrough Trade Technologies and Support a Just Transition**

**04 December 16:00 - 17:00**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The COP28 Presidential Action agenda will bring together countries to pledge to triple global renewables capacity and double the average global rate of energy efficiency improvements by 2030.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International markets can provide the scale required to reduce the cost of breakthrough technologies and climate-related goods and services.</li> <li>• They can also provide the incentives to invest in innovation in renewable power generation and other cleantech breakthrough technologies needed to shift the global economy onto a sustainable trajectory.</li> <li>• At the same time, innovative trade technologies, including AI, can radically improve supply chain climate performance.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	Format: Panel discussion, in-person + streamed (TBC) FM invited to be panellist
<b>Why</b>	Opportunity for FM to highlight the emerging technologies coming out of Scotland in terms of Net Zero and welcome any advancements that can be made to help us scale up for our benefit (and others who need technological advances and innovation to cope with the direct impacts of Climate Change).
<b>Who</b>	Confirmed panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE</li> <li>• Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General, World Trade Organization</li> <li>• Jake Loosarian, CEO, Gecko Robotics</li> <li>• Bjorn Witte, CEO, Blue Horizon</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	IMPACT HUB (DP WORLD) Level 5 – Majlis, Green Zone
<b>When</b>	4 December, 16:00-17:00
<b>Agenda</b>	<p>Tentative</p> <p><b>1. Welcome and Introduction-Moderator</b> Brief: Setting the tone for the session, a warm welcome to attendees and an introduction of what to expect from the event and giving each speaker time to introduce themselves</p> <p><b>2. Discussion</b> Brief: The moderator poses questions to the speakers in rounds. This structured conversation delves deeper into the themes of the event and the speakers' insights.</p> <p><b>3. Q&amp;As Session</b> Brief: An opportunity for the audience to pose questions to the speakers. The moderator will facilitate this, selecting questions and directing them to the appropriate speakers.</p>
<b>Media</b>	Social media post

<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> <li>• Annex B: Opening remarks</li> <li>• Annex C: Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Annex D: Topical briefing</li> </ul>

## **Annotated agenda**

### **1. Welcome**

Moderator welcomes participants and invites HE Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi (Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE) to give opening remarks to set the scene

### **2. H.E. Humza Yousaf, First Minister the Scottish Government – opening remarks (2-3 minutes)**

- Opening remarks from the panel included in Annex B

### **3. Discussion – questions posed by Moderator**

The moderator poses questions to the speakers in rounds. This structured conversation delves deeper into the themes of the event and the speakers' insights. We expect the FM will answer two questions. Response should be 3-4 mins each.

- Questions and answers included in Annex C

### **4. Q&As Session – audience questions - assigned by Moderator**

An opportunity for the audience to pose questions to the speakers. The moderator will facilitate this, selecting questions and directing them to the appropriate speakers.

## **Moderator Question and answer - See ANNEX C**

Questions will be asked initially by the moderator and then there will be an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Moderator will select appropriate panellist to answer the audience questions.

## **Desired outcomes**

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]



## Annex A: Biographies



**HE Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi Minister of State for Foreign Trade, UAE** - Appointed the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade, following the new UAE Government structure in July 2020. He also oversees the development of non-oil foreign trade sectors and the expansion of global partnerships, in addition to enhancing the investment climate in the country.

He held the position of Minister of Climate Change and Environment previously. Prior to assuming his ministerial position, HE Al Zeyoudi served as the permanent representative of the UAE to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), and Director of the Department of Energy Affairs and Climate Change at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

He will chair the inaugural Sustainable Trade Summit on December 4th, 2023 at COP28. This year, for the first time, COP28 is dedicating a full day to explore the nexus of trade and environmental sustainability - "Trade Day."

On 25 October 2023 he met Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy in UAE to discuss ways to develop trade and investment opportunities between Scotland and UAE. The meeting concluded with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that seeks to pursue bilateral trade, private-sector and academic partnerships in the fields of advance technology, innovation, education and research.

"The UAE and Scotland are increasingly like-minded partners, two nations who are leveraging technology, innovation, investment and talent to transform our economies and deliver new chapters of success. As we pursue a knowledge economy, one capable of embracing the possibilities of the next 50 years, it is important to exchange insights, expertise and experiences with nations on a similar growth trajectory, and establish joint initiatives in the public, private and academic arenas that can further our economic diversification ambitions. This memorandum signals our intent to deepen our collaboration with Scotland, and build a partnership of long-term benefit."



**Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General, World Trade Organization**

Seventh Director-General of the WTO. She took office on 1 March 2021, becoming the first woman and the first African to serve as Director-General. She is a global finance expert, an economist and international development professional with over 40 years of experience working in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and North America. Her term of office will expire on 31 August 2025.



**Jake Loosarian, CEO, Gecko Robotics**

Co-Founder and CEO at Gecko Robotics, a leader in robots and industrial asset management software focused on protecting the world's critical infrastructure. Gecko partners with leading oil & gas, power, manufacturing, and government institutions such as Exxon, Chevron, BP, Shell, Duke Energy and the US Department of Defence.



**Bjorn Witte, CEO, Blue Horizon**

Bjoern Witte is a Managing Partner and CEO of Blue Horizon. He spent over 15 years as an Investor and Operator along the Food value chain.

**Annex B: Opening remarks (2-3 mins <327 words>)**

- Thank Dr Thani for inviting you to attend and welcome the first ever Trade focused day at COP28.
- Innovative business solutions and trade with like-minded nations is critical in our global fight against climate change.
- While it is businesses who trade, not governments. We know that trade is essential for economic security and important to every nation on the planet. It is also the enabler for breakthrough technologies to have impact at global scale.
- Government has a key role in creating the right conditions to help drive entrepreneurship and innovation and accelerate companies to scale up. This reduces costs and makes these new technologies accessible to all, for the benefit of our planet.

- Internationally we need to create the right trading regimes to reduce barriers to these new technologies to ensure that they are available to those that need them most. Indeed the WTO estimates that opening up the Trade in energy related environmental goods alone could raise global exports by 5% and that the elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers could reduce global CO2 emissions by 0.6% by 2030. This is a plus for the Economy and a plus for the planet.
- Domestically we need to support businesses to innovate and internationalise.
- That is why we have supported 19 Scottish businesses to come to COP28 to showcase their emerging technology in areas of clean energy, space and health. To share what these innovative Scottish businesses are doing and to make links with other businesses and nations on the global stage.
- In fact the Net Zero Technology centre who are part of our delegation are here at COP to discuss their concept of Tech without borders.
- Our National Strategy for Economic Transformation is squarely focused on supporting the net zero sectors of the future. This strategy prioritises those market opportunities and technologies that not only deliver prosperity in Scotland, but which also deliver benefits for people and planet at home and overseas
- In Scotland we have a number of enterprise agencies who work closely with partners in the public and private sectors to find the best opportunities for business. These agencies are instrumental in our work with industry and have a significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy and are key to delivering a just transition to net zero.
- I look forward to a fruitful discussion today, learning from others and finding new areas to collaborate.

### **Annex C: Answers to Questions**

#### **Question 1 - Scotland currently has a carbon intensive economy. What are your key considerations when looking to transition to a low carbon economy?**

#### **Answer**

The challenge and the opportunity of net zero is one that is being faced by countries around the world and there can be no doubt that the world is watching to see how

fossil-fuel intensive, smaller economies like Scotland manage the transition to a net zero society and fulfil our obligation to decarbonise.

Ensuring our transition is a just transition is how we choose to answer that net zero challenge. If Scotland, as a nation, can get this right, then decarbonising our economy through a just transition will have positive impacts on every aspect of our lives.

A just transition means:

- Making the most of our natural resources, as we are demonstrating through the scale and ambition of our Offshore Wind and Hydrogen plans.
- Skills training and education that helps to secure good, high value jobs in green industries like low-carbon manufacturing, renewables, and tech;
- Job security for those in industries that will play the biggest part in the transition – at every level – from those working in petrol stations to those on oil platforms.
- Homes that are energy efficient and help to reduce fuel poverty.
- Building infrastructure, transport and communities that support our efforts to decarbonise, to enhance biodiversity and which are resilient in the face of the impact of climate change that we are already feeling.
- Making sure the costs do not burden those least able to pay and the benefits of our transition are felt regardless of where you live, who you are and what you do.

We are developing Just Transition Plans for sectors, regions and sites, ensuring our transition to net zero is a fair and managed transition

We began with our Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan and we are developing plans for Agriculture and Land Use, the Built Environment and Construction, and Transport alongside our next Climate Change Plan.

Our ambitious approach builds on our world-first National Just Transition Planning Framework and sets out how we will be working with others on the economic and social impacts of transition.

We are increasingly embedding just transition into all of our work as a government. The 2019 Climate Change Act requires that forthcoming Climate Change Plans address the challenges faced by sectors, regions and communities in Scotland and the policies Ministers set out to address these challenges.

## **Question 2 - What is Scotland doing to decarbonise supply chains?**

### **Answer**

As I said in my opening remarks it is businesses who trade, not Governments. However, I know that government has a key role to enable and support businesses, so they are assisted in their decarbonisation efforts.

The most important thing we are doing is supporting the creation new renewables economy in Scotland. We are leading the way across the transition to renewable energy following successful leasing rounds. Scotland now has the potential pipeline for over 40GW of Offshore Wind capacity and we are aiming to generate 5GW of Hydrogen by 2030.

We know that we decarbonise more than just our energy sector and that is why through initiatives like our Low Carbon Manufacturing Challenge Fund we working to to reduce the carbon footprint of manufacturing

This has supported companies like:

- Trojan Energy, in Aberdeen, to develop their new technology to allow more on-street charging for EVs while keeping pavements clutter free;
- Also, Wave energy pioneer Mocean Energy, who are part of COP28 Business Delegation, have received support to help design, build and test key subsystems for their wave energy machine.

We are also refocusing our economic development agencies to assist more companies than ever before to decarbonise.

## BILATERAL BRIEFING FOR MEETING WITH MASDAR CEO

### Ministerial Meeting Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, Masdar Chief Executive Officer

<b>Key message</b>	We want to continue to build on our work with Masdar, as a major international renewables investor, and jointly develop investment opportunities into Scotland’s renewable energy sector.
<b>What</b>	A Business meeting with the CEO of Masdar to progress the investment discussion.
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Who</b>	<b>His Excellency Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi, Masdar Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Where</b>	Blue Zone COP28 TBC
<b>When</b>	TBC – between 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov and 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welcome interest in Scotland</li> <li>2. Masdar’s offer to Scotland</li> </ol>
<b>Media</b>	Photo of the meeting / handshake shot / no external media invite
<b>Supporting official</b>	<p>[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]  Richard Rollison – DIT  Reuben Aitken – SDI  [redacted - s.38(1)(b)]</p>
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Refer to separate Off Shore Wind Thematic Brief</li> <li>• Agenda &amp; Discussion points</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Additional background</li> <li>• Lines on Battery Storage</li> <li>• Lines on Grid Reform</li> <li>• Annex A: Biography</li> </ul>

#### Summary

Masdar is a United Arab Emirates state-owned renewable energy company a subsidiary of the UAE Sovereign Wealth Fund – Mubadala. [redacted - s.33(1)(b)]

#### Please also refer to Offshore Wind Directorate Thematic Brief

#### Agenda & discussion Points

##### 1. Welcome Masdar’s interest in Scotland

- Reiterate our desire to work with Masdar to find suitable opportunities for Masdar in Scotland that help to fulfil their aims to invest capital and help fulfil Scotland's clean energy potential.
- Outline our recent £500m commitment to offshore wind which underlines our ambition and support to this sector  
[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]
- Reiterate an invitation from the Cab Sec for the CEO to come to Scotland on an official visit to understand the wider renewables offer in Scotland.  
[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]

### **Additional background**

[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]

### **Recent discussions**

Masdar CEO and Cab Sec WEFWE Met on 25<sup>th</sup> October and subsequent discussions with the Masdar team have revealed:

[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]

### **Actions taken**

[redacted - s.33(1)(b)]

### **Lines on battery storage**

The Scottish Ministers have committed to considering what adaptations may be necessary to the consenting regime in Scotland to facilitate deployment of battery storage technology and will seek views as part of a future consultation.

We will ensure that we engage with battery storage project developers as part of that consultation.

Battery storage is classed as electricity generation. We are aware that the UKG has removed the need for obtaining consent for battery projects at a national level. We are committed to reviewing the Scottish position with respect to battery storage projects.

In parallel, there is wider work underway to review the current scale threshold at which generation projects come to Scottish Ministers for determination as opposed to going to Local Planning Authorities. We will seek to consult on this in due course

### **Lines on Grid Reform**

Grid connection dates are very long – this is due to be fixed by the policy work underway with Ofgem and NGENSO. We would love to see Scotland as a first mover in this and help to enforce the removal of zombie projects and the management of the connection queue to facilitate real projects being connected ahead of others.

We strongly support reforms to the grid the connections process to remove 'zombie' projects and speed up the process for projects that are ready to connect.

We welcomed the decision by Ofgem (on Monday 13 November) to introduce a grid connection queue management process, which will enable National Grid Electricity System Operator (ESO) to remove stalled, speculative or slow-moving projects. This will free up capacity and prioritise projects that are ready to connect.

These reforms are critical to enabling our just transition to net zero.

We urge the ESO to implement the reforms quickly but networks are reserved to the UK Government and regulated by Ofgem, the Scottish Government has no ability to enforce or manage the delivery of these reforms.

## **ANNEX A**

### **Biography - Mohamed Jameel Al Ramahi Chief Executive Officer of Masdar**



Mohamed holds various roles e.g. Chairman of Masdar Investment Committee, Vice- Chair of the Global Council on Sustainable Development Goals and serves on the Board of Directors for Masdar, Mubadala Health, Emirates Waste to Energy Company. He is also an active member of the French and Australian Business Groups, the US-UAE Business Council and finally the Sustainable Markets Initiative

Taskforce for Energy Transition.

Under his leadership, Masdar has developed into one of the fast growing renewable energy companies in the world, with a combined global project portfolio of 15GW of clean energy capacity and investments valued at over \$20billion

**[redacted - s.38(1)(b)]**



**Document 2 - Briefings for meetings held by the Cabinet Secretary Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Mairi McAllan, at COP28**

**Briefing for the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition  
COP28 Engagement Briefing 3 - 6 December 2023 (full conference 30  
November – 12 December)**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**  
(Health/ Relief, Recovery and Peace Day)

**UNDER2 COALITION GENERAL ASSEMBLY BREAKOUT SESSION: UNITING  
LEADERS - SUPERCHARGING MULTILEVEL ACTION TO CLOSE THE AMBITION  
GAP**

**03 December 14.00-15.30** (Moderated discussion is 14.20-15.20)

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The conclusions of the first-ever global stocktake (GST) report are deeply concerning and we must use COP28 to provide the dramatic course correction we need to secure a net zero and climate resilient world.</li> <li>• <b>Devolved nations, states, regions and cities have an integral role to influence increased ambition and delivery towards net zero, a just transition, and resilience.</b></li> <li>• It is critical that sub-nationals speak with a coherent, co-ordinated voice in global forums.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	You will be taking part in a 1 hour moderated discussion and Q&A session with an audience.
<b>Why</b>	The General Assembly offers a high profile platform at the central Under2 Coalition engagement of the year to set out Scotland's strategic vision for the Coalition as European co-chair.
<b>Who</b>	<p>The panel will be moderated by <b>Mary Nichols</b>, Former Chair of the California Air Resources Board (CARB).</p> <p>Sitting alongside you on the moderated discussion will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Premier of KwaZulu-Nata I- <b>Nomusa Dube-Ncube</b> (confirmed)</li> <li>• Governor of Queretaro - <b>Mauricio Kuri González</b> (invited)</li> <li>• Governor of Acre - <b>Gladson Cameli</b> (invited)</li> <li>• Governor of Jeju Province - <b>Oh Young Hun</b> (invited)</li> <li>• President of Guelmim-Oued Noun – <b>Mbarka Bouaida</b> (invited)</li> <li>• Premier of Gauteng - <b>Panyaza Lesufi</b> (invited)</li> </ul>

	<p>Meanwhile the wider event will feature guest speakers such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Champa Patel – Executive Director for Governments and Policy, Climate Group</li> <li>• Ambassador Nina Hachigian - Special Representative for City and State Diplomacy, Office of Global Partnerships (confirmed)</li> <li>• The Hon Chris Bowen MP - Minister for Climate Change and Energy – Chair of the Energy and Climate Change Ministerial Council (ECMC) in Australia (invited)</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	Intercontinental Festival City, Dubai.
<b>When</b>	14.00-15.30 ( <b>Moderated discussion is 14.20-15.20</b> )
<b>Agenda</b>	<p>14.00 – Welcome, Agenda and Scene Setting</p> <p>14.05 – Opening Fireside Chat - Importance of multilevel integrated government</p> <p><b>14.20 – Moderated Discussion and Q&amp;A (Q&amp;A to begin at 15.10)</b></p> <p>15.20 – Closing Remarks</p>
<b>Media</b>	Social media
<b>Supporting official(s)</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Questions and Answers</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> </ul>

### Summary

Findings of the September 2023 Global Stocktake Synthesis Report demonstrate a need for more rapid and comprehensive action to reach net zero. With subnational governments strongly represented at the UN Secretary General’s Climate Ambition Summit and the introduction of a Local Climate Action Summit at COP28, we have entered a new era in multilateral climate discussion.

### Annotated agenda

1. Welcome, Agenda and Scene Setting
2. Opening Fireside Chat - Importance of multilevel integrated government
- 3. Moderated Discussion and Q&A (Q&A to begin at 15.10)**
4. Closing Remarks

### Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

**Question:**

Name one policy intervention or investment that your government introduced that can help with meeting your national NDC?

**Answer:**

- Scotland is one of only a very few countries to have set statutory annual targets, having set them for every year until we meet net zero, as well as including a share of emissions from international aviation and shipping in the targets.
- We met the 2020 target and are disappointed we missed the 2021 so narrowly.
- We know the importance of integrity and hold ourselves to account. If annual emissions targets are missed, we require a catch-up plan to set out additional policies to make up for the excess emissions by aiming to outperform on future targets.
- Scotland's legislation also enshrines in law our commitment to a just transition, ensuring fairness is at the heart of our approach.

**Question:**

How do you think national government should approach development of new NDCs and how can you help them?

**Answer:**

- Nationally Determined Contributions should be woven into mitigation and adaptation plans at all levels of government. As we know, the Global Stocktake report has urged countries to use its findings to ratchet ambition at COP28 and make clear commitments to greater climate action, particularly in relation to the next round of National Determined Contributions (NDCs) in 2025.
- As for helping Parties to recognise this ambition, the most effective means of doing so is to lead by example. Subnational governments have extensive experience in the development and delivery of climate action which is valuable to the NDC process.
- In Scotland, we are responsible for our own national Climate Change Plan, through which we have set ourselves some of the most ambitious targets in the world. Through demonstrating ambition – and the urgent action required to meet this- in ways such as this, we can influence larger states, including Parties, to take action.

**Question:**

How can Under2 Coalition help over next two years to assist states in supporting their national governments in developing NDCs?

**Answer:**

- The conclusions of the first-ever global stocktake report are deeply concerning and we must use COP28 to provide the dramatic course correction that we need to secure a net zero and climate resilient world.

- The momentum at this COP towards increasing the role of states, regions, cities and devolved nations is welcome. We must build upon this to fully realise our potential in UN processes, and to increase our influence.
- Under2 Coalition members can play a crucial role by demonstrating high levels of ambition and action. Through this demonstrative ambition, subnationals can be an asset to NDCs.
- Other opportunities to assist states exist in sharing of lessons-learned both amongst ourselves and with state governments in order to aid progress.
- Globally, we must coordinate with other subnational organisations such as the C40 group, to use shared asks and language to drive ambition.
- Domestically, states, regions, cities and devolved nations must lead by example, and continue to show ambition in their climate action.

## ANNEX A

### Biographies



**Mary Nichols (moderating discussion) – Director (North America) of The Climate Group.**

Mary is widely recognized for a career as one of the world’s most important environmental regulators.



**Nomusa Dube-Ncube** (Pronounced: *No-Moo-Sa Doo-Bay N'koo-Bay*)– **Premier of KwaZulu-Natal – member of the African National Congress (ANC)**

Premier Dube-Ncube governs the KwaZulu-Natal area on the South-West coast of South Africa, with a population of 11.1million. She is the first woman to hold the office. Premier Dube-Ncube is Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition representing the Africa Region, and will be meeting with the First Minister as part of the Co-Chairs meeting earlier in this event. **You will be on another panel with her tomorrow** to discuss the following topic: Climate Change Agendas At National Level: How To Strengthen Their Effectiveness Within Multilevel Governance.



**Mauricio Kuri González – Governor of Querétaro.**

Governor Kuri assumed office in October 2021, and represents the conservative National Action Party.



**Gladson Cameli – Governor of Acre (Pronounced: *Ak-ree*), Brazil, since 2021**

Governor Cameli represents the right-wing Progressistas party, supporters of ex-president Bolsonaro. Acre region is in northwest Brazil with a population of 700'000. It is within the amazon region, and has 92% tree cover.



**Oh Young-hun – Governor of Jeju Province, South Korea**

Oh Young-hun governs the group of islands in the Sea of Japan known as Jeju Provide, population ~700'000. He represents the centrist-liberal Democratic Party of Korea.



**Mbarka Bouaida - President of Guelmim-Oued Noun, Morocco**

In July 2019 she was elected to her post and became the first woman elected as a Moroccan regional leader. She represents the centre-right party National Rally of Independents.



**Panyaza Lesufi - Premier of Gauteng, South Africa- member of the African National Congress (ANC)**

Elected in October 2022, Lesufi is also affiliated with the South African Communist Party. Gauteng is the most populous province in S. Africa, with 15 million residents accounting for 26% of the country's population. It also contains the cities Johannesburg and Pretoria.

**UNDER2 COALITION GENERAL ASSEMBLY BREAKOUT SESSION: ALL OF SOCIETY APPROACH TO A JUST TRANSITION: UNLOCKING PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE JUST AND EQUITABLE NET ZERO**

**3 December 16:00-17:30**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Scottish Government is clear that our commitment to just transition goes beyond our own borders, and supports the development of a fair transformation to a fairer, climate resilient and net zero world.</b></li> <li>• This is why we fund peer-learning through the Just Transition Taskforce to ensure other regions are able to learn from best practice as it happens.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	You will be participating in a conversation with the Secretary of Sustainable Development of Yucatán on just transition stories as an in-person Ministerial demonstration of the work of the Just Transition Taskforce, which is a peer-learning and knowledge-sharing forum funded by Scottish Government.
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Who</b>	<p>Moderator: Professor Nick Robins, member of the Just Transition Commission and Professor in Practice for Sustainable Finance with the Grantham Research Institute at the London School of Economics and Political Science.</p> <p>Fellow panellist: Sayda Rodríguez Gómez, Secretary for Sustainable Development for Yucatán</p>
<b>Where</b>	Under2 Coalition General Assembly at COP28
<b>When</b>	Sunday 3 December, 2023 from 16:00 to 17:30. This conversation is the latter part of the event session, taking place between 17.00 and 17.25. Officials are currently planning for your attendance for the full session.

<b>Agenda</b>	<p><b>4:00pm</b>      <b>Welcome and introduction to Climate Group, Under2 Coalition</b> [redacted s.38(1)(b)], Climate Group</p> <p><b>4:02pm</b>      <b>Opening Remarks</b> Champa Patel - Executive Director – Government and Policy</p> <p><b>4:10pm</b>      <b>Panel discussion: Making transition plans just: from financial tools to community engagement</b> Moderated by Ms <b>Rwitwika Bhattacharya</b>, CEO of the Swaniti Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)], <b>Audience Q&amp;A</b></li> </ul> <p><b>In conversation with: Just Transition Stories</b> Moderated by Professor Nick Robins – Professor at LSE and commissioner of the Just Transition Commission</p> <p><b>4:50pm</b>      Màiri McAllan – Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition of Scotland</p> <p><b>5:00pm</b>      Sayda Rodríguez Gómez - Secretary of Sustainable Development of Yucatán</p> <p><b>Audience Q&amp;A</b></p> <p><b>End</b></p> <p><b>5:20pm</b></p> <p><b>5:25pm</b></p>
<b>Media</b>	Climate Group will likely be providing social media coverage of the Under2 General Assembly, including this session.
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Questions and answers</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> </ul>

## Summary

- Scottish Government has funded the inception and development of the Just Transition Taskforce, an officials-led peer-learning forum for members of the Under2 Coalition interested in just transition policy development. The Climate Group receives the funding to provide the practical support to the Taskforce, and currently 11 states and regions are active members (California, Gauteng, Western Cape, North Bank, Cross River State, Maharashtra, Isle of Man, Mato Grosso, Washington, Wales and Quebec)
- The Taskforce group has met three times and the Climate Group has also facilitated one-on-one engagement with states. Its third convening is bringing together representatives from 20 different states across Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America and North America and demonstrating global interest in embedding just transition into net zero plans.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## Agenda

1. 17:00 – 17:02: Moderator introductions  
The moderator will set the scene and invite the speakers to join the stage
2. 17:02 – 17:20: Moderated questions and answer session  
The moderator will ask six questions over the next 17 minutes, with the first two addressed to the Cabinet Secretary, the next two addressed to the Secretary of Sustainable Development, and the final two addressed to both speakers. Lines to take have been provided for the four questions addressed to the Cabinet Secretary.
3. 17:20 – 17:25: Audience Q&A  
No more than two questions will be taken from the audience, either for either panellist to respond to or directed at particular panellists. Indicative lines have been included in the background briefing section.

## Questions and answers

The event will take the format of a discussion moderated by Professor Nick Robins, with the below questions provided by the organisers below. There may be further questions from the audience at the event (please see background briefing section).

### **1. *Just transition has been high on the Scottish Government's agenda for several years, and Scotland took world-leading action to include a set of just transition principles in climate change legislation. Can you tell us more about that decision and how you are carrying it forward as Cabinet Secretary?***

- Scotland updated its climate change legislation at a time when there was increased emphasis on a just transition both internationally and domestically. The Paris Agreement in 2015 referred to taking into account the imperatives of



a just transition of the workforce, and the International Labour Organisation had published guiding principles for a just transition, covering:

- the need for policy coherence across portfolios;
  - the provision of a framework to create “decent jobs”;
  - consensus and social dialogue;
  - and the need to support workers’ rights and gender equality.
- Domestically, a coalition of trade unions and environmental stakeholders heavily advocated for a just transition to be integrated into the work of the Scottish Government, and set out their views on the remit of the first Just Transition Commission.
  - As we developed the Climate Change Bill, we considered the ILO’s principles. The Scottish Parliament held a parliamentary debate which demonstrated cross-party support for the application of just transition principles in Scotland.
  - Looking back since 2019, our approach to applying these principles across Scottish Government policy has expanded, most predominantly through the development of sector Just Transition Plans, which must be designed in a way that develops and maintains social consensus and meet just transition outcomes.
  - We are using these outcomes to guide our work in our £500 Just Transition Fund as well, as projects must demonstrate progress against the outcomes.

**2. As you know, the Scottish Just Transition Commission was tasked by your Government to advise you on your approach and has been clear that the costs should not unfairly burden those least able to pay. With your work developing Just Transition Plans for the built environment, transport and agriculture sectors, where have policies been effective in this regard and where is more work required to build on this?**

- Ensuring costs do not unfairly burden those least able to pay is at the heart of a just transition for Scottish Government and something we know our climate change policy needs to reflect. There are already examples where we have done this, for example expanding our provision of free bus travel. Scotland already has the most generous concessionary scheme in the UK, investing £300 million annually to provide free bus travel for over 2.6 million people, including everyone under 22 and over 60.
- We have also committed to investing at least £1.8 billion over the course of this Parliament towards heat and energy efficiency measures and to support those least able to pay, including grants of up to £7,500 for heat pumps and £7,500 for energy efficiency measures, including a rural uplift of £1,500.
- These are individual examples of where we’ve been taking this forward. Our Just Transition Plans aim to consider each sector’s transition in a holistic way, providing clarity and also assessing against unintended consequences. Broadly,

the Just Transition Plans will set out interventions that address co-benefits and ensure we are supporting those with the least ability to pay.

**3. Question to both Cab Sec and Secretary Rodríguez Gómez: Backlash can often cause policies to fail. How is our government creating a sense of distributional fairness of both adaptation and mitigation costs?**

- Our National Just Transition Planning Framework sets out the need to ensure a fair distribution of costs as one of our outcomes. We know we need to do this and that it is a hugely complex and challenging task, which is why Scottish Government is currently commissioning deliberative research to support both our understanding of what a fair distribution of costs is and engage members of the public on this.
- A key element of this approach is ensuring we engage the public on policies that are likely to impact their day-to-day lives and incur costs, so that members of the public feel they've been consulted.
- The Just Transition Commission's recent advice points out the need to introduce a distributive approach to ensure public consent for changes to come. Internationally, we know the UN has a principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities which increasingly may need to be considered in domestic policymaking to ensure there is a perceived sense of fairness in both mitigation and adaptation costs.

**4. Question to both Cab Sec and Secretary Rodríguez Gómez: Transitions are complex, what works well in one region today can backfire in another tomorrow. What lessons can you share from your perspective, to other sub-nationals that are integrating just transition in their net zero emissions plans?**

- Regions and nations across the globe are currently in the process of taking forward just transition work. This is new ground at a time when even reducing emissions is getting into a space of difficult decisions and trade-offs.
- This is why it is so important that we share knowledge as we go and why the Just Transition Taskforce offers a forum for that knowledge sharing.
- Our efforts to develop and co-design Just Transition Plans are already providing some learning on how to build trust around future interventions. It is clearly fundamental to engage stakeholders before policies are fully developed.
- Having a Just Transition Commission of experts has also helped shape the Scottish Government's approach in a number of ways, and we continue to benefit from the advice that Nick and the rest of the Commission provides. That's why I'm delighted to say our grant to C40 will include funding to Africa's first local Just Transition Commission, so that five regional governments in the Global South can benefit from expertise the way we have.

## Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## Background briefing

The session includes a 10 minute audience Q&A. The below lines have been provided as indicative potential questions.

### How will you monitor and evaluate progress in your Just Transition Plans?

- Each Just Transition Plans will contain a monitoring and evaluation framework, setting out a series of data indicators which will be used to measure progress against the sectoral outcomes.
- No other jurisdiction has developed a full monitoring and evaluation framework for a just transition. We are working on this.
- The Just Transition Commission has emphasised it is prioritising looking at monitoring and evaluation in its advice to the Scottish Government, and we will welcome the Commission's support on this and our work in tackling this important yet challenging part of this work.

### How are you financing the transition?

- We know that Government cannot fund the entire transition. This is why the Scottish Government has announced a new Green Industrial Strategy that will help businesses and investors and ensure the people of Scotland can share in the enormous economic opportunities of the global transition.
- A key focus in the year ahead will be to work across the public and private sectors to drive forward agreed recommendations from the **First Minister's Investor Panel** on how we attract private investment for large scale infrastructure projects and use public spending more effectively to crowd in private capital.
- We also have a £500 million Just Transition Fund for the North East and Moray, which has allocated £75 million to date, supporting projects and communities across the North East and Moray to create jobs, support innovation, and secure the highly skilled workforce of the future.
- Projects supported in the first year of the fund include:
  - £11 million on a **package of skills interventions** supporting the transferability of workforce across sectors to meet the needs of the net zero transition including: a digital offshore energy skills passport; and an Energy Transition Skills Hub.
  - £30 million on **innovative projects and approaches**, including two targeted innovation funding support schemes: the Social Enterprise Just Transition Fund and supply chain pathway and challenge fund; and a digital innovation lab.
  - £3 million testing and promoting **emerging technologies** such as EV battery recycling technology, offshore green hydrogen, and decommissioning; and

- o £4 million empowering and **investing in communities**, with our participatory budgeting approach and through specific community projects in ecovillages, adaptation and local climate assemblies.
- o We also ring-fenced £1m of the Fund in 2022-23 for participatory budgeting, which we will continue every year over the lifetime of this parliament.

How are you ensuring the needs of rural areas are reflected in the just transition?

- We are developing sectoral Just Transition Plans to address fairness in the highest emitting sectors, and are committed to following with regional Just Transition Plans, which will focus on the different needs and impacts on Scotland's regional economies and communities.
- However, it is already evident in developing sectoral Plans that no one-size-fits-all approach will work. The engagement with the public on the Just Transition Plans has been clear that there is a need to differentiate based on the ability to choose behaviours. Rural needs are a clear example of this.
- It's also worth pointing out that we have committed to regional just transition plans during the course of this parliament. We will be setting out our intended approach in the coming months.



**Moderator – Professor Nick Robbins.**

Nick Robbins sits on the Just Transition Commission with a particular interest in monitoring and evaluation and investment to finance the transition. You will have met Nick at the JTC's finance workshop in September 2023.



**Panellist – Sayda Rodríguez Gómez, Secretary for Sustainable Development, Yucatán State Government**

Sayda Rodriguez is the outgoing Head of the Secretariat of Sustainable Development of the Yucatan State Government, being the first woman to hold this position in Yucatán, having previously served as the Director of the Sustainable Development Unit of the Merida City Hall. The Secretariat is responsible for developing, implementing and overseeing climate change and sustainability policies at a state level. Yucatán holds a lot of potential for solar energy in Mexico's transition, with concerns having arisen around procedural justice and impacts on indigenous communities in the development of photovoltaic projects.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of December 2023**

(Finance/ Trade/ Gender Equality/ Accountability Day)

**CLIMATE CHANGE AGENDAS AT NATIONAL LEVEL: HOW TO STRENGTHEN THEIR EFFECTIVENESS WITHIN MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE**

**04 December 9:20-10:05**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working with international partners, such as Regions4, <b>we are committed to increasing the ambition and delivery of climate action by building capacity and sharing knowledge</b> to ensure that adaptation and biodiversity strategies and actions meet the needs of communities.</li><li>• <b>We see the value in multilevel cooperation so are calling for greater recognition of the important role states and regions play in responding to climate change to ensure they have a voice in global decision making.</b></li><li>• The twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss are amongst the biggest global challenges of our time and we will use our membership of Regions4 to ensure that we tackle the two together to build a more resilient future.</li></ul>
<b>What</b>	<p>You will be on a panel with: Mrs. Nomusa Dube Ncube, Governor of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa)</p> <p>You will be asked a specific question on panel moderated by [redacted s.38(1)(b)]. Region:</p> <p><b>How is the Scottish Government working with different levels of governments and stakeholders to deliver regional climate plans/programmes/actions?</b></p>
<b>Why</b>	<p>To promote Scotland's ambitious approach to net zero; highlight the work Scotland is doing on adaptation.</p>
<b>Who</b>	<p>Mrs. Nomusa Dube Ncube, Governor - KwaZulu-Natal (Africa). Mr. Jordan Harris (Regions4 Executive Director) Ms. Nehmat Kaur (Head of Under2 Coalition), Lombardy region authorities and other Italian regions, regional members of Regions4, Regions4 team, climate stakeholders.</p>
<b>Where</b>	<p>Italian Pavilion – Blue Zone</p>

	Stage will have 3/4 movable seats, 1 stool, a podium (lectern) with a microphone positioned for the moderator, 2/3 hand microphones for the speakers. 65" LED screen positioned behind the speakers' stage. 35 seats for the audience.
<b>When</b>	Arrive 9:20 to be briefed Leave: 10.05 (Question - 9.55 – 10.05) Full event runs from 9.30 – 11.00
<b>Agenda</b>	(Opening Remarks – 9.30 – 9.35) (Expert Opening panel – 9.35 – 9.50) 1 <sup>st</sup> Panel Discussion – 9.55 – 10.05 <b>you are only part of this panel and will be invited on stage for it</b>
<b>Media</b>	Social media post
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	Summary Agenda Desired outcomes Annex A: Biographies

### Summary

The event will demonstrate the role of states, regions, cities and non-state actors in driving progress on climate change mitigation and adaptation, allowing for the integration of global agendas and highlighting experiences of multi-level governance and collaboration with national governments.

You will be on the following panel for ten minutes: : 'Policies – How regional governments are putting into place regional climate plans/programmes/actions in collaboration with different levels of governance and actors?'

### Annotated agenda

- Opening Remarks – 9.30 – 9.35
- Expert Opening panel – 9.35 – 9.50
- 1<sup>st</sup> Panel Discussion – 9.55 – 10.05 – **You will be on panel and asked one question by** [redacted s.38(1)(b)]
- 2<sup>nd</sup> panel (You do not need to be present for this).
- Q and A (You do not need to be present for this).

## **Question and answer**

**Question:** How is the Scottish Government working with different levels of governments and stakeholders to deliver regional climate plans/programmes/actions?

**Answer:**

**Speaking points:**

### **Subnational Ambition for Adaptation:**

- States, regions and devolved nations have a significant amount to offer when it comes to contributing to national NDCs and NAPs, and we also have much to offer by demonstrating how to work successfully with local levels of government.
- Collaboration with regional and devolved governments working with national government is so important, but we must see Parties show willingness to collaborate with us and be responsive to our needs.
- Many states, regions and devolved nations such as us have produced their own versions of NDCs and NAPs, and – with our experience of implementation and understanding of communities on the ground - can offer valuable insight to national governments.
- Next year we will publish our new National Adaptation Plan. This plan will recognise the importance of regions and local authorities in delivery resilience across Scotland covering 5 outcomes across nature, communities, public services, business and the economy and our international efforts.
- We have initiated programmes to support adaptation in Scotland’s most rural and sparsely populated Northern region. These regional partnerships are proving an effective way of building an ecosystem of local authorities and public bodies to come together and deliver adaptation action in a way that is tailored to their region.
- We are also applying this approach that recognises regional strengths to just transition, by developing Just Transition Plans for sectors, regions and sites, ensuring our transition to net zero is a fair and managed transition.
- Finally, your question refers to stakeholders; a key stakeholder for Scotland is the public. We have a statutory public engagement plan and put a real emphasis on working with the public to understand how to support them to reduce emissions, and maintain public support for policies.



### Non-party governments potential:

- Welcome the momentum at this COP to increase the role of states, regions, cities and devolved nations and realise our potential in UN processes, including via the Local Climate Ambition Summit.
- Scotland will continue work to ensure that sub-nationals and those coalitions that represent them, such as Under2 and Regions4, are working together to deliver on ambitious climate actions.

### Background briefing

You met with Minister of Environment and Climate, Lombardy Region, Giorgio Maione Lombardy in Brussels in June 2023 at the Under2 Coalition European Meeting.

### ANNEX A

### Biographies

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

### Nomusa Dube-Ncube (Pronounced: *No-Moo-Sa Doo-Bay N'oo-Bay*)– Premier of KwaZulu-Natal – member of the African National Congress (ANC)



Premier Dube-Ncube governs the KwaZulu-Natal area on the South-West coast of South Africa. She is the first woman to hold the office. Premier Dube-Ncube is Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition representing the Africa Region, and met with the First Minister on 3 Dec as part of the Under 2 Co-Chairs Panel. You were also on another panel with her at the Under2 General Assembly on 3 December.

### MEETING WITH JUERGEN VOEGELE, WORLD BANK

Date - Information to come

<b>Key message</b>	We have a <b>moral responsibility</b> to provide finance to those most impacted by climate change, who have done the least to cause it.  The UNFCC Loss and Damage Fund must be meaningfully operational in a way that ensures <b>rapid, equitable access to</b>
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	<b>sufficient funding</b> that acknowledges the moral responsibility of historic emitters.
<b>What</b>	Bilateral meeting with World Bank.
<b>Why</b>	[redacted s.30]
<b>Who</b>	<b>Juergen Voegele</b> is the Vice President for Sustainable Development at the World Bank.
<b>Where</b>	Information to come
<b>When</b>	Information to come
<b>Agenda</b>	Multilateral Development Bank reform and Bridgetown initiative  UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund
<b>Media</b>	Information to come
<b>Supporting official</b>	Information to come
<b>Attached documents</b>	Summary Agenda Desired outcomes Annex A: Biography

## Summary

[redacted s.30]

## Agenda

1. **Multilateral Development Bank reform and Bridgetown initiative**
  - Welcome World Bank decisions at the Mottley-Macron June Summit, including on the “debt holidays” for climate impacted countries.
  - [redacted s.30]
  - We welcome momentum behind the Bridgetown Initiative and will continue to urge all to take action to increase climate finance available to vulnerable countries.
  - [redacted s.30]

## 2. UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund

- [redacted s.30]
- The UNFCCC Loss and Damage fund must be meaningfully operational in a way that ensures rapid, equitable access to sufficient funding that acknowledges the moral responsibility of historic emitters.
- [redacted s.30]

## Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## ANNEX A

## BIOGRAPHY

**Juergen Voegele** is the Vice President for Sustainable Development at the World Bank. He was previously Global Director of the Climate Change Group and Senior Director of the Agriculture and Food Global Practice.

As of 2022, the bank's total climate financing portfolio was \$29.4 billion. Critics say this is a start, but far from sufficient.

The Transitional Committee has recommended that the **UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund** is hosted at the World Bank for four years on an interim basis. Critics argue that it would fail to provide communities direct access to funds, and risk further indebting developing countries. Others see it as an opportunity to reform the World Bank, which also currently hosts the **UNFCCC Green Climate Fund**.

**The Bridgetown Initiative**, led by Barbados Prime Minister Mia Mottley, aims to increase the speed and scale of mitigation and adaptation funds from Multilateral Development Banks to the most climate vulnerable countries.

## UK GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL BRIEFING

4 December 11:30-12:00

<b>Key message</b>	SG will have 4 key objectives at COP28: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• urging greater action and funding for <b>loss and damage</b>;</li><li>• leading ambition and action by <b>sub-nationals</b>;</li><li>• showcasing our progress on delivering a <b>just transition to net zero</b> and continuing to build our leading renewables and hydrogen industries; and</li><li>• playing our part as a <b>good global citizen</b> and advancing international relations, including through a business delegation.</li></ul>
<b>What</b>	Meeting with UK Chief negotiator to discuss their COP28 priorities and negotiating positions.
<b>Why</b>	Opportunity to build understanding of how UKG expect COP28 to progress and wider COP context.
<b>Who</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(a)]
<b>Where</b>	Scottish Government delegation office
<b>When</b>	11:30-12:00
<b>Agenda</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Media</b>	N/A
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	N/A

**BILATERAL MEETING WITH WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION (WEDO)**

**4 December 12:00 – 12:30**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Scottish Government realises that women and girls will be disproportionately impacted by climate change.</li> <li>• <b>We are committed to making a positive contribution both at home and internationally have recently published our approach to International Feminist Approach to International Relations.</b></li> <li>• We will continue to champion and uphold the rights of women and girls impacted by climate change.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	Bilateral Meeting with WEDO and the women delegates we fund to attend COP.
<b>Why</b>	To hear about the ongoing work of WEDO and how our funding has contributed to their work. You will also meet with the Global South women delegates we fund to discuss their experiences of participating in negotiations.
<b>Who</b>	WEDO and delegates
<b>Where</b>	Workshop Space Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion
<b>When</b>	4 December 12:00 – 12:30
<b>Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction with WEDO and delegates</li> <li>2. Hear from delegates participating in negotiations</li> <li>3. Hear more about the recent work of WEDO</li> </ol>
<b>Media</b>	Social media post
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted S.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biography</li> </ul>

## **Summary**

Since 2017, we have funded WEDO to directly support women - primarily from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDs) to engage in UNFCCC talks and attend COPs. This year, our funding has supported three Global South women delegates to participate in the negotiations.

Our funding also supports others streams of WEDO work, including the Gender Just Climate Solution's Project which supports gender-responsive initiatives to scale up existing projects.

**SENSITIVITY** – [redacted S.32(1)(a)]

## **Agenda**

1. Introduction with WEDO and delegates
2. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## **Desired outcomes**

- Reaffirm our commitment to championing and uphold the rights of women and girls impacted by climate change.
- Delegates to share opportunities, experiences and challenges of participating in negotiations.

**ANNEX A**

## **Biography**

Awaiting confirmation of attendees.

## **SLYCAN LOSS AND DAMAGE EVENT**

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER – 13:15 – 13:25**

<b>Key message</b>	<p>Scotland is committed to not only pledging but mobilising Loss and Damage funding. We will continue to urge all to take action to increase climate finance available to vulnerable countries.</p> <p>Urgent decisions on the operationalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund are needed now. These decisions must be taken by listening to those currently experiencing loss and damage.</p> <p>Scotland is stepping up on loss and damage, providing £10 million to date, including via our Humanitarian Emergency Fund.</p>
<b>What</b>	An event hosted by SLYCAN Trust to discuss and exchange learning and best practice on loss and damage initiatives in Sri Lanka
<b>Why</b>	An opportunity to reaffirm our steadfast commitment to addressing loss and damage and our solidarity with those in the Global South.
<b>Who</b>	<p>[redacted s.38(1)(b)]</p> <p><b>Vositha Wijenayake</b>, Executive Director, SYLAN Trust</p> <p><b>Dennis Mombauer</b> - Director: Research &amp; Knowledge Management, SLYCAN Trust Global and CLIMAFUGE</p> <p>[redacted s.38(1)(b)]</p> <p><b>UNFCCC representatives</b></p>
<b>Where</b>	Blue Zone, Sri Lanka Pavilion
<b>When</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, 13:15-14:25
<b>Agenda</b>	<p>Opening speech – Opening Speech by SYLCAN Trust Director</p> <p>Welcome speech – <b>You will give a 5 minute welcome speech (You are free to leave after your speech)</b></p> <p>Following your speech, there will be an open dialogues between representatives from the Sri Lankan Government, the UNFCCC and SLYCAN Trust. <b>(You are not required for this)</b></p>
<b>Media</b>	To be confirmed
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biography</li> <li>• Annex B: Speaking Note</li> </ul>

## Summary

This event is organised by SLYCAN Trust in collaboration with SLYCAN Trust Youth, EthicalX: Climate & Innovation Hub, ClimaComms, and CLIMAFUGE. It aims to share initiatives on climate-related loss and damage and approaches for inclusive and transformative solution development from Sri Lanka and across the world.

The SLYCAN Trust are a non-profit think tank working on climate change.

## Agenda

### 1 - Opening Speech by SLYCAN Trust Director

**2 – Cabinet Secretary remarks** (5 minutes) – You will respond to the following question:

*Why was it important for Scotland to commit loss and damage funding at COP26 and how do you see the impact of this commitment?*

Speaking note in Annex B. **You are free to leave after the speech.**

**3 - Panel discussion** – Following your speech, there will be a panel discussion, focussing on initiatives on Loss and Damage in Sri Lanka. **You are not required for this discussion**

### Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## ANNEX A

### Biographies

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]





**Dennis Mombauer, Director: Research & Knowledge Management, SLYCAN Trust Global and CLIMAFUGE.** His research includes engagement of civil society, youth, women, and vulnerable communities in adaptation and climate action.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**ANNEX B**

## **SPEAKING NOTE**

**740 words**

### **Introduction**

A warm welcome to you all. I'm delighted to be here this afternoon, representing the Scottish Government at this important and timely discussion on loss and damage.

My thanks to all the organisers and participants, including the SLYCAN Trust and their partners SLYCAN Trust Youth. I'd also like to welcome representatives from the Sri Lankan Government and the UNFCCC, who will share their experiences shortly.

### **UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund**

I been asked to talk about **why** it's important that Scotland committed loss and damage funding at COP26 and **what** the impact of that commitment has been.

Well, let's start with the **why**.

2023 is on track to be the hottest year on earth since records began and the consequences have been felt worldwide.

Over the past year, we've seen a food crisis in Malawi, drought in the Horn of Africa, and wildfires in places such as Greece, Hawaii and Canada.

The devastating impacts of the climate crisis are affecting communities all over the world, but these impacts are being felt first and most severely in the Global South.

We recognise that developed countries, like Scotland, who have benefited so greatly from industrialisation, have a moral responsibility to address the loss and damage caused by unavoidable climate change impacts.

### **Scotland's action on loss and damage**

Addressing loss and damage is at the very heart of Scotland's focus on international climate action and climate justice. At COP26, we became the first Global North Government to commit funding for loss and damage: **turning pledges into action.**

Our initial £2 million, is already supporting communities in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands. For example, projects we have funded are helping communities in Malawi to rebuild houses destroyed by cyclone Ana, using resilient building materials and local artisans; supporting climate displaced women in Bangladesh to increase their incomes; and funding community led action across Pacific Islands.

At COP27, we committed a further £5 million of funding to address non-economic loss and damage.

And at New York Climate Week, in September, our First Minister announced that we will be partnering with the Climate Justice Resilience Fund to deliver this £5 million commitment, on programmes that will be community led, and give a strong voice to women and girls.

### **Scotland - leading by example**

We recognise that our funding commitments are small in terms of what is needed globally. But we see them as important step in mobilising, scaling, and motivating greater international action – showing that we can spend on loss and damage **now**.

Our pledges at COP26 and COP27 were a catalyst for other governments to step up and commit funding. And we will continue to encourage governments, NGOs, and the private sector, to step up their ambitions on addressing loss and damage.

### **Listening to women and young people**

It's not just about the amount of funding pledged but **how** it is distributed.

In all the projects we fund we seek to ensure that women, young people and those facing existing marginalisation in their communities are at the forefront of all decision making.

Our job is to listen to their experiences, and most importantly, in response: do everything in our power to support the platforming of our Global South partners in international climate discussions.

### **Building global evidence on loss and damage**

We know that there are still substantial gaps in the global evidence base on loss and damage, particularly on non-economic loss and damage.

Learning from our programme is contributing to this global evidence. The better we understand what works on the ground, the more effective our interventions will be.

That's why we brought together international representatives and practitioners to articulate best practice on *Addressing Loss and Damage* for a Conference in 2022.

At the conference, we made real progress, discussing and then putting into practical action afterwards, the importance of varied and targeted funding for loss and damage, that does not create debt for

those countries most in need of our support. But there is so much more to learn and that's why we're here today.

## Closing

I'd like to finish by reiterating commitment that Scotland will continue to champion the issue of loss and damage, pushing other countries and funders for greater ambition and action. We are clear that a people-centred, human rights approach must be central to this action.

I'd now like to hand over to colleagues for what I'm sure will be an informative discussion. Thank you.

## EQUITABLE INSTITUTIONALISATION OF THE LOSS AND DAMAGE FUND: AMPLIFYING YOUTH AND INDIGENOUS VOICES

5 December 11:30 – 12:30

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Urgent decisions on the operationalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund are needed now. These decisions must be taken by <b>listening to those currently experiencing loss and damage, particularly youth and indigenous voices.</b></li><li>• Scotland is stepping up on loss and damage, providing £10 million to date, including via our Humanitarian Emergency Fund.</li></ul>
<b>What</b>	An event to platform youth and indigenous voices in discussions around Loss and Damage. Young people at the event will call for signatories and support for a youth plenary at COP29.

	<p>You will give a 7-minute opening speech.</p> <p>There will then be a panel discussion moderated by Jemima Gordon-Duff. Depending on timings of your next event, you can either stay and participate in the panel, or leave when the panel starts.</p>
<b>Why</b>	<p>To reaffirm our commitment to amplifying youth and indigenous voices in discussions on Loss and Damage.</p> <p>To support YOUNGO (Youth Climate Movement) in their call for a Youth Plenary at COP29.</p> <p>To announce where our £1 million of climate funding for Scotland's Humanitarian Emergency Fund (HEF) is being spent – Zambia, Pakistan, Kenya, Ethiopia.</p>
<b>Who</b>	<p>Panellists for the event are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)]</li> <li>• Moderator: Jemima Gordon-Duff (Scottish Government – Deputy Director International Climate Change)</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion
<b>When</b>	11:30 – 12:30: Event begins
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening speech from Cabinet Secretary</li> <li>• Panel Discussion</li> <li>• Q&amp;A Discussion</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	None but event will be streamed live – and later uploaded to – YouTube
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)] – International Climate Change
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> <li>• Annex B: Speaking Note</li> </ul>

## Summary

This event is a partnership with The Global North and South Movement (GNSM), and in collaboration with the Loss and Damage Youth Coalition (LDYC). The event aims to build on discussions about the equitable institutionalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund, while supporting and promoting narratives from youth and indigenous voices.

- You will open the event with a seven-minute speech during which you will announce where our £1 million of climate funding for Scotland’s Humanitarian Emergency Fund (HEF) is being spent – Zambia, Pakistan, Kenya, Ethiopia. Following this, there will be a panel discussion and a Q&A session. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

You will be speaking to many of the panel members later in the day (5<sup>th</sup> December) at 15:15 – 15:45.

### **Annotated agenda**

Opening Speech by Cabinet Secretary – 7 minutes

- Just prior to you giving opening remarks, Jemima Gordon-Duff (moderator) will briefly introduce the session, before handing over to yourself for opening remarks
- Speaking notes in Annex B
- Panel Discussion – 45 minutes [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
  - Narrative and Equity Question from Moderator: How can we reshape the narrative around loss and damage to emphasize its broader dimensions, including cultural, ecological, and spiritual aspects, as well as non-economic loss and damage, and ensure that it reflects the experiences of indigenous communities?
  - Indigenous Knowledge and Climate Resilience Question from Moderator: How can indigenous communities' valuable knowledge and practices for climate resilience be integrated into the Loss and Damage Facility to address the specific impacts they face?
  - Youth Empowerment and Decision-Making Question from Moderator: How can youth be given a more active role in the establishment and decision-making of the Loss and Damage Fund, ensuring that their voices, insights, and concerns are not only heard but also acted upon?
- Audience Q&A – 8 minutes [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **Desired outcomes**

- To reaffirm our commitment to amplifying youth and indigenous voices in discussions on Loss and Damage.



- To support YOUNGO (Youth Climate Movement) in their call for a Youth Plenary at COP29.

### Background briefing

- The HEF panel have selected four £250,000 projects – in Pakistan, Zambia, Kenya and Ethiopia, which will be delivered between December 2023 and March 2024.
- The projects are as follows
  - **Organisation:** Christian Aid (£250,000)  
**Interventions:** will be implemented in Ethiopia, South Omo.  
**Themes of identification:** loss and damage and non-economic loss and damage  
**Vulnerabilities:** Prolonged drought and flooding  
**Focus:** infrastructure, livelihoods, health and mental well-being, gender responsive
  - **Organisation:** Oxfam (£250,000)  
**Interventions:** will be implemented in Kenya - Samburu East and Isiolo North Triangle in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs) region.  
**Themes of identification:** loss and damage non-economic loss and damage  
**Vulnerabilities:** Drought, flash floods and resource related conflict.  
**Focus:** infrastructure, livelihoods, peacebuilding, gender responsive
  - **Organisation:** SCIAF (£250,000)  
**Interventions:** will be implemented in Zambia.  
**Themes of identification:** loss and damage and non-economic loss and damage  
**Vulnerabilities:** Flooding and drought  
**Focus:** community participation, gender responsive, capacity building
  - **Organisation:** Tearfund (£250,000)  
**Interventions:** will be implemented in Pakistan, Punjab.  
**Themes of identification:** loss and damage  
**Vulnerabilities:** Floods  
**Focus:** livelihoods. infrastructure, gender responsive

## **ANNEX A**

### **Biographies**

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## **ANNEX B**

### **Speaking note**

Thank you for the introduction – it is a pleasure to be here today to open this event and share the floor with youth and indigenous voices.

I would like to extend my thanks to the Global North and South Movement and YOUNGO for their hard work to organise today's event.

Last year, in Sharm el Sheikh, we met to push for substantive progress to reduce emissions, build resilience and to advance the discussion on climate finance and loss and damage.

A year later, we meet again following events around the world that have served as a stark reminder that the climate crisis is a crisis that is here and now.

2023 is on track to be the hottest year on earth since records began and the consequences have been felt worldwide.

Over the past year, we've seen a food crisis in Malawi, drought in the Horn of Africa, and wildfires in places such as Greece, Hawaii and Canada.

We meet today in more difficult circumstances than ever before and with the impacts of climate change being felt more intensely and more frequently.

But what has remained steadfast in that year is our resolve to meet these challenges head on, in a way that is fair and just.

In our response to meeting these challenges, we must recognise the inherent injustice at the heart of climate change.

Far too often it is those who have contributed least to the crisis that often suffer the impacts first and most severely.

We recognise that developed countries, like Scotland, who have benefited so greatly from industrialisation, have a moral responsibility to address the loss and damage caused by unavoidable climate change impacts.

We also cannot ignore that within these communities, climate impacts have the ability to exacerbate existing inequalities.

Far too often it is women, young people and those already marginalised that bare the very worst of its impacts.

The Scottish Government stands in solidarity with the Global South. Last year, at COP27, we saw a breakthrough agreement to establish an international loss and damage fund.

While we recognise this achievement, there is still a considerable distance to go to properly address losses and damages in the Global South.

In those decisions around the operationalisation of the fund, we must listen and be guided by those who are

already experiencing the very worst impacts of loss and damage.

At COP26, we were proud to become the first Global North country to commit funds explicitly to address loss and damage.

Since then, we have continued to champion the issue of loss and damage, pushing other countries and funders for greater ambition and action. We are clear that a people-centred, human rights approach must be central to this action.

During New York Climate Week, our First Minister announced a new **£1m programme to address loss and damage** to be delivered through Scotland's Humanitarian Emergency Fund.

Since the announcement, we have worked at pace to mobilise those funds and today, I am pleased to

announce, four projects have now been selected as part of the programme - projects in Pakistan, Zambia, Kenya and Ethiopia.

This is the first time, that we know of, that loss and damage funding has been dispersed through a humanitarian framework in this way.

We hope that this will provide valuable learning and that this will support a growing evidence- base to inform UNFCCC and COP discussions.

We do not have all the answers. But we are making a start and hope we can offer some.

We know, for example, that a changing climate amplifies existing gender inequalities.

That's why we must recognise the differentiated impacts of climate change on women in particular if our progress on climate change is ever to be more than partial.

We know too that even in humanitarian contexts, we must be locally-led. People are the greatest experts in their own lives. Our job is to listen and respond.

These projects will therefore address the disproportionate impact of climate change on women and marginalised groups, and local communities will be involved in each step of project design and delivery.

In Scotland, we are committed, not just to taking a human rights based approach in our climate justice work, but across all of our international relations. We have committed to taking a feminist approach to all international relations.



Over the past two years, we have been speaking to experts in this area, based in Scotland and abroad, to help us shape our approach.

We have spent this time listening and learning from others, including experts by experience and academics, including those from the Global South.

Last month, we published our position paper that sets out the principles which will guide our work and ensure our feminist approach.

This is just the first step of our journey to ensure all our work on international relations, development and climate justice is fully gender-responsive.

Across the world, young people have been instrumental in bringing the issue of climate change to the fore of public consciousness.

Climate change is, without doubt, an unjust legacy for young people. They will face the greatest impacts of the crisis across their lifetimes. As we look to the future, we must listen, learn from and be guided by our future generations.

This year, Scotland is delighted to be welcoming four young women from the Global South as part of our Scottish Human Rights Defender Fellowship delivered through the University of Dundee.

The Fellowship supports defenders working to promote gender and the environment, providing a temporary place of respite in Scotland from the dangerous conditions around the world, while they develop their skills and extending their networks.

This year, the programme is supporting its youngest ever defender to take part, alongside the first defender from an indigenous community.

This is a small step but one of many in our work to ensure that marginalised groups, including young people and women, are at the centre of climate action.

We want to act as a bridge – providing marginalized groups with a platform and access to international dialogues.

We are clear that the lived experiences of marginalized groups and their demands must be heard as crucial evidence of the need for action of unprecedented scale and urgency.

I hope that, when we meet again at COP29, we can look back at this moment and reflect on the progress we have made in advocating for a stronger youth and indigenous

voice in formal negotiations and on the operationalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund.

The Scottish Government will lend its full support to YOUNGO in their call for a youth plenary at COP29.

Thank you.

#### **MEETING WITH CLIMATE JUSTICE RESILIENCE FUND PARTNERS**

**5 December 14:30-15:00**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will continue to urge all to increase climate finance available to vulnerable countries.</li> <li>• And we will continue to play a bridging role, ensuring the voice of women, young people and the Global South influence debate and action at COP28.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	Meeting with partner organisations funded through our £1m loss and damage grant to the Climate Justice Resilience Fund (CJRF).
<b>Why</b>	Opportunity to hear directly from Global South partners.
<b>Who</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)] - CJRF  Information to be added once attendees known
<b>Where</b>	Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion Workshop Space
<b>When</b>	5 December 14.30 – 15.00
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scotland’s commitment to addressing loss and damage</li> <li>• Reflections on projects funded</li> <li>• UNFCCC negotiations</li> </ul>

<b>Media</b>	none
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)] International Climate Change
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Annex A - Biographies</li> <li>• Annex B - Projects funded</li> </ul>

## SUMMARY

An opportunity to meet with Global South partners we are funding through our £1m loss and damage grant to the Climate Justice Resilience Fund and to hear partners' reflections on projects and hopes for the UNFCCC negotiations.

## Agenda

### 1. Scotland's commitment to addressing loss and damage

- We will continue to urge all to increase climate finance available to vulnerable countries.
- And we will continue to play a bridging role, ensuring the voice of women, young people and the Global South influence debate and action at COP28.

### 2. Reflections on projects funded

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### 3. UNFCCC negotiations

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## ANNEX A

## BIOGRAPHIES

Information to be added. Attendees tbc.

### FUNDED PROJECTS

#### 1. Overview

Of our initial £2m announced at COP26, £1m was awarded to the Climate Justice Resilience (CJRF) who have distributed a variety of community led grants (detailed below).

CJRF are also our partners for the £5m programme to address non-economic loss and damage. **Projects have not yet been selected.**

#### 2. Africa

A \$200,000 grant was provided to **Churches Action in Relief and Development (CARD)** to support the communities in Chikwawa district in Malawi, which was devastated by Cyclone Ana in January 2022.

The project provided support to rebuild houses destroyed by the cyclone, using resilient building materials and local artisans. It has a livelihood component in the form of a livestock pass-on scheme, in which one set of families receive the first round of goats, which are supported by veterinary services and livestock insurance. Once the goats reproduce, the first set of families pass on the offspring to a predetermined second set of families. **These interventions were identified and selected by community members during a community-level assessment of the loss and damage they** experienced after Cyclone Ana.

#### 3. Asia

A \$250,000 grant was provided to **Helvetas Bangladesh** to help families make more informed decisions about migration, including by offering skill development opportunities for more economically successful migration.

The project also provided support for the smart use of remittances to support the climate resilience of family members who have not migrated. The project will **establish a gender-disaggregated database of seasonal or temporary migrant workers, to provide an evidence base for further support for climate-forced displacement**. In addition to support around migration, the project enabled communities to re-build livelihoods and infrastructure damaged by climate-induced disaster. Community Teams, composed of previously displaced community members, played a critical role in identifying those in need of support first.

1. A further \$250,000 grant was provided to **Young Power in Social Action** to support climate-forced displaced people in south-eastern Bangladesh.

This project focused on providing for the immediate basic needs of climate-forced displaced people in a safe location, as well as building the capacity of climate-forced displaced people, especially youth, to advocate for the security of their rights and livelihoods. Through these efforts, **the project focused on increasing the income of women and women-headed families** through alternative livelihoods and by providing them with safe shelter. As part of this project, YPSA also advocated for rights-based solutions for climate-forced displacement.

#### **4. Pacific Islands**

A \$225,000 grant was provided to the **Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)** to support partners across the Pacific to collaboratively assess and address climate-induced losses and damages being faced in their communities.

**Partners co-designed the range of activities that each organisation undertook through subgrants from UUSC.** Design activities include youth organising to map out what is being lost or damaged and community-led strategy development to seek resources for rebuilding or relocation. Other activities included protection of traditional knowledge through storytelling; preservation of traditional knowledge through intergenerational dialogue; and litigation at the regional and international levels. **UUSC is also engaging in participatory monitoring, evaluation, and learning in this grant in a deliberative and consultative manner.**

#### **5. Multi-country**

A \$200,000 grant was awarded to the **Loss and Damage Youth Coalition**, to prioritise how loss and damage funding should be allocated. **Eleven small scale, youth led projects** were funded including:

- Sustainability Week Pakistan - \$10K to address loss and damage through olive tree planting, grafting, and oil extraction that creates green jobs and reforests dry areas.
- Women for Green Economy Movement Uganda - \$10K grant from the Council to plant trees in areas affected by floods and mudslides in Mbale, Uganda.

- The Mawoudit Foundation in South Sudan - \$10K grant to re-construct grass-made houses, distribute solar lamps, and train people to use these lamps in areas affected by the climate crisis.

## INFORMAL MEETING WITH YOUNGO MEMBERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE INVOLVED IN LOSS AND DAMAGE AT COP28

5 December 15:15 – 15:45

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Scottish Government is committed to listening to and amplifying the voices of young people, especially those from the Global South</b>, when it comes to climate change and loss and damage.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	<p>This is an informal meeting with young people involved in loss and damage at COP28.</p> <p>You will have met some attendees briefly earlier in the day as part of the <i>Equitable Institutionalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund: Amplifying Youth and Indigenous Voices</i> event.</p>
<b>Why</b>	An informal opportunity to meet with young people involved in loss and damage at COP28 to discuss young people’s experiences at COP, loss and damage, and what the Scottish Government can do to amplify youth voices.
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)]</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	<p>Workshop space  Multilevel Action and Urbanisation Pavilion  Thematic Arena 3  Opportunity Petal  Blue Zone</p>
<b>When</b>	5 December 15:15 – 15:45
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction</li> <li>• Young People and climate change</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Loss and damage</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	None
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)], International Climate Change
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> </ul>

### Summary

This meeting is an opportunity to listen to young people involved in loss and damage at COP and consider what the Scottish Government can do to champion youth voices regarding climate change and loss and damage.

Some attendees will have been involved in the panel *Equitable Institutionalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund: Amplifying Youth and Indigenous Voices* earlier in the day.

### Agenda

#### 1. Introduction

- Some attendees will have been involved in the panel *Equitable Institutionalisation of the Loss and Damage Fund: Amplifying Youth and Indigenous Voices* earlier in the day.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

#### 2. Young people and climate change

- The Scottish Government is keen to amplify, support and empower the voices of young people – especially those from the Global South – with regards to climate change.
- Around the world young people have been instrumental in bringing the issue of climate change and ecological decline to the fore of public consciousness, but are too often excluded from decision-making processes.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

#### 3. Loss and damage

- We recognise that systemic prejudice and inequalities have created disproportionate climate impacts for marginalised communities including young people in the Global South.
- Scotland is determined to play its part as a good global citizen when it comes to loss and damage.

- Progress towards the operationalisation of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage fund is welcome. But the Scottish Government’s view is that it that must not come at the expense of it being meaningfully operational in a way that ensures rapid, equitable access to sufficient funding that acknowledges the moral responsibility of historic emitters.
- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### Desired outcomes

To gain a deeper understanding of young people’s experiences during COP28, an opportunity to discuss loss and damage with young people and what Scotland can do to greater amplify youth voices.

## ANNEX A BIOGRAPHIES

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

## STRATHCLYDE RECEPTION 5 December 19:00-21:00

<b>Key message</b>	Thank GlobalScots for their work in developing Scotland’s relationship with the UAE. Thank delegates for representing Scotland during COP28. Offer reflections from engagements at COP28 so far and progress made.
<b>What</b>	GlobalScot/Alumni Business Networking Event
<b>Why</b>	Opportunity to meet with GlobalScots, alumni and COP28 delegates at informal networking event.
<b>Who</b>	Scotland’s COP28 Delegates GlobalScots Alumni Academics SG/SDI Officials  40-50 Attendees Expected
<b>Where</b>	Strathclyde University Campus G26 Block 2A Dubai Knowledge Park
<b>When</b>	5 December 19:00-21:00

<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome from Strathclyde University (individual TBC)</li> <li>• Reflections on COP28 – Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero</li> <li>• Overview of GlobalScot Programme – Reuben Aitkin MD SDI</li> <li>• Informal networking reception</li> </ul>
<b>Media</b>	TBC
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted - s.38(1)(b)].
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Background Briefing</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> </ul>

## Summary

Following a welcome from a senior Strathclyde University Representative, you will be invited to say a few informal remarks reflecting on her engagement at COP28 and progress being made.

This will then be followed by SDI MD Reuben Aitken describing the role of GlobalScots and how they can support the delegation. The reception will provide an informal networking opportunity to allow the SG business delegation to meet with GlobalScots and alumni, understand their role and learn how they can support them and what assistance is available in the UAE market.

The reception is being hosted by Strathclyde University, where the Business School first launched their MBA programme in the UAE in 1995.

## Agenda

### Running Order:

- 19:00-19:30 - Arrival and tour of Strathclyde Campus and Sit Down with Academics to Talk Through Their Work
- 19:30-19:50 - Speeches (Strathclyde Academic, Cab Sec, SDI MD) – 5 mins each
- 19:50-20:30 - Networking continues

## Background briefing

## **GlobalScots Summary**

- Led and managed by SDI, GlobalScot is a worldwide network of business professionals, entrepreneurs, business leaders and community figureheads, who have a connection to Scotland.
- GlobalScots work on a voluntary basis to help the wider Scottish business community thrive internationally by providing advocacy, critical market insight, connections and support to drive Scotland's T&I ambitions.
- The network comprises **1,259** individuals worldwide, of which **95** are based in the Middle East (October 2023).
- GlobalScots can be found in **64** countries and represent all key priority sectors.
- The total number of Scottish companies registered for support from the network is currently sitting at **1,437**.
- Scaling the network has focused on key geographies and sectors vital for Scotland's economy – last year the network recruited an additional **137** GlobalScot members, **25** of which are based in the Middle East.

## **Strathclyde Business School History in UAE:**

- They are the first business school to offer the MBA in the UAE and enjoy the benefits of being an early mover in this market with well in excess of 1200 MBA graduates.
- Historically delivered its programmes within a partnership model, however in 2020 saw the launch of Strathclyde Business School as its own entity in the UAE, with its new premises in Dubai Knowledge Park, new staff and an updated strategy.
- Strathclyde Business School is a world class Business School consistently ranked in the FT rankings and being set within a leading technological University with a socially progressive mission, offers substantial links and benefits to stakeholders.
- The team in Dubai are on a growth trajectory and building brand and presence for strong future growth, collaboration in order to attain the ambitions of the University, regionally and to add to its international strategic targets.

## **Biographies**

TBC

## **Suggested speaking points**

- It's great to be at Strathclyde University, here in Dubai. This is my first visit on campus.
- It is really encouraging to see lots of GlobalScots, Alumni and business delegates attending.

- As Reuben says, GlobalScots do a lot of good work to promote Scotland, so I would personally like to thank you for all your efforts.
- I'm looking forward to hearing the experiences of delegates over the last two days such as meeting the FM and the panel discussions you have been involved in.
- [offer reflections on COP28]

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of December 2023

(Multilevel Action, Urbanization and Built Environment/ Transport Day)

### GREEN HYDROGEN AND 24/7 CARBON-FREE ENERGY

6 December 10:25-11:15

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a trusted and reliable trading partner, <b>Scotland could play a central role in securing a future energy supply and accelerating the global transition to net zero.</b></li> <li>• We recognise that international co-operation will be key to developing future hydrogen markets and their supporting infrastructure and will continue to seek out collaboration opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	This event will showcase the merger of the Green Hydrogen Catalogue within the 24/7 CFE compact and is an opportunity for the Cabinet Secretary to discuss Scotland's leading role in using green hydrogen within the net zero energy transition.
<b>Why</b>	This event is on green hydrogen, which is specifically mentioned in the COP objectives – a just transition to net zero, particularly around offshore wind and hydrogen.
<b>Who</b>	<p>Keynotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dan Joergensen, Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities, Denmark</li> <li>• Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco</li> <li>• Mairi McAllan, Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Just Transition, Scottish Government</li> </ul> <p>Panel discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ditte Juul Jørgensen, Director General, DG Energy, European Commission</li> <li>• Rosilena Lindo, Deputy Minister of Energy, Panama (online)</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)]</li> <li>• Thorsten Herdan, CEO HIF EMEA</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mohamed Ali Zerouali, Member of the Council Of Engineers for Energy Transition to UNSG - Task force Green H2 and President of the International Commission of Moroccan Green H2 Cluster.</p>
<b>Where</b>	SDG7 Pavilion
<b>When</b>	10.25-11.15

<b>Agenda</b>	Timings of speech tbc
<b>Media</b>	N/A
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]

### **Summary**

Ms McAllan will deliver a keynote speech highlighting Scotland hydrogen ambition, following speeches from Ministers from Denmark and Morocco.

The First Minister met the CEO of SE4All, Damilola Ogunbiyi at NWCW 2023 and Ms McAllan met her in NYCW 2022 when the Scottish Government formally became a signatory to the 24/7 CFE.

### **Desired outcomes**

Redacted s.29(1)(a)

### **Background briefing**

#### **SE4All**

- SEforALL is an international organisation working in partnership with the United Nations, governments, the private sector, civil society, and financial institutions to accelerate the delivery of Sustainable Development Goal 7 (SDG7): universal access to sustainable energy by 2030.
- SEforALL has developed a number of energy compact commitments which countries and organisations can sign up to, including the 24/7 Carbon-Free Energy Compact (24/7 CFE); a commitment to fully decarbonise the electricity sector. The Scottish Government are a signatory to this Compact.

#### **24/7 Carbon Free Energy Compact (24/7 CFE)**

- The 24/7 CFE was established to drive rapid decarbonisation of the world's electricity systems and was formally launched in September 2021.
- The Compact is a global community that works together to accelerate the decarbonisation of electricity systems by connecting over 130 companies, organisations, NGOs, governments and other stakeholders that have voluntarily committed to advance progress on SDG7 and net-zero emissions.
- The Scottish Government signed up to the Compact in May 2022, when Ms McAllan, then Minister for Environment, Biodiversity and Land Reform, met Damilola Ogunbiyi at NYCW.

#### **SE4ALL funding award**

- SE4ALL are an international organisation working in partnership with the United Nations, leaders in government, the private sector, financial institutions and civil society with a goal to drive further, faster action toward achieving sustainable energy access (SDG7).
- Working with partners like SE4ALL, the Scottish Government is committed to playing its part as a good global citizen and helping to tackle global challenges.
- We are delighted to announce funding of £250,000, from our International Development Fund (IDF), to SE4ALL to enable them to deliver two renewable energy capacity building projects in Zambia and Rwanda

## **ANNEX B**

### **Speaking note**

682 words, 5 minutes

## **Scotland's Hydrogen Ambition**

### **Introduction**

Good morning to you all.

I would first like to thank SEforALL for inviting me to this event, it is a pleasure to speak to here today.

SE4ALL play a crucial role accelerating the path to universal access to clean energy. In 2022, on behalf of the Scottish Government, I signed the SEforALL 24/7 Carbon Free Energy Compact – a commitment to fully decarbonising the electricity sector.



I am also delighted that, earlier this week, the Scottish Government announced funding for two SE4ALL capacity building projects to unlock local currency financing for mini-grids in Zambia and to accelerate access to clean cooking methods in Rwanda.

While we expect direct electrification to do the heavy lifting in decarbonising the energy system, we also recognise the contribution that green hydrogen can make as part of an integrated energy system.

This will be particularly the case in hard to abate sectors such as heavy-duty transport, shipping, aviation and some industrial uses.

As we are all very aware, there is a global momentum and enthusiasm behind green hydrogen, and in Scotland we share this enthusiasm.

## **Scotland's Ambition**

Our Hydrogen Action Plan published last year sets out the vision and actions that we will take to ensure that Scotland becomes a leader in the production of reliable, competitive, and renewable hydrogen.

We believe we have the assets to bring forward large scale green hydrogen production. Alongside our vast offshore wind resources, we have a skilled technical workforce, and highly specialised companies in the energy sector.

As an early adopter and supporter of hydrogen, Scotland is already taking an innovative lead, developing a strong track record of world-leading hydrogen demonstration projects.

## **International Collaboration**

In fact, we strongly believe that Scotland has a key role to play internationally. Our Hydrogen Action Plan sets out some of the actions that we will take to ensure that Scotland can contribute to meeting the growing demand in Europe.

Our approach for the development at pace of the sector is one that focuses in cooperation.

We are proud members of key European alliances such as the Vanguard Initiative, Hydrogen Europe's Regional Pillar, and we co-chair Europe's Under 2 Coalition. We have also signed a number of international agreements on hydrogen, including with Denmark, Occitania, and German states.

We are also involved in a number of cutting edge international hydrogen research partnerships.

We have provided funding towards Hydrogen Backbone Link Project, which is assessing the potential to connect Scotland to the European Hydrogen Backbone pipeline.

We are also currently working with the Port of Rotterdam and other strategic partners, assessing the feasibility of shipping Hydrogen from Scotland to Northern Europe.

## **Export Ambition**

Our analysis shows that Scotland can be an exporter of hydrogen, we have the potential to produce over 3 million tonnes of green hydrogen per year by 2045, with up to 2.5 million tonnes of hydrogen for export.

We are well-placed in terms of proximity and infrastructure connectivity, which gives us the potential to be an export hub linking the North Sea region and the north of Europe.

To realise our export potential, we are currently developing a Hydrogen Sector Export Plan, which will set out the steps we will take, positioning Scotland as a key contributor to the global green hydrogen sector.

## **Closing Remarks**

In Scotland we take pride in being a trusted and reliable trading partner, aiming to play a key role in contributing to the European, and global future energy supply.

International cooperation is key to unlocking the hydrogen economy. To address our climate goals, we need global

solutions, no one company, industry or government can achieve these alone.

Over the coming years, we aim to continue developing bilateral and multilateral relations with Scotland's near northern neighbours to promote regional cooperation, and heighten awareness of the region's green hydrogen potential.

By coming together to build a strong and robust hydrogen sector we can accelerate the global transition to net zero, thereby helping to address the fundamental climate issues we are all focused on.

I wish to thank you for your time today, and encourage you to engage with Scotland and our blossoming hydrogen sector.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the event, and your time at COP.

**ANNEX C**



**Dan Jannik Jørgensen Minister for Development Cooperation and Minister for Global Climate Policy, Denmark**

Dan Jørgensen has been Minister for Development Cooperation and Minister for Global Climate Policy since December 2022. Previous to that, he was Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities



**Leila Benali, Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development, Morocco**

Leila Benali was appointed Minister of Energy Transition and Sustainable Development by King Mohammed VI in October 2021. Leila is a well-known specialist in energy strategy and sustainability.



**Ditte Juul Joergensen, Director General, DG Energy, European Commission**

Mrs. Ditte Juul Joergensen took up the position of Director General for Energy of the European Commission (DG ENER) in August 2019. Before serving as Head of Cabinet, she was Director of Legal Affairs and Trade in Goods in the Commission's Directorate-General for Trade at the World Trade Organization.



**Rosilena Lindo, Deputy Minister of Energy, Panama**

Rosilena Lindo was a Senior Regional Energy Expert & Project Manager "Development of a Solar Water Heating Market in Panama UN Environment, Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Office. She was also Executive adviser to the Minister of

Environment of Panama, and former Climate Change director in the Ministry of Environment.

[redacted s.38(1)(b)]



**Thorsten Herdan, CEO HIF EMEA**

former Director General Energy in the German Ministry of Economy and Energy and Chairman of the supervisory board of the first German state-owned fund, he combines financial experience from an industry, government, and asset management perspective.



**Mohamed Ali Zerouali, Member of the Council Of Engineers for Energy Transition to UNSG - Task force Green H2 and President of the International Commission of Moroccan Green H2 Cluster**

Ali Zerouali is a sustainable energy advocate with a special focus on Africa. Head of the Cooperation & International Development division at Masen (Moroccan Agency for Sustainable Energy) is the group responsible for managing renewable energy projects in Morocco.

## **SUBNATIONAL GOVERNMENTS LEADERSHIP IN DRIVING NATIONAL ADAPTATION PLANS (NAPS) AND NATIONAL DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCS) IMPLEMENTATION**

**6 December 11:30-11:40**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scottish Government is committed to strengthening multilevel governance for the effective implementation of UN commitments through National Adaptation Plans and Nationally Determined Contributions. Focus on increased ambition on climate adaptation.</li></ul>
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<b>What</b>	Opening address at the beginning of a panel event
<b>Why</b>	Regions4 is a key stakeholder and important relationship in our role as Chair of Under2Coalition. Important opportunity to highlight what Scotland is doing on climate adaptation ahead of publication of new draft Adaptation Plan .
<b>Who</b>	Jordan Harris – General Director of Regions4
<b>Where</b>	Multilevel Action and Urbanization Pavilion, Thematic Arena 3
<b>When</b>	6 December 11:30 – 12:30
<b>Agenda</b>	11:30 Introduction by Jordan Harris, General Director of Regions4 11:30 Opening address by Mairi McAllan (at podium) <i>[You are welcome to leave following opening remarks but invited to stay to listen to the remainder of the session]</i> 11:40 Expert panel discussion 11:50 Roundtable discussion 12:30 Close
<b>Media</b>	None planned
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concept note including agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Speaker biographies</li> <li>• Annex A: Speaking note</li> </ul>

### Summary

Regions4 is a key strategic party for engagement with subnational governments and influencing COP negotiations. The Scottish Government has been an active member of Regions4 for several years and through this membership recently endorsed the UNFCCC Local Government and Municipal Authority (LGMA) Constituency 'Position of LGMA Constituency Toward UNFCCC COP28', supporting multilevel action to deliver on climate commitments. Scotland's endorsement was announced on 30 November.

This is an opportunity to highlight the work Scotland is doing at localities, regions and across the country on adaptation, particularly on its strong place-based approach to climate adaptation.



## Desired outcomes

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## ANNEX A

### Biographies



Jordan Harris is the Executive Director of Regions4. He has been in the position since October 2022 and before this was the Program Coordinator for the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy in the Americas (GCoM Americas)

## ANNEX B

### Speaking note

6 mins - 802 words

I am delighted to be with you today and I want to thank the Regions4, the Under2 Coalition and the European Committee of the Regions for hosting this event.

Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we come together as devolved, state and regional governments to elevate local voices

as part of our just transition to a net zero and climate resilient world.

This is also an aptly timed event, as it was announced last week that Scotland is one of the partners, others of whom are also here today, to endorse the LGMA position to UNFCCC at COP28 on multilevel action to address the climate crisis.

Working in concert, our voices as devolved governments are much stronger than if we stand alone.

The First Minister of Scotland also recognises this and ahead of COP28, he hosted political representatives from devolved, state and regional governments.

They discussed opportunities to increase the role of non-party governments in UN climate processes, highlighting how they can maximise their impact and increase inclusion.

As we all know, climate change is happening now. And the impacts of climate change are most intensely felt at the local

level. Local voices make the climate crisis real to decision makers and to the states party to the UNFCCC.

It is communities who were most effected by a recent storm which ravaged parts of the North East of Scotland: Businesses affected, homes devastated, lives upended.

It is vulnerable people, those without fixed tenure and those living in care homes who were affected by the heatwaves this summer.

It is those who have done the least to contribute to climate change who are most affected by its adverse impacts.

In the context of the discussion today, I'm sure that we will speak about ambitious emissions reduction targets and we cannot lose sight of this as it remains the most important collective act we can take.

In Scotland we are committed to reaching net-zero by 2045 and we are already half way there.

However, I'd like to use this opportunity to shine the spotlight on an area of the climate agenda that is often waiting in the wings, namely that of climate adaptation and building resilience.

Because the need to adapt is felt most by those at the local level and there needs to be continued dialogue at multiple levels: from communities, to localities, regions, and national and devolved governments.

Localities can often act in a more agile and targeted way than national governments and need to be supported to deliver climate action.

Next year we will publish our new National Adaptation Plan. This plan will recognise the importance of regions and local authorities in delivery resilience across Scotland.

It will cover 5 outcomes across nature, communities, public services, business and the economy and our international efforts.

With this upcoming Plan in mind, I'm keen to share a few examples of current multilevel action in Scotland:

- Our Regional Adaptation Partnerships are ramping up, with particular progress through Climate Ready Clyde in the Glasgow City Region and HighlandAdapts supporting adaptation in Scotland's most rural and sparsely populated Northern region.

These regional partnerships are proving an effective way of building an ecosystem of local authorities and public bodies to come together and deliver adaptation action in a way that is tailored to their region.

- The Scottish Government has facilitated a network of **Climate Action Hubs** to support communities to take forward climate action in their areas.

The network of hubs continues to support communities to come together and engage collectively on climate action, whilst supporting the transition to low carbon and climate resilient living

- The Scottish Government also continue to fund capacity building and advisory services for Local Authorities through our nation-wide 'Adaptation Scotland programme'.

This programme sees Local Authorities and other public bodies undertake an initial self-assessment of their current adaptation activities before undertaking a guided process to build capacity going forward.

These are just a few examples of adaptation action in practice but by no means does Scotland have all the answers and I'm looking forward to hearing the discussions and learning from colleagues about what we can be doing better.

We can agree that there is no room for complacency. We must build climate resilience at pace with our changing climate.

Scotland will continue to be a strong international voice for subnational governments to influence the negotiations for further ambition on adaptation from the Global Goal on Adaptation to increased financing for Adaptation and Loss and Damage.

We know that the decisions we make today need to shape a more climate resilient tomorrow.

And that is why I come to you today offering our lived experience, as a nation, of how we are adapting Scotland to the changing global climate.

Thank you once again for inviting me to speak today.

**ENDS**

## **BILATERAL BRIEFING FOR Lithuania**

**12:15-12:30**

Bilateral Meeting with Marius Skuodis, Minister of Transport and Communications, Republic of Lithuania

06 December 2023

<b>Key message</b>	Emphasising the collaborative links between the governments of Lithuania and Scotland that have been established through the work of the GovTech Global Alliance
<b>What</b>	Bilateral
<b>Why</b>	Meeting with a Ministerial counterpart from another GovTech country
<b>Who</b>	Marius Skuodis, Minister of Transport and Communications Ministry of Transport and Communications of the Republic of Lithuania
<b>Where</b>	Blue Zone - Scottish Government delegation office, ICLEI Pavilion
<b>When</b>	Wednesday 6th December 12:15 - 12:30
<b>Agenda</b>	Summary of agenda here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ongoing collaboration between Lithuania and Scotland</li><li>- Development of economic and research ties</li><li>- Exchange of ideas and solutions on low carbon transport</li></ul>
<b>Media</b>	nil
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary</li><li>• Agenda</li><li>• Desired outcomes</li><li>• Annex A: Biography</li></ul>

### **Background**

#### **Summary**

Sensitivities:

[redacted s.32(1)(a)]



Specific engagement:

- Lithuania is a founding partner of the [GovTech Global Alliance](#), a network of government innovation teams around the world which was established in Scotland in 2020.
- Scottish Government has worked closely with their GovTech Lab programme (equivalent of CivTech Scotland) since 2020.
- They have been partners on the [COP26](#) / [COP27](#) / COP28 Global Scale Up Programmes - helping climatetech companies access public sector networks across the world.
- On Nov 9th, Scotland House London hosted a large delegation of Lithuanian government officials exploring ways of developing expertise in public sector innovation, with showcases by companies that have worked with the Scottish government.

### **Relevant Lithuanian participant companies in the Global Scale Up Programme**

- **COP26 Glasgow: CHRG Network App** CHRG Network is a software platform for EV charging that connects all charging stations into a single network, enabling owners to share and monetise their charging stations.
- **COP27: Viezo** - Viezo Powerail is an autonomous IoT solution for monitoring the stability and efficiency of railway wagons.
- **COP28: LightMirror** - develops reflective panels that bring sunlight into hospitals and care homes, reducing the need for artificial lighting and heating, and reducing patient time in hospital. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **Agenda**

1. Agenda item 1 - Collaboration
  - i. Thank LT gov for their input into the GovTech Global Alliance and the Global Scale Up Programme
  - ii. Thank the Minister for their support of the climate tech showcase on 5th at Island of Hope.
2. Agenda item 2 - Economic and research ties
  - i. Discuss opportunities for Scottish companies to enter the Northern Europe markets, and for LT companies to enter the UK market.
  - ii. Ask: to open up partnerships to Scottish entities as part of future HORIZON programmes
3. Agenda item 3 - Low carbon transport
  - i. Exchange of policy ideas in achieving low carbon ambitions - see how Vilnius has been pioneering modes of low carbon transport [Incentives, not force' drive](#)

**Desired outcomes**

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

**ANNEX A**

**Biography**



**Marius Skuodis,**  
Minister of Transport and  
Communications  
Ministry of Transport and  
Communications of the Republic of  
Lithuania

Marius Skuodis is a Lithuanian politician, and was appointed the Minister of Transport and Communications in the Šimonytė Cabinet in December 2020. He has previously worked as a lecturer at the Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science and also worked as the Director of the International Relations Department of the Bank of Lithuania. He holds a PhD Social Science (Political Science) from Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University.

**MEETING WITH BENOIT CHARETTE, QUEBEC MINISTER OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

**6 December 12:35-12:50**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[redacted s.30(b)(1)]</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	Meeting with Quebec Minister of the Environment Benoit Charette
<b>Why</b>	Meeting requested by the Government of Quebec, which represents an opportunity to further strengthen ministerial links with Quebec.
<b>Who</b>	<p>Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks</p> <p>Please note that the following delegates will likely attend the meeting in addition to the Minister:</p> <p>[redacted s.38(1)(b)]</p>
<b>Where</b>	Intercontinental Hotel, Festival City.
<b>When</b>	6 December 12:35-12:50
<b>Agenda</b>	Discussion expected to focus on growing the Quebec-Scotland relationship, Loss and Damage, and future opportunities for engagement.
<b>Media</b>	TBC
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Summary</li> <li>Suggested agenda</li> <li>Desired outcomes</li> <li>Annex A: Biography</li> </ul>

## Summary

Ms McAllan met with Minister Charette at NY Climate Week in September 2022. Ms Slater met with Minister Charette at COP15 in December 2022.

## Suggested agenda

### 3. Quebec – Scotland Relationship

- Thank Minister Charette for his government’s continued engagement with the Scottish Government at official level, via the SG office in Ottawa, Scotland House London, the Quebec Government Office in London, and via multilateral channels (Under2 Coalition, Regions4 and the Edinburgh Process on biodiversity).

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### 2. Loss and Damage

- At New York Climate Week, the First Minister confirmed the Climate Justice Resilience Fund as our partners a £5m programme to address non-economic loss and damage, including nature loss, cultural loss and damage to health.
- This programme recognises the differentiated impact of climate change by focusing its support on marginalised groups, including women and young people being impacted more severely.
- We are calling on others, including governments, NGOs, and the private sector, to contribute to the Programme so that it can support more vulnerable communities.
- [redacted s.32(1)(a)]
- **To note:** Quebec has an International Climate Cooperation Programme (ICCP) which funds projects overseas. We understand that they intent to expand this Programme.

### 3. Business engagement

- [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
- Quebec is bringing a 50 company business delegation to COP28, [redacted s.29(1)(a)]

### 4. Closing

- Reiterate interest from SG to engage with Quebec on environmental issues and COP28 outcomes and offer further engagement at official level in Canada and London.

### Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### Background briefing

In 2016, Québec introduced its International Climate Cooperation Programme (ICCP) providing climate finance and support to developing countries. It is one of the first subnational climate financing schemes, and one that is, uniquely, funded by the province's own carbon market.

Launched in response to the Paris Agreement, this Programme scales up financial resources and support available to the developing countries most exposed to climate-related damage. It is multidisciplinary, replicable, scalable and focused on both mitigation and adaptation efforts, largely in francophone communities.

**ANNEX A**

### Biography

**Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks**



Born in Saint-Jérôme on July 19, 1976, Benoit Charette has been Member of the National Assembly for the Deux-Montagnes riding in the Laurentides region since December 8, 2008. He was appointed Minister of the Environment and the Fight against Climate Change on January 8, 2019.

Benoit graduated from the École nationale d'administration publique and Université du Québec à Montréal, Minister Charette, then got involved in international work as a volunteer aid worker in Haiti in 1995 then at the Délégation générale du Québec in Mexico City and the Ministère des Relations internationales du Québec.

**ACTION AFTER IMPACT – ROUNDTABLE HOSTED BY UN HIGH LEVEL CHAMPIONS**

**6 December 14:00-14:30**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paying respects to Professor Saleem Huq who passed away unexpectedly this year.</li> </ul>
<b>What</b>	This session will complement the work of parties on agreeing the modalities of a new loss and damage fund. It will do this by setting out the actions NPS are already taking and how they are catalysing action and mobilising finance to deliver these actions
<b>Why</b>	You have been asked to offer your personal reflections on Professor Huq as part of the high level opening session for a broader roundtable on non-party action on loss & damage
<b>Who</b>	Hosted by the UN High Level champions
<b>Where</b>	Blue Zone - TBC
<b>When</b>	6 December 14:00-14:30
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks with tributes to Professor Saleem Huq               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ UN High Level Champions</li> <li>○ Bangladesh Minister</li> <li>○ <b>Cabinet Secretary TNZJT</b></li> <li>○ Simon Stiell, UNFCCC Executive Secretary (tbc)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Discussion: Showcasing practical solutions: case studies (led by Global South authors and experts)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel discussion: Exploring obstacles preventing Non-State Actors from scaling action</li> </ul> <p>Full agenda at <b>Annex A</b></p>
<b>Media</b>	None. but event may be streamed live
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)] – International Climate Change
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annex A: Full agenda</li> <li>Annex B: Speaking Note</li> <li>Annex C: Biographies</li> </ul>

## Draft full agenda

Timing (90 mins)	Session Description	Speaker suggestions
3 mins	<b>Introduction</b> <i>Overview of the lab's objectives and structure</i>	
27 mins	<b>Tribute to Professor Saleemul Huq</b> Speeches and reflections by dignitaries paying tribute.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening remarks and/or video on Dr. Huq's contributions</li> <li>• One minute's silence in honour of Dr. Huq</li> <li>• Minister from Bangladesh</li> <li>• Simon Stiel, UNFCCC Executive Secretary tbc</li> <li>• <b>Mairi Mcallan, Cabinet Secretary, Scottish Government</b></li> <li>• High-Level Champion(s)</li> </ul>
30 mins	<b>Grounded practical knowledge for tackling climate change loss and damage.</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)] to moderator conversation with <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)]</li> </ul>
20 mins	<b>Taking practical solutions for tackling loss and damage to scale</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)] to moderator second conversation with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mayor or C40 rep tbc</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)]</li> </ul>
10 mins	<b>Legacy of action (ALL ACT Now)</b>  <i>Final Reflections</i>  <i>Launch of ICCCAD/IIED early career LD damage research fellowship programme</i>  <i>Closing &amp; Thanks</i>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)] <i>IIED to facilitate this final session</i>  <i>Chair of the IPCC</i>  [redacted s.38(1)(b)], <i>ICCCAD</i>

## Speaking Note

**PERSONAL REFLECTIONS ON PROFESSOR SALEEM HUQ****6 DECEMBER 14:00 – 14:45*****361 (480 max) words at 160 words/ minute= 2.5 (3 max) minutes***

I would like to thank the High Level Champions for the opportunity to be here today and to reflect on Professor Huq's contribution to global action for climate justice. It is a genuine privilege to be asked to speak today about Saleem.

His legacy and impact at every COP to date make his absence all the more noticeable here in Dubai.

His tireless efforts have directly led to the tremendous progress made by the climate justice community. A community of which he was a founding member.



Scottish Government officials often remarked that Saleem must have secretly cloned himself, because it was simply not possible for one human being to achieve all that he did in the time in a day.

And yet that is something I will personally remember him for – his generosity with his time.

He was always at the end of a call for advice - whether with myself, the First Minister, our Former First Minister or with officials – he made time for everyone equally and treated everyone equitably. He certainly lived by his principles.

He has been a great friend to Scotland, and a kind critic – guiding our loss and damage policies and programmes as we found our

way in a new landscape, prompting our ambition and holding us to account for our promises.

Many in this room and around the world have seen him as a mentor, and that is exactly what he was for Scotland – guiding our work and offering us the opportunity to learn from his experience.

His contributions were not always visible – a quiet conversation, or a well-timed email – but they leave an indelible imprint on the work and achievements that have been made on loss and damage to date.

He made us expect more of ourselves and do more than we expected.

I personally can think of no more fitting tribute to him than naming the UNFCCC Fund after him, both in recognition of his legacy, and as a symbolic reminder that Huq in many South Asian countries means 'Rights'.

Centring and cementing the principles of climate justice that Saleem championed and safeguarding the rights of climate-vulnerable communities around the world.

## **ENDS**

## **ANNEX B**

### **Biographies**

TBC once participants are confirmed

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**BILATERAL BRIEFING FOR Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition**

**Introduction Meeting with: Industrial Decarbonisation Research and Innovation Centre (IDRIC), Heriot Watt Dubai Campus**

**Date: 6 December 2023**

**15:45-16:00**

<b>Key message</b>	We are committed to a just transition to net-zero by 2045 and decarbonisation of industry is 'mission critical', that's why I'm excited to learn more about IDRIC's work and to discuss how Scotland can draw upon that expertise, evidence, and insight to accelerate and scale the decarbonisation of Scotland's industry.
<b>What</b>	This is an introduction meeting to the CabSec from IDRIC on their research, activities, and opportunities to support industrial decarbonisation and net zero.
<b>Why</b>	To hear from IDRIC policy officers on the overview of IDRIC's portfolio and opportunities for collaboration between the SG.
<b>Who</b>	- [redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Where</b>	Heriot-Watt University – Dubai Campus <b>Essential - ask IDRIC team for more specific location details to ensure logistics of cabsec diary works</b>
<b>When</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023. <b>15:45 to 16:00</b>
<b>Agenda</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Media</b>	XXX
<b>Supporting official</b>	- [redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Summary</li><li>• Agenda</li><li>• Desired outcomes</li><li>• Annex A: Biography</li></ul>

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**Summary**

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- Launched in 2021 and led by Professor Mercedes Maroto-Valer, the UK's Industrial Decarbonisation Champion, [IDRIC](#) is a flagship UK research and innovation centre that works with industry and policy makers to accelerate industrial decarbonisation.
- In February 2023, Mr Matheson (CabSec got Net Zero, Energy and Transport) met Prof Morato-Valer and Prof Williams (HWU Principal) at the Edinburgh campus to discuss decarbonisation activities and opportunities for Scotland, focusing on the critical role of industry in the energy transition, industrial decarbonisation challenge and innovation and collaboration at scale and pace.

## Agenda

### 1. 15:45 Welcome & introductions (Led by Dr John Ferrier, HWU Policy Research)

<b>Key Message:</b>	Delighted to meet the IDRIC team to learn more about IDRIC's work and discuss how the Scottish Government can draw upon that expertise, evidence, and insight to accelerate decarbonising Scotland's industry, which is crucial to delivering on net zero obligations.
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### 15:50 - The Industrial Decarbonisation and Innovation Centre – IDRIC team Valer (15:50 – 16:00)

<b>Key Messages:</b>	<p>IDRIC Team will cover their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• research portfolio &amp; decarbonisation activities</li> <li>• new funding streams and opportunities</li> <li>• Policy Synthesis Report (December 2022) which outlined priorities for accelerating industrial decarbonisation.</li> <li>• Next steps: tailoring policy research for Scottish Government</li> </ul>
	<b>Background on IDRIC, historical approach &amp; what is next: Annex C</b>

## Desired outcomes

- Learn about leading research and innovation in low-carbon technologies and fostering collaboration across industries.
- IDRIC is the "one stop shop" for research and innovation in industrial decarbonisation and supports the deployment of energy efficiency, hydrogen and CCUS technologies and infrastructure to decarbonise energy-intensive industries.
- [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

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**Annex A - Biographies**

- [redacted s.38(1)(b)]

**Annex B**

- [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

**UPDATES TO BE PROVIDED PER SECTION COMMENTS. BRIEFING INCOMPLETE.**

**Meeting with Zambian Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Green Economy. Roundtable**

**6 DECEMBER 2023 17:00-18:00**

<b>Key message</b>	[redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>What</b>	Roundtable Discussion on Industrial decarbonisation. The roundtable will discuss how Technology Innovation, Financing Mechanisms, Market Incentives and Regulatory Measures need to interlink to facilitate this challenging issue.
<b>Why</b>	Continuing our close engagement with the Zambian Government. Working together to tackle the decarbonisation of energy intensive industry.
<b>Who</b>	Zambian Delegation is as follows: Minister for Foreign Affairs & International Cooperation, Minister for Green Economy and the Environment, Mr Gerald Mwila, Director of the Geological Survey of Zambia (His role within Government is crucial to the country's transition to sustainable mining.)
<b>Where</b>	Dubai campus
<b>When</b>	17:00 – 18:00
<b>Agenda</b>	This is a Roundtable event – <b>Points To Make</b> section provided below for Ms McAllan
<b>Media</b>	No Media Planned

<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks</li> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> </ul>

**Principals have been asked to deliver short opening remarks**

**Focus : Decarbonisation of Energy Intensive Industries**

**Speaking Note: 692 Words 7 minutes**

I would first like to thank you for inviting me to this event, it is a pleasure to speak to everyone here today.

A lot of discussion on the decarbonisation of energy is focussed on electrification and this is fine – but as we know, while we expect direct electrification to do the heavy lifting in decarbonising the energy system. We also must recognise the particular challenges faced by energy intensive industries in their decarbonisation journey – where for many industrial processes electrification is not a practical solution.

In Scotland a number of developers are coming forward to explore the use of different low-carbon fuels such as hydrogen to provide reliable high temperature heat to industry.

And Scottish Gas Networks our national gas transmission operator is installing 300 hydrogen ready boilers into homes in Scotland to demonstrate how the use of 100% green hydrogen (from offshore wind) to may help decarbonise some of our homes. This project is called H100 Fife and will go live next year and is one of the largest domestic trial of 100% hydrogen boilers in the world. A visitor centre is under construction just now and will be open next year so I would invite you to please come and see this for yourselves.

The global transition to net zero is hard, its challenging and no doubt will be difficult but we think that it can also offer enormous economic opportunities.



In Scotland we are taking a whole-systems approach as we move our plans forward.

As part of that approach we recently announced that we will develop a Green Industrial Strategy in the coming year to deliver on a commitment made in our National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), and to sit alongside and support the development of our sectoral Just Transition Plans (JTPs).

The JTPs will set out our plans to secure a fair transition to net zero for specific high-emitting sectors of the economy, while the Green Industrial Strategy will focus on capturing for Scotland the economic benefits of the global transition to net zero.

Developing a Green Industrial Strategy is a signal that we are serious about capturing the economic benefits of the global transition to net zero, giving the private sector confidence to make decisions and invest in Scotland.

As an early adopter and supporter of hydrogen, Scotland is already taking an innovative lead, developing a strong track record of world-leading hydrogen demonstration projects.

Scotland is one of the few places where visitors can come and physically try out the refuelling of hydrogen vehicles and come and see hydrogen electrolyser systems working in situ.

Hydrogen isn't the only tool in the toolbox and we are also taking forward large scale plans for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS) as a route to decarbonise many of our key strategic and economically significant industries.

Combining that geological advantage with our existing oil and gas infrastructure and our expertise and world-class workforce, presents Scotland with the opportunity to be at the centre of a European hub for the importation and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> from Europe.

## **International Collaboration**

Our approach for the development of solutions to decarbonise industry is one that focuses on cooperation.

We are proud members of key European alliances such as the Vanguard Initiative, Hydrogen Europe's Regional Pillar, and we co-chair Europe's Under 2 Coalition. We have also signed a number of international agreements on hydrogen, including with Denmark, Occitania, and German states.

And we continue to seek new collaborations going forward.

## **Closing Remarks**

In Scotland we take pride in being a trusted and reliable trading partner, and we aim to play a key role in contributing to the European, and global future energy supply.

International cooperation is key to unlocking the challenges we face to decarbonise energy intensive industry. To address our climate goals, we need global solutions, no one company, industry or government can achieve these alone.

By coming together to build strong relationships and robust plans we can accelerate the global transition to net zero, thereby helping to address the fundamental climate issues we are all focused on.

I look forward to the panel discussion today and hope you will enjoy this session.

**End**

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**Summary**

[redacted s.32(1)(a)]

However, our focus in Scottish is on working collaboratively on the direct decarbonisation of energy intensive industries such as cement production, refineries and chemical processing etc and implementing CCUS systems and fuel-switching strategies.

**Roundtable Agenda**

The roundtable will discuss how Technology Innovation, Financing Mechanisms, Market Incentives and Regulatory Measures need to interlink to facilitate technology transfer required for industrial decarbonisation.

**Focus of Round table Discussion**

Zambian delegation are keen to focus on how to increase the sustainability of their minerals and mining sectors – an important sector in Zambia.

Scottish Government's focus is more immediately on the direct decarbonisation of energy intensive industries such as cement production, refineries and chemical processing etc.

**Points to make/ focus on:**

- Key industrial decarbonisation technology for Scotland is the deployment of CCUS and fuel-switching to clean, sustainable fuels such as hydrogen and bio-based solutions.

- The UK funded **Industrial Decarbonisation Research and Innovation Centre (IDRIC)**, is hosted by Heriot Watt **in Edinburgh**. (See Annex A) - SG officials are involved in this programme
- SIETF – set out the success of this industrial decarbonisation fund in Scotland
- Management training for the next generation of Zambia’s leaders will be important and is already an area of Zambia-Scotland partnership. The Scottish Government has just agreed with Heriot-Watt University to put in place in early 2024 a new phase of its successful online MBA Scholarships for women in Zambia. A previous graduate of this scheme (Mwenya Likulunga) is a Telecomms Industry leader whose current role includes supporting the development of technological solutions to tackle the adverse impact of Climate Change. [redacted s.29(1)(d)]

### **Desired outcomes**

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

### **Background briefing**

See Annex A for details on IDRIC

See Annex B for details on MBA Scholarships in Zambia and related inclusive education briefing

### **The Global Renewables Centre (GRC)**

- In 2022 the Global Renewables Centre (GRC) was launched at Sustainable Energy for All Global Forum in Kigali.
- The GRC aims to harnesses expertise from renewable energy experts in Scotland to share learning and support capacity building through a (mainly online) peer-to-peer technical support model in Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia.
- The vision for the GRC is to facilitate knowledge exchange and support global citizenship that results in increased and improved use of renewables across the Scottish Government’s African partner countries, in line with their national energy policies. The design of the GRC has gender and climate justice as cross-cutting themes.
- The current focus of the GRC to date since its establishment in 2022 has been on identifying and appointing its local partners in Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda. These partnerships are being funded from SG’s International Development Fund. The GRC team at University of Strathclyde have been engaging and consulting key stakeholders in all the partner countries towards establishing their local partners.

### **ZAMBIA**

**Population:** 19,610,769 (September 2022 Census).

**Governance:** Presidential Republic.

**President:** Mr Hakainde Hichilema. Mr Hichilema was sworn in as president on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The President is both the Head of State and Head of Government.

**Main Languages:** Bemba, Nyanja, Tonga, Lozi, English (official).

### **Economic Overview**

- [redacted s.32(1)(a)]

### **Scottish Government International Development Fund In Country:**

The Scottish Government have funded international development projects in Zambia since 2008. Following our 2016 consultation and new Strategy, we established a dedicated **Zambia Development Programme**.

- Through our Zambia Development Programme, **we have been supporting six projects in Central Province covering Health, Education, Sustainable Economic Development, and Agriculture with total funding of over £6M between 2017 and 2022** (with two extended to 2023).
- **We are funding a Police Scotland project in both Zambia and Malawi** to develop initial work focused on Gender Based Violence and Child Protection to a new wider “Protection of Vulnerable Groups” Programme.
- In partnership with Edinburgh Business School (Heriot-Watt University), **we have provided over £40,000 to support 20 fully-funded distance learning MBA scholarships for women in Zambia**.
- **We are providing funding to NHS Lanarkshire to support their partnership with Central Province, Zambia**.

### **Recent Ministerial Engagements**

- **September 2023** Minister Christine McKelvie met the Zambia High Commissioner at an introductory meeting in Scotland House, London.
- **May 2023** The First Minister and Minister for International Development met with the President of Zambia in Edinburgh.
- **April 2022** International Development Minister met with the Deputy Zambian High Commissioner in London.
- **November 2021** The First Minister met the President of Zambia during COP26 in Glasgow.
- **November 2021** Minister Jenny Gilruth met (virtually) with the Vice President of Zambia.

## **Biographies**

### **Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister**

**Hon Stanley Kakubo (Kah-Koo-Boh)**



Appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation by President Hichilema in September 2021.

- Elected to the National Assembly in 2016.
- **November 2023** Met Saudi Minister of Industry and Mineral Resources to discuss ways of enhancing cooperation in the industry and mining sectors between Zambia and Saudi Arabia.
- **November 2021** Attended COP26 in Glasgow.

**Agenda Points:** Debt justice/restructuring.

### Green Economy and Environment Minister

#### Hon Collins Nzovu (NnZoh-Voo)



Appointed Minister of Green Economy and Environment in 2021 by President Hakainde Hichilema.

- **November 2021** Attended COP26 in Glasgow and called for “strengthened global partnerships and renewed commitment to accelerate climate change financing”.
- Speaking in September 2023 during Ministerial roundtable at Africa Climate Summit in Kenya, Mr Nzovu said “The COP28 outcome must be comprehensive and balanced, and reflect equity/fairness; recognise the legitimate right of African countries to achieve the sustainable development goals by 2030”.

**Agenda Points:** Climate justice, renewable energy, water.

**Director - Geological Survey Department – Ministry of Mines and Mineral Development**

**Mr Gerald Mwila (MmWee-Lah)**



Geologist by profession.

- Holds Bachelor of Mineral Sciences Degree; Master of Sciences in Tropical Hydrogeology, Engineering Geology and Environmental Management.
- Speaking in October 2023 at Zambia International Mining & Energy Conference said: “The new Mine and Mineral Development policy is encouraging diversity that supports green transition by supporting other minerals and Zambia will maintain a private sector delivery, no resource nationalism.”
- No previous engagements with SG.

**Agenda Points:** Mining, Sustainability.

**Mines and Mineral Development Minister**

**Hon Paul Kabuswe (Kah-Boo-Sweh)**



Appointed Minister of Mines and Mineral Development in 2021 by President Hakainde Hichilema.

- Holds BSc in Politics and International Relations.
- In November 2023, witnessed signing of agreement between Vedanta Resources and the Zambian government restoring the Indian company's ownership of Konkola Copper Mines (KCM), ending a protracted ownership battle.
- No previous engagements with SG.

**Agenda Points:** Mining, Sustainability



## **Annex A Notes on IDRIC**

The UK's **Industrial Decarbonisation Research and Innovation Centre (IDRIC)**, hosted by Heriot Watt, is spearheading the development of innovative solutions to decarbonise energy intensive industries. Collaborating with research organisations, industry, government, policymakers, NGOs, trade organisations and the public, IDRIC is co-creating whole-system, multidisciplinary solutions that are accelerating the green futures of our industries. As well as providing critical research expertise, IDRIC's convening power is adding value by building cross-sector stakeholder collaborations, as well as synthesising key insights to address real world challenges associated with the industrial transition.

Top priorities identified by IDRIC to date include development of international standards for green products, mechanisms to measure progress for reduction of GHG emissions as well as to involve emerging economies in early stages along the innovation value chain. Scotland, Heriot-Watt University and IDRIC aim to strengthen mechanisms for sharing knowledge and experience in different situations globally, to prevent duplication of effort, speed up work, and support the development of new clusters.

ANNEX B [redacted s.29(1)(d)]

### **1. Heriot Watt University (HWU) - online MBAs for Women in Zambia**

The 'Scottish Government and Edinburgh Business School Scholarship for Women in Zambia' scheme began in 2019 as a partnership between Heriot-Watt University (HWU) and the Scottish Government which aimed to address the gender gap in MBA learning for women in Zambia through a scholarship initiative. The initiative received over 230 applications and in December 2019/20 fully funded online learning places were awarded for Edinburgh Business School's Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme. From the first cohort of 20 learners, 15 have graduated with two more students on track to complete their studies over the next six months.

Officials from the SG International Development team have been in touch with senior officials from the Zambian Ministry of Education in recent weeks, who have confirmed that Zambia's leadership have been delighted with the previous success of this scheme and confirmed Heriot-Watt University's claim that the programme has previously enabled Zambian women to take senior leadership roles in Zambia's banking and telecomms industries.

Building on the success of the first phase in Zambia, HWU has proposed delivering a second cohort of fully funded MBA Scholarships for women in Zambia, on the basis of a £150K contribution from the Scottish Government this financial year, which will be matched by HWU. In total, the second phase of additional funding will support an additional 30 full funded Scholarships, with scholars starting their studies in March

2024. HWU is mobilised to announce and open applications as soon as possible and in line with the Scottish Governments defined terms.

Mwenya Likulunga, a recent MBA graduate from the scheme, is now a leader within the Zambian Telecomms Industry working at one of the country’s leading internet providers. The practical knowledge acquired through the Scholarship opportunity has had a positive impact in not only her professional working life but has facilitated her venture into entrepreneurship where she has now founded a neurodiversity awareness initiative, one of the first in the region.

Her current role includes supporting the development of technological solutions to tackle the adverse impact of Climate Change and the development of smart solutions centred around “Internet of Things”, including the deployment of technology that supports sustainable agricultural practices, the adoption of renewable energy sources, and the use of data analytics for climate predictions.

[redacted s.29(1)(a)]

## **EVENT BRIEFING FOR CABINET SECRETARY FOR TRANSPORT, NET ZERO AND JUST TRANSITION**

### **REGIONS4 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT HIGH LEVEL NETWORKING COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

#### **COP28 - 06 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>Key message</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Scottish Government is very clear in our priorities, that we are facing <b>twin</b> crises of climate change and biodiversity loss, and our commitment is to a global just transition to a net zero and resilient future that addresses both crises.</li><li>• It is impossible to overstate the importance of states and regions in developing, delivering solutions such as the Global Biodiversity Framework that was adopted at COP16 in Montreal in 2022.</li><li>• The Edinburgh Declaration ensured that the voices of subnational governments were heard during COP15.</li><li>• I am delighted that a renewed Plan of Action of subnational governments was adopted alongside the new Global Biodiversity Framework.</li><li>• We are continuing this legacy by working closely with key international partners through our membership of the</li></ul>
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	CBD's Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments, the High Ambition Coalition for 30x30's Subnational Taskforce and the RegionsWithNature platform.
<b>What</b>	Opening remarks – a short speech to open the event alongside Regions4 members, UNFCCC High Level Champion and other international thought leaders.
<b>Why</b>	An opportunity to showcase innovative Scottish policies on biodiversity and climate change, highlighting the importance of action at subnational level to deliver against global targets.  [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Who</b>	A tentative list of high-level speakers, includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Razan Al Mubarak, president of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and UN Climate Change High-Level Champion</li> <li>• Governor Mauricio Vila Dosal, State of Yucatan, Mexico</li> <li>• Premier François Legault, Government of Quebec, Canada</li> <li>• President Rachid El Abdi, Region of Rabat Sale Kenitra, Morocco</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	IUCN Pavilion COP28
<b>When</b>	19:00 – 21:00 local time (Cab Sec can leave after delivering remarks) 6 December 2023
<b>Agenda</b>	19:00-19:30 Opening Remarks and Toast 19:30-21:00 Cocktail reception
<b>Media</b>	Regions4 Communication Officer on site
<b>Supporting official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)], International Climate Change [redacted s.38(1)(b)], International Climate Change
<b>Attached documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary</li> <li>• Agenda</li> <li>• Desired outcomes</li> <li>• Annex A: Biographies</li> <li>• Annex B: Speaking Note</li> </ul>

### Summary

The networking reception will be a gathering of subnational leaders, policymakers, and environmental advocates who champion the alignment of the international climate and biodiversity agendas on a territorial scale to face these dual planetary crises, while building a future in which we can live in harmony with nature.

## Annotated agenda

### Agenda item 1

- Opening remarks and toast (19:00-19:30)
- A maximum 5-minute opening remark with a toast
- Welcoming and thanking for the invitation. Talking about Scottish Government priority on the twin crisis of climate change and biodiversity loss.

### Agenda item 2

- Cocktail reception (19:30-21:00)
- Food and drinks included
- Time for networking and potential brush-bys

## Desired outcomes

[redacted s.30(b)(1)]

## ANNEX A

### Biographies



#### **Razan Al Mubarak, UAE, President of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and UN Climate Change High-Level Champion**

Razan Al Mubarak is the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion from the COP28 Presidency and President of the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) a membership union of government and civil society organisations. She has an academic background in international relations and environmental studies, bringing an extensive technical and executive expertise to the UN Climate Change High-Level Champion role. Razan was present at COP27, at NYCW and there will be a fantastic opportunity to network with her during this event.



**Governor Mauricio Vila Dosal, State of Yucatan, Mexico**

Mauricio Vila took office as Governor of the State of Yucatan on October 1, 2018, after serving as Mayor of Merida between 2015-2018. Governor Dosal has been voted as the best Governor in Mexico, in the 2022 survey. He has been one of the most influential leaders for showing trajectory and contributing to the state and the citizens of Yucatan. During his administration the quarterly income in Yucatan reached its highest level in 2022. Yucatan is both member of the Regions4 and the Under2 Coalition.



**Premier François Legault, Government of Quebec, Canada**

François Legault is a Canadian politician serving as the 32nd premier of Quebec since 2018. Before entering politics, he was a chartered accountant and the co-founder of a successful budget airline, Air Transat. A terrific opportunity to strengthen networking links with Quebec, with whom we share a strong bilateral and multilateral (via Under2 and Regions4) relationship.

Quebec is one of Canada's leading provinces in renewable energy and hosted COP15 UN Biodiversity Conference last year. Quebec government is an active member of both Regions4 and the Under2 Coalition, co-convenor (alongside Regions4) of the CBD's Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments, and joint coordinator (alongside California) of the High Ambition Coalition for 30 by 30 Subnational Taskforce.

Last year at COP27 you met with his Minister for the Environment and the Fight Against Climate Change, Benoit Charette.



**President Rachid El Abdi, Region of Rabat Sale Kenitra, Morocco**

Rachid El Abdi, of the Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM), was elected President of the council of the Rabat-Salé Kenitra region in September 2021. Rachid El Abdi is Vice President of Regions4 for Africa. He was elected as President in of the Regional

Council of Rabat in 2021 and is a significant figure within the Moroccan legislative institution. Last year as President of the Rabat Sale Kenitra, El Abdi was the host of the Regions4 General Assembly. You met President El Abdi during the General Assembly. At COP27 you delivered the opening speech at an event during which all 12 Moroccan states joined the Under2 Coalition and signed the MoU.

## **ANNEX B**

### **CABINET SECRETARY TNZJT SPEAKING NOTE**

#### **REGIONS4 RECEPTION: INTEGRATED ACTIONS FOR TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE; SHOWCASING SUBNATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN SYNERGIES BETWEEN CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY AGENDAS**

Speaking slot: 3-5 minutes (800 words max)  
Current length: 5 minutes (790 words)

Your speech will finish with a toast, please ensure that you have a drink with which to toast.

#### **Speaking note:**

Good evening. I'd like to start by saying thank you to our hosts Regions4 for giving me the opportunity to meet with all of you today and speak at this event

We are gathered here almost a year to the day since the COP15 UN Convention on Biodiversity met in Montreal. That conference saw the adoption of the Global Biodiversity Framework, setting out targets for urgent action over this decade to 2030.

I hope that in years to come, as we meet again to take stock of what we have achieved, and what still needs to be done, we can look back at the adoption of that Framework as the moment the world turned the corner on biodiversity loss.

I hope too, that we can look back with pride at the leadership shown by states and regions both in the development and the delivery of the framework.

In developing it, the Edinburgh Declaration was so important in ensuring that the voices of subnational governments were heard during COP15 and beyond. The commitment and ambition shown by the 300-plus signatories to the Declaration was too powerful for the State Parties to ignore. Regions4 members were key to this.

And in delivering it, I am delighted that a renewed Plan of Action on subnational governments was agreed alongside the Biodiversity Framework. State, regional and local authorities, including cities, have a crucial role to play in translating global and national strategies into real and tangible local actions.

Often the resources to put in place transformative actions for nature – money, people, and infrastructure – are directed at these levels but may not always be recognised, nor properly utilised, by national governments. We know that State Parties cannot meet these targets alone - it will take a whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach.

We will build upon the legacy of state and regional leadership by working closely with key international partners including through: our membership of the Convention on Biological Diversity's Advisory Committee on Subnational Governments; the High Ambition Coalition for 30x30's Subnational Taskforce; and the RegionsWithNature platform.

The Scottish Government is very clear in our priorities, that we are facing **twin** crises of climate change and biodiversity loss. We are equally clear in our commitment to a global transition to a net zero and resilient future that addresses both crises.

That is why our ambitious new biodiversity strategy sets out goals to halt nature loss by 2030 and reverse it by 2045.

We are committed to expanding and improving areas managed for nature, including protected areas, with an ambitious commitment to protect 30% of our land for nature by 2030.

We must recognise the points at which climate, biodiversity, and development challenges intersect, and require solutions that benefit and enrich the lives of local populations.

In Scotland one of those points of intersection is on peatlands which cover over 2 million hectares (or 25%) of our land area and are of national and global significance.

In good condition, peatlands provide multiple benefits: capturing and storing carbon, supporting nature, reducing flood risk, improving water quality and providing places that can support physical and mental wellbeing.

Caring for our peatlands through protection, management and restoration is critical to mitigating and adapting to the linked climate and nature emergencies and achieving a Just Transition to net zero.

We are achieving this by weaving peatlands through our agricultural reform process, and ensuring that our investment into restoring peatlands supports good green jobs in the rural economy.

It would be remiss of me not to mention Loss and Damage at this point – given the attention it is receiving at this year’s COP. When it comes to biodiversity loss, as with so many other aspects of the climate and nature crises, those who are the least responsible are often the ones who suffer most.

This is why Scotland recognises the twin crises of climate change and biodiversity as issues that must and **can** be tackled together. One of the ways we seek to do this, is through Non-Economic Loss and Damage funding, which the First Minister announced a £5 million contribution towards at COP27.

I have already outlined my hopes, that we will one day be able to look back at these critical years, and be grateful that we took action when it needed to be taken. I am sure, that you all share that hope with me.

I would like to ask you to raise a glass to toast the cooperation and leadership shown by non-party states and regions, that led to crucial interventions such as the Edinburgh Declaration, the Global Biodiversity Strategy, and our renewed subnational Plan of Action. May we continue to strive for greater ambition, and greater cooperation, and greater action. As we say in Scotland, Slainte Mhath (*Pronounced Slanj-a-va*).Cheers.



**Document 3 - Minutes for meetings held by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition, Mairi McAllan at COP28**

**MEETING NOTES**

<b>MEETING WITH JURGEN VOEGELE</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Jurgen Voegele, Executive Director for Sustainable Development, World Bank
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted S.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary pushed further for the principles that SG has been advocating for – in particular that the fund should not increase global south debt burden. [redacted S.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary raised the principles of the Bridgetown Initiative and encouraged JV to comment on progress to their adoption. Currently WB structures do not allow for direct access by countries.</li> <li>• CS committed to engaging with the WB and UNFCCC-appointed Board to promote community access to the funding (via an accredited entity)</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Leanne Dobson, Special Advisor Jemima Gordon-Duff, Deputy Director for International Climate Change [redacted s.38(1)(b)] – International Climate Policy
<b>Comment</b>	<p>The purpose of the meeting was to hear from the World Bank about the principles that will underpin the provision of finance via the new UNFCCC L&amp;D Fund and to ask for progress with respect to adopting the proposals set out in the Bridgetown Initiative.</p> <p>The meeting was frank and collaborative.</p>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SG officials to engage with WB as the L&amp;D fund is established to promote community access and dispersal via grants not loans.</li> </ul>
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<b>MEETING WITH Women’s Environment and Development Organisation (WEDO)</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	WEDO delegates: [redacted S.38(1)(b)]

<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- All delegates were extremely grateful for SG support via WEDO and that it had allowed them to build their expertise and influence.</li> <li>- A number highlighted that the WEDO support to attend night school had been instrumental in building their knowledge and confidence.</li> <li>- They also highlighted how WEDO nurtured their network which allowed them to support and inspire one another: “if she can do it, so can I”.</li> <li>- All agreed that women were particularly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and said they felt they bore a responsibility to carry the voices of all these impacted women to COP to ensure they were heard.</li> <li>- [redacted S.38(1)(b)]</li> <li>- The Cab Sec was clear that SG stood in solidarity with the delegates and supported WEDO’s work to ensure women’s voices were heard at COP.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Jemima Gordon-Duff, DD ICCD Leanne Dobson, SpAd
<b>Comment</b>	A warm and at times emotional meeting with the WEDO participants demonstrating both their commitment to and impact on the climate debate.
<b>Actions</b>	- [Redacted S.29(1)(a)]
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<b>MEETING WITH [redacted s.38(1)(b)], UK DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION TO THE UNFCCC, DEPARTMENT FOR ESNZ</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Cab Sec asked how the COP negotiations were progressing.</li> <li>- [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>- The Cab Sec expressed appreciation for the briefing and wished FM well in the negotiations.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Jemima Gordon-Duff, DD ICCD Leanne Dobson, SpAd
<b>Comment</b>	A short factual and friendly meeting.

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<b>MEETING WITH MINISTER FOR STATE OF ENVIRONMENT, NIGERIA</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Date</b>	5 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	1. Dr. Iziaq Adekunle Adebayo Salako (Honourable Minister of State for Environment) 2. [redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Warm introduction between ministers. Cab Sec MMc thanked Dr Salako for hosting her at the Nigerian Pavilion.</li> <li>• Discussion of progress around the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund. [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• Short discussion around renewables and importance of providing energy resilience.</li> <li>• Discussion on domestic priorities – both ministers provided short updates. [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• Discussion around public engagement. Cab Sec MMc highlighted difficulties in engaging with public on challenging climate change issues. [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Leanne Dobson, Special Advisor [redacted s.38(1)(b)], International strategy advisor
<b>Comment</b>	This meeting was the first between ministers of Scotland and Nigeria and was a warm and friendly introductory engagement. [redacted s.32(1)(a)]. There is an opportunity to use this meeting for further engagement with Nigeria at official level if there is interest within SG (DEXA, energy, climate).
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> </ul>
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<b>MEETING WITH L&amp;DYC PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Programme partner meeting:
<b>Date</b>	5 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	L&DYC partners and stakeholders

	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Key Points</b>	Project partners updated the Cabinet Secretary [CS] on the impact of the programme spend to date and the value of SG's advocacy.
<b>Attending Official</b>	Leanne Dobson, Special Advisor [redacted s.38(1)(b)]– International Climate Change
<b>Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants discussed thoughts about the Loss and Damage pledges made to date at COP – the money pledged to date was “not enough, and not climate justice it is the Global South begging for support”. Expressed hope that the fund will not operate like the GEF or GCF and that there will be rapid access</li> <li>• The fund must view the Oxfam report \$100bn as a floor not a ceiling and it must be able to respond to the needs on the ground in a country-driven process.</li> <li>• Technical assistance must be provided to support countries to communicate their loss and damage gap</li> <li>• Partners highlighted that the fund would not work if it exists solely on pledges made ‘when the cameras are around’ but that money is not mobilised in a meaningful way</li> <li>• L&amp;DYC updated that they currently working on a youth grant-making council and establishing appropriate metrics for governance</li> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary thanked the members for their advocacy efforts and agreed that Scottish Government officials would support L&amp;DYC and offer technical assistance on monitoring and evaluation, particularly with respect to gender-responsiveness and proportionate downstream reporting.</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officials will share CJF best practice on monitoring and evaluation to support the governance exercise for the L&amp;DYC grant-making council.</li> </ul>
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<b>MEETING WITH CJRF PROJECT PARTNERS</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Programme partner meeting: [redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Date</b>	5 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	CJRF project partners
<b>Key Points</b>	Project partners updated the Cabinet Secretary [CS] on the impact of the programme spend to date and the value of SG's advocacy.
<b>Attending Official</b>	Leanne Dobson, Special Advisor [redacted s.38(1)(b)] – International Climate Change
<b>Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CS encouraged to ‘keep pushing’ the case internationally as there is still not enough loss &amp; damage funding available</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SG were praised for ‘not just creating, but actualising’ and delivering real impact on the ground – going beyond pledges.</li> <li>• CS heard from UUSC partners that our finance is being used in a gender-responsive way that explicitly recognises the difference between global communities and indigenous people’s rights. Something that the Global Goal on Adaptation is currently failing to do. SG was encouraged to keep providing funding <u>and</u> technical assistance</li> <li>• Partners expressed tentative optimism about the gavelling of the L&amp;D fund on day 1 of COP but were concerned that contributions were voluntary rather than obligatory</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)] updated that the SG programme funds have been used to amplify impact around climate and health, particularly reproductive health and welcomed how gender-responsive the funding is</li> <li>• [redacted s.38(1)(b)] explained that SG’s initial funds around climate migration have led to additional funds being pledged by other institutions.</li> <li>• CS and SG were praised for ‘picking up where adaptation efforts have failed’ and for ‘bringing a gender-responsive, feminist lens with full and equal decision-making’. Through SG leadership we have influenced how USAID run their regional programmes.</li> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary thanked participants for their frankness and committed to Scottish Government maintaining pressure and a push for ambition for the new fund both through evidence from SG programmes and also through direct advocacy wherever possible.</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
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<b>MEETING WITH QUEBEC MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Date</b>	5 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Minister Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>The conversation focused on upcoming Federal Elections in Canada in 2024 and the need this has for increased action at subnational level. In particular continuing to work collaboratively through the Under2 Coalition.</p> <p>Quebec were announcing joining the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance (BOGA) at</p>

	COP28 (later on the same day of the meeting) [redacted S.30]. [redacted s.30(b)(1)]
<b>Attending Official</b>	Leanne Dobson, Special Advisor [redacted s.38 (1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	The meeting was brief but a good opportunity to continue to build on the good international relationship between Scotland and Quebec. The conversation was friendly and in the spirit of working together.
<b>Actions</b>	N/A
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<b>MEETING WITH HARJEET SINGH AND MICHAEL POLAND</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral stakeholder meeting
<b>Date</b>	5 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Harjeet Singh (HS) – CAN International Michael Poland (MP) – Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty (FFNPT)
<b>Key Points</b>	Discussion around the newly-established UN Loss and Damage Fund and Scotland's Net Zero activity
<b>Attending Official</b>	Leanne Dobson, Special Advisor [redacted s.38(1)(b)] – International Climate Change
<b>Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• CabSec agreed with the concerns and committed that SG would seek to influence the structure and function of the fund where possible.</li> <li>• [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• CabSec committed to re-exploring the commitments discussed with MP and reviewing the report that had been recently published.</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>
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<b>MEETING with Heriot Watt Decarbonisation Academics</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting to receive a briefing from leading academics from HWU involved in the IDRIC Programme
<b>Date</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2023
<b>Who</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)], shared an update on their IDRIC programme of activities which are funded by the UKRC as part the wider UKG Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms McAllan reiterated the importance of this work to help areas of our economy such as the energy intensive industries which will be very difficult to decarbonise.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	This was a useful briefing on an important programme of work being taken forward by HWU.
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Actions</li> </ul>
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<b>EVENT – SEforALL</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Event – Ms McAllan delivered opening address
<b>Date</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> December 10:30 – 11:00 (SDG7 Pavillion) COP 28
<b>Who</b>	Sustainable Energy (SE) for All – is an international organisation working in partnership with the United Nations, governments and the private sector to accelerate the delivery of sustainable development.
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cab/Sec highlighted Scotland hydrogen ambitions and how that can play a central role in the transition to net zero.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	Ms McAllan was introduced by [redacted s.38(1)(b)] Ms McAllan delivered the opening address for this panel event – then left the event- the forum did not allow for questions to be asked.
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Actions</li> </ul>

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<b>MEETING WITH LITHUANIAN GOVERNMENT</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral
<b>Date</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023
<b>Who</b>	Marius Skuodis - Minister for Transport and Communications Agne Vaiciukeviciute - Vice-Minister for Transport and Communications
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>The Cabinet Secretary outlined key priorities in Scotland:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decarbonisation</li> <li>• Modal shift – cars to electric trains</li> <li>• EV charging</li> </ul> <p>The Minister for Transport and Comms referenced [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</p> <p>Subject of urban/rural needs with regards to transport was discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Within urban areas LT are [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• Urban areas growing whilst rural areas are decreasing in population, but still need to be served, which presents a challenge in service delivery.</li> <li>• LT Gov are [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• C/S referenced the HiTrans Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) programme of work (a CivTech Challenge from 2020) and offered to share details on this initiative.</li> </ul> <p>Regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LT Minister referenced [redacted s.32(1)(a)]</li> </ul> <p>Comms portfolio</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a brief comment on the Minister’s secondary portfolio of comms, with emphasis on rural areas. C/S was able to reference Scotland’s successful R100 programme.</li> </ul> <p>The Ministers discussed areas of collaboration/commonality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large rural areas to be serviced by transport</li> <li>• Demand responsive transport – we offered to make introductions</li> <li>• Officials referenced three DRT companies had come through GovTech Global Alliance: WeMove, TRC (The Routing Company), Scipopolous</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Jemima Gordon-Duff / [redacted s.38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	This bilateral, along with the Nigerian bilateral, was arranged through the GovTech Global Alliance (formerly the CivTech Alliance, set up by the Scottish Government in 2020). These informal networks serve as in-roads to potentially strategically important countries.



<b>Actions</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scottish officials to share details of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. HiTrans DRT Programme</li> <li>b. DRT companies within GovTech Global Alliance</li> <li>c. R100 broadband roll out for servicing rural areas</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Lithuanian officials to share details of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. their regulatory Sandbox</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Link to speech</b>
COP Presidency's Open Dialogue with Parties and NGO Constituencies - Mandated event	6 December	<a href="#">COP Presidency's Open Dialogue with Parties and NGO Constituencies - Mandated event   UNFCCC</a>

**Document 4 – Minutes for meetings held by the First Minister at COP28**

<b>MEETING WITH YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GLOBAL SOUTH</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting
<b>Date</b>	30 November 2023
<b>Who</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted Section 38(1)(b)] - Climate Advocate and Human Rights Activist / Political Science and Law Student Argentina</li> <li>• [redacted Section 38(1)(b)] – Member of YOUNGO NDC Working Group – Nigeria</li> <li>• [redacted Section 38(1)(b)] – Co-Founder and Director of the Climate Risk and Resilience Lab – Nepal</li> <li>• [redacted Section 38(1)(b)] – Climate Activist; Member of YOUNGO Finance Working Group; Head of Policy at Klimadelegation</li> </ul> <p>[redacted s,38(1)(b)] – Philippines  [redacted s,38(1)(b)] – Sri Lanka  [redacted s,38(1)(b)] – Ghana</p>
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM set out that he wanted to learn and amplify the voices from the global south as this is where climate impacts are being disproportionately felt. FM highlighted how SG had been the first global north country to commit funding to Loss and Damage and would continue to stand in solidarity with the global south on this issue.</li> <li>• FM was also clear that he fully supported a phase out of unabated fossil fuels and hoped COP28 would agree this.</li> <li>• The different representatives highlighted the impact climate change was having on their communities including floods, droughts, coastal erosion and increasing poverty.</li> <li>• Some highlighted the need for increased financing for adaptation to build resilience and more innovative thinking e.g. reducing debt burden in line with adaptation efforts.</li> <li>• Some raised the urgency of reducing emissions including through the transparent implementation of NDCs. NDCs also needed to be child-sensitive. Would Scotland consider signing the Declaration of Children, Youth and Climate Action?</li> <li>• On Loss and Damage, SG’s support was welcomed. Some highlighted that the new fund hosted by World Bank should be grants not loans, needs based (not a random sum) and gender and child responsive.</li> <li>• FM thanked the representatives for raising such important points and committed to champion them during his</li> </ul>

	other meetings. Adaptation had to be a priority and the L&D funding had to come as grants not loans and be at the appropriate scale.
<b>Attending Official</b>	Jemima Gordon-Duff
<b>Comment</b>	A open meeting with appreciation on both sides for one another's commitment on climate.
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<b>Event</b>	<b>Recording link</b>
Scotland Leading the Way - Official opening of the SG/ ICLEI pavilion followed by networking reception.	<a href="#">Scotland leading the way: Opening event - YouTube</a>

<b>ST ANDREWS DAY CELEBRATION RECEPTION</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Evening Networking and showcasing reception with a speech delivered from First Minister to 200 guests including Business Leaders, Government Representatives, Global Scots and Diaspora Scots from across the UAE.
<b>Date</b>	1 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Senior UAE Government representative: His Royal Highness Sheikh Maktoum Bin Butti Al Maktoum

	Nick Maclean, SG Trade Envoy
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>First Minister delivered a speech to an audience of around 200 guests. Including HRH Sheikh Maktoum Bin Butti Al Maktoum. The event not only provided excellent B2B networking opportunities it also provided an opportunity to showcase 19 Scottish Food and Drink companies active in the UAE market. It was also an opportunity for Scotch Halal lamb to be introduced to the market for the first time.</p> <p>A collaborative pipers performance between Scottish and Arabic pipers marking St Andrews Day.</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG [redacted s,38(1)(b)] DITI, SG
<b>Comment</b>	A positive, informal and well attended evening that provided excellent business networking opportunities and a chance to recognise the great work of the active Global Scot business community in the UAE. An excellent way to mark the celebration of St Andrews Day internationally.
<b>Actions</b>	Follow up letter with HRH Sheikh Maktoum Bin Butti Al Maktoum

<b>MEETING WITH INTELLIGENT GROWTH SOLUTIONS/REFARM</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Visit to Demonstrator Project and meeting with Intelligent Growth Solutions (IGS) and Refarm
<b>Date</b>	1 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	David Farquhar, Chief Executive, IGS Andrew Lloyd, CFO, IGS Saeed Al Marri (Chairman, SSK Enterprises) (distributor for IGS) Oliver Christof (CEO, Christof Global Impact (CGI)) Nick Maclean, SG Trade Envoy
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>The FM visited the Refarm demonstration farm which integrates IGS' vertical farming solutions in to a wider approach to the use of food waste as a 'waste to value' demonstrator.</p> <p>A brief discussion about IGS' operations in Scotland, including the valuable support they have received from Scottish Enterprise, and the UAE project they are working with CGI and SSK on was followed by a tour of the demonstrator. David Farquhar outlined plans for IGS' part in a 'waste to value' 9000,000 square foot Gigafarm in the UAE.</p> <p>The FM thanked the team for demonstrating and explaining how the Gigafarm will work and the waste, CO2 and food security benefits it will deliver; emphasised that the SG and its agencies stood ready to provide support to IGS; and wished the team every success</p>

<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG [redacted s,38(1)(b)] DITI, SG
<b>Comment</b>	A positive and informative visit highlighting the success of Scottish company IGS and demonstrating SG's support for the company to partners and investors.
<b>Actions</b>	Visit follow up letters to IGS and partners

<b>Event</b>	<b>Recording link</b>
<b>Introduce AI-Gore, speaking at speaking at ICLEI/ SG pavilion Welcoming Session.</b>	Summary of the event: <a href="#">Kicking-off an Era of Multilevel Action and Urbanization in the Age of Climate Emergency   IISD Earth Negotiations Bulletin</a>  Recording of the event <a href="#">Kicking-off an era of multilevel action urbanization in the age of climate emergency (youtube.com)</a>

<b>MEETING WITH PM Lebanon – Najib Mikati</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting
<b>Date</b>	1 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	PM Lebanon – Najib Mikati (NM)
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted S.38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	The meeting was warm and Open.

<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> </ul>
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<b>BRUSH-BY WITH URSULA VON DER LEYEN</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Brush by
<b>Date</b>	1 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Ursula von der Leyen (vdl)
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FM and vdl exchanged warm greetings enquiring how they were both finding COP. Both welcomed agreement on loss and damage.</li> <li>Both acknowledged need for collaboration between international community in order to tackle climate change.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted Section 38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	N/A
<b>Actions</b>	N/A
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<b>BRUSH-BY WITH CHARLES MICHEL</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Brush by
<b>Date</b>	1 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Charles Michel (CM)
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CM and FM exchanged warm greetings enquiring how they were both finding COP.</li> <li>Both acknowledged need for collaboration between international community in order to tackle climate change.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted Section 38(1)(b)]

<b>Comment</b>	N/A
<b>Actions</b>	N/A
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[redacted - Section 25(1)]

<b>BRUSH-BY: ANWAAR UL HAQ KAKAR (CARETAKER PM PAKISTAN)</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Brush by – walked past each other
<b>Date</b>	2 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Anwaar ul Haq Kakar (Caretaker PM Pakistan) and Jalil Abbas Jilani (Foreign Affairs Minister Pakistan)
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FM and PM exchanged pleasantries and enquired how each were finding COP so far.</li> <li>• PM introduced his Foreign Minister to FM</li> <li>• Photo</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted S.38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	N/A
<b>Actions</b>	N/A
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<b>MEETING WITH RECEP TAYYIP ERDOGAN, PRESIDENT OF TURKEY</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting
<b>Date</b>	1 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	President of Turkey

<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FM asked how RTE was finding COP, noting the welcome agreement on funding for loss and damage.</li> <li>- FM mentioned he was last in Turkey during Ramadan in 2022 and invited RTE to visit Scotland during a future visit to the UK.</li> <li>- FM noted that their wives had met during the recent First Ladies and spouses of Leaders Summit on Gaza in Turkey. [Redacted: S32]</li> <li>- [Redacted: S32] The FM replied that it had been a frightening time given the lack of communication but they were now safe at home and recovering.</li> <li>- [Redacted: S32] If the two state solution were to remain alive, both sides needed to prioritise lives of civilians.</li> <li>- The FM said that the attacks on October 7<sup>th</sup> were unacceptable. He called for an immediate ceasefire as too many innocent civilians had already been killed in Gaza. FM mentioned that war not only destroys lives and communities but also the environment and biodiversity – what could be done to resolve the situation? [Redacted: S32]</li> <li>- [Redacted: S32] The FM set out his Pakistani and Kenyan heritage.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[Redacted: S38] RTE's translator and political adviser
<b>Comment</b>	The meeting was warm and friendly despite speaking via a translator.
<b>Actions</b>	
<b>Copy list</b>	

<b>MEETING WITH GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE PLANET</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Brief speaking engagement - announcement of partnership between GASP and Federated Hermes re Climate Change Fund
<b>Date</b>	2 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Satya S. Tripathi, Secretary-General, Global Alliance for a Sustainable Planet Saker Nusseibeh, CEO of Federated Hermes Limited
<b>Key Points</b>	Following comments from GASP and Federated Hermes, the First Minister provided brief comments welcoming the partnership between GASP and Federated Hermes and outlining Scotland's historical and current strengths in finance and banking for public good.  [redacted s.33(1)(b)]
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG



<b>Comment</b>	Link to press release = <a href="#">Federated Hermes Limited &amp; "GASP" Establish Partnership at COP28   Federated Hermes Limited (hermes-investment.com)</a>
<b>Actions</b>	RR to follow up with Satya Tripathi re potential location of HQ in Edinburgh

<b>Panel session: Space as a route to Net Zero</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Participation in a panel session showcasing Scotland's Space sector and its capabilities to help drive us to Net Zero.
<b>Date</b>	2 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Anousheh Ansari, Chief Executive, XPrize – Moderator Anna Hazlett – Ceo of Azur X – Global Scot Daniel Smith – Founder of AstroAgency – Global Scot Allan Cannon – CEO and Co-founder of Krucial Phil Mclachlan – CEO and Co-founder of D-Cat
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>Following the moderators welcome and opening of the panel session the First Minister provided brief comments on the strength of Scotland's Space Sector and its applicability to delivering Net Zero. The First Minister welcomed the announcement of XPrize locating in Glasgow and outlined the Space focused ecosystem that was building in Scotland and the drive to ensure that it was agile and responsive to help providing solutions to some of the biggest challenges globally.</p> <p>In brief the First Minister highlights Glasgow's strengths in Satellite manufacturing and all of the excellent work that is going on in relation to Advanced manufacturing and Edinburgh's capabilities as becoming the data capital of Europe.</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted s,38(1)(b)] DITI, SG Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG
<b>Comment</b>	A positive session that highlighted the strengths of Scotland's space sector. It also gave Scottish Space companies on the Business delegation an opportunity to present in the Blue Zone at COP28 to an International audience.
<b>Actions</b>	SG Officials to follow up with the Space companies and with Xprize.

<b>MEETING WITH ANOUSHEH ANSARI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, XPRIZE</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	1-2-1 Meeting

<b>Date</b>	2 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Anousheh Ansari, Chief Executive, XPrize Nick Maclean, SG Trade Envoy, UAE
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>Ms Ansari provided background on XPrize and their decision to locate their European Hub at Glasgow University. The FM and Ms Ansari discussed the role of space/date in addressing climate change; the importance of inspiring children and young people, especially on STEM subjects; and XPrize's current water scarcity competition, including a potential role for Scottish Water.</p> <p>The FM welcomed XPrize's decision to locate their European Hub in Glasgow and emphasised the Scottish Government's commitment to making the Hub a success. He asked officials to continue liaising with Anousheh and keep him updated on the project.</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITl, SG [redacted s,38(1)(b)] DITl, SG
<b>Comment</b>	A positive meeting which reinforced SG's support for XPrize's European Hub at Glasgow University.
<b>Actions</b>	SG officials to follow up with XPrize and update FM

<b>MEETING WITH Agnès Pannier – Runacher Minister for Energy Transition - France</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral Meeting
<b>Date</b>	2 December 2023 14:00-14:30
<b>Who</b>	Agnès Pannier – Runacher - Minister for Energy Transition - France
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• Loss and damage. France committed up to 100m euros and tried to match the more ambitious countries. [Section 32(1)(a)]. The First Minister highlighted Scotland's approach of funding going directly to communities.</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• Exchanged pleasantries and committed to continuing the collaboration between the two countries. Finished by exchanging gifts.</li> </ul>

<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted Section 38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	This meeting highlighted many areas for collaboration between the two countries in the climate as well as the energy sector and marked a positive exchange. Opportunity to build upon this and explore further how we can work with the French government in depth.
<b>Actions</b>	[redacted Section 32(1)(a)]
<b>Copy list</b>	<p>First Minister  Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture  Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition  Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy  Emily Mackintosh  Colin McAllister  Scott Wightman  Kersti Berge  John Primrose  Jemima Gordon-Duff  Frank Strang  Donna MacKinnon  [redacted Section 38(1)(b)]</p>

<b>ROUNDTABLE ON DRIVING SUBNATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO STRENGTHEN GLOBAL CLIMATE ACTION</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Roundtable
<b>Date</b>	2 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	<p>Helen Clarkson            CEO, Climate Group  Danielle Magalhaes      Team Lead, Communications and Engagement Division, UNFCCC Secretariat  Jordan Harris              Executive Director, Regions4  Apostolos Tzitzikostas   Vice-President of Committee of the Regions, Governor of Central Macedonia Region, Greece  Jen Austin                  Director of Strategy, UN High Level Champions Team  Yunus Arikan               LGMA Focal Point, ICLEI  Raquel Lyra                 Governor of Pernambuco  Mateus Simoes             Vice Governor of Minas Gerais  Marco Del Prete            Secretary for Environment, Queretaro  Wade Crowfoot            Secretary for Natural Resources, California  David Mascort              Minister of Climate Action, Food and Rural Agenda, Catalonia  Sergio Arjona Jiménez    Vice Minister, Andalusia  Martin Haese                Chair of the Premier's Climate Change Council in South Australia  Jônatas Souza da         Undersecretary of Environment, Sao Paulo State  Trindade  Adolfo Uriarte              Director, Basque Country  Dr Champa Patel            Executive Director of Governments and Policy, Climate Group  Tessa Ferry                  Race to Zero Lead and Sr. Gender Adviser Climate Champions</p>

<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HC introduced the roundtable meeting, highlighting that views would be sought on what a good GST outcome would look like, and where sub-nationals can add the most value in the negotiations.</li> <li>• YA introduced the importance of multi-level action by stating that Scotland had totally shifted the paradigm on loss and damage at COP26. He noted that we are seeing the dividends paid now, and that states, regions and devolved governments had significant influence on other issues</li> <li>• The FM made clear that we needed to see a GST decision that included levers for subnational governments.</li> <li>• When discussing the negotiations, the FM made clear that Scotland was closely following the negotiations on loss and damage, and that we had much to offer on other tracks.</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> <li>• [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted Section 28(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	The meeting was part of the Local Climate Action Summit, and was aimed at sub-national leaders sharing on key challenges and opportunities at this COP.
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• [Redacted S.29(1)(a)]</li> </ul>
<b>Copy list</b>	FMPO ICC Unit

<b>MEETING WITH His Excellency President of Zambia Hakainde Hichilema</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral Meeting
<b>Date</b>	2 December 2023 15:45-15:55
<b>Who</b>	His Excellency President of Zambia Hakainde Hichilema
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brief meeting of 10 minutes. Exchanged pleasantries and highlighted the long collaboration and historic relationship between the two countries</li> <li>• The First Minister announced funding for our partner countries including Zambia through our International</li> </ul>

	Development Fund [redacted Section 32(1)(a)] Both sides expressed the need for continuous collaboration
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted - Section 38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	This meeting highlighted the historic relationship between the two countries. The funding announced for our partner countries including Zambia set in motion part of the International Development Fund. [redacted Section 32(1)(a)]
<b>Actions</b>	[redacted - Section 32(1)(a)]
<b>Copy list</b>	First Minister Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy Emily Mackintosh Colin McAllister Scott Wightman Kersti Berge John Primrose Jemima Gordon-Duff [redacted - Section 38(1)(b)]

<b>Event</b>	<b>Recording link</b>
Financing Loss and Damage globally: Malawi and Scotland climate justice leadership	<a href="#">Financing Loss and Damage globally: Malawi and Scotland climate justice leadership (youtube.com)</a>  Event covered by Jemima Gordon-Duff

<b>Event</b>	<b>Recording link</b>
Loss & Damage: An urban perspective	<a href="#">Loss &amp; Damage: An urban perspective (youtube.com)</a>

<b>UNDER2 COALITION: CO-CHAIR PANEL AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Participation in a panel session in role as European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition at the Coalition's General Assembly.
<b>Date</b>	3 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Dr Champa Patel, Climate Group and chair Nomusa Dube-Ncube, Premier of KawZulu Natal

	Kim Tae-heum, Governor of Chungnam
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>Dr Patel opened and moderated the panel session with a call to end the use of fossil fuels. Key points centred around connection between climate and fossil fuel crisis, “no pathway to net zero that can include the continued use of fossil fuels.”</p> <p>FM intervention confirmed funding announcement of clean and reliable energy for Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda. Clear linkages made between climate crisis and issues of poverty, injustice and inequality. Strong call to tackle global challenges together, role of Scotland as good global citizen. FM indicated support for Coalition and called for members to work together to tackle FF emissions.</p> <p>General discussion focused around agreement of need to step up efforts around meeting net zero targets, specifically around FF, and importance of Coalition in supporting members to do so.</p> <p>[Redacted s.32(1)(a)(i)]</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted – Section 38(1)(b)]
<b>Comment</b>	A positive session that highlighted the leading role Scotland plays within the Under2 Coalition and illustrated the commitment across the Co-Chairs to utilising the Coalition more effectively to deliver for members.
<b>Actions</b>	N/A
<b>Copy list</b>	Cab Sec TNZJT Spads ICC

<b>MEETING WITH MIA MOTTLEY</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral meeting
<b>Date</b>	3 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	<p>Mia Mottley, Prime Minister of Barbados  Kerrie Symmonds, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade  [redacted – Section 38(1)(b)(i)]  [redacted – Section 38(1)(b)(i)]</p>
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opportunities for Scotland/Barbados collaboration</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	<p>Emily Mackintosh, Special Advisor  [redacted – Section 38(1)(b)(i)]  [redacted – Section 38(1)(b)(i)]</p>

<b>Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussed opportunities around technical and management capacity sharing from Scotland to Barbados, [redacted – section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> <li>[redacted – section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> <li>[redacted – section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> <li>[redacted – section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> </ul>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>[redacted – section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> <li>[redacted – section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> <li>[redacted – section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> </ul>
<b>Copy list</b>	PO First Minister ICC Unit

<b>MEETING WITH Maroš Šefčovič Executive Vice-President of the European Commission</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral Meeting
<b>Date</b>	3 December 2023 14:35-14:55
<b>Who</b>	Maroš Šefčovič Executive Vice-President (VP) of the European Commission
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The First Minister and VP opened the discussion with the issue of Gaza both condemning the atrocities.</li> <li>[redacted - section 32(1)(a)(ii)]</li> <li>Discussed language on fossil fuels and loss and damage funding commitments.</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted -Section 38(1)(b)(i)]
<b>Comment</b>	A fruitful discussion that emphasised the importance of regions, cities, nations and local authorities into climate change policy decision making and strategic planning.
<b>Actions</b>	No immediate actions
<b>Copy list</b>	First Minister Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture

	Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy Emily Mackintosh Colin McAllister Scott Wightman Kersti Berge Martin Johnson John Primrose Jemima Gordon-Duff Frank Strang Donna MacKinnon [redacted Section 38(1)(b)(i)]
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<b>MEETING WITH SIMON STIELL – EXECUTIVE SECRETARY UNFCCC</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Meeting
<b>Date</b>	3 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Simon Stiell – Executive Secretary UNFCCC [redacted – Section 38(a)(ii)] Colin McAllister – Chief of Staff FM [redacted - Section 38(1)(b)(i)] [redacted - Section 38(1)(b)(i)]
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SS begun by sharing his sympathies and warm wishes with FM with regards to FM’s family ordeal in Gaza. FM thanked SS and explained his family were now safe and back home in Scotland.</li> <li>• [redacted - Section 32(1)(a)(ii)]</li> <li>• [redacted - Section 32(1)(a)(ii)]</li> <li>• [redacted - Section 33(2)(a)]</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted - Section 38(1)(b)(i)]
<b>Comment</b>	The meeting was warm, friendly and open.



<b>Actions</b>	[redacted - Section 33(2)(a)]
<b>Copy list</b>	

<b>INFORMAL GEFI DINNER</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Informal Global Ethical Finance Initiative (GEFI) Dinner - In advance of the GEFI Finance Summit on 4 December, at which the FM was a keynote speaker, the First Minister attended an informal buffet dinner
<b>Date</b>	3 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	The dinner was hosted at the home of Tariq Shaikh, Chairman (Middle East) of RJ Flemming and board member of GEFI. Other attendees included: Dame Susan Rice (Chair, GEFI Global Steering Group) David Pitt-Watson (Member GEFI Steering Group) Omar Shaikh (CEO, GEFI) Chris Tait (COO, GEFI) [redacted s,38(1)(b)] [redacted s,38(1)(b)] [redacted s,38(1)(b)] [redacted s,38(1)(b)] [redacted s,38(1)(b)] [redacted s,38(1)(b)] [redacted s,38(1)(b)] [redacted s,38(1)(b)]
<b>Key Points</b>	The FM made some brief opening remarks about the focus of his COP28 engagement on loss and damage, a just transition and the economic opportunities of the move to net zero.
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison (Director, DITI, SG)
<b>Comment</b>	This was an informal buffet dinner with no formal agenda or discussion points. The FM engaged in informal conversation with most of the guests.  In conversation, Khalil Maleab highlighted to FM and Richard Rollison that [redacted s.38(1)(b)] had studied in and had a deep regard for Scotland. [redacted S.30(b)(i)]
<b>Actions</b>	'Thank you' letter to Tariq Shaik  RR to follow up with Khalil Maleab.

<b>COP 28 BUSINESS BREAKFAST – HERIOT WATT</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Informal Networking Business Breakfast with opening remarks from the First Minister
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	First Minister. Reuben Aitken, MD, SDI. Professor Dame Heather McGregor, Vice-Principle, Heriot Watt University Dubai. Representatives of 19 Companies forming the Business Delegation and other associated guests with a connection to Scotland.
<b>Key Points</b>	The First Minister welcome the 19 companies who had been funded to participate in the SG/SDI/SCC Net Zero Business Programme. He set out the Scottish Government’s Climate Change Ambitions, his experience of COP28 and wishes for the success of the programme. He also provided an overview of the importance of business to achieving climate change targets. He then met with business delegates during an informal business breakfast networking event.
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted s,38(1)(b)] (Head of COP28 Business Engagement, DITI, SG) [redacted s,38(1)(b)] (Policy Official, DITI, SG)
<b>Comment</b>	This was an informal event which provided an opportunity for business delegates to meet and receive support from the very highest level of the SG as they began their business programme. It was considered a success and useful event by delegates.
<b>Actions</b>	SG officials to follow up with business delegates on progress made against opportunities identified as a result of the business programme.

<b>COP 28 GEFI CLIMATE FINANCE SUMMIT – FINANCING SURVIVAL</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	10 minute keynote speech to Climate Finance Summit
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Approx 250-300 international finance professionals  Host: Amal Larhlid, PwC  Other key speakers as part of FM session: - Omar Shaik, CEO, GEFI - Dame Susan Rice, Chair, GEFI

	- Steven van Rijswijk, CEO, ING
<b>Key Points</b>	FM speech focussed on climate crisis; finance legacy from COP26 in Glasgow; Scotland's approach to a just transition and green financial services and work of FM Investor Panel and proposal for Scottish bond issue  <a href="#">GEFI FINANCE SUMMIT - VIDEO HIGHLIGHTS</a>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director, DITI Emily McIntosh, Special Advisor Nick Maclean, SG Trade Envoy, UAE
<b>Comment</b>	Speech positively received – good feedback on day and subsequently
<b>Actions</b>	None

<b>MEETING WITH DUBAI INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTRE AUTHORITY</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Following his keynote speech at the GEFI Finance Summit the First Minister met with the Dubai International Financial Centre Authority (DIFCA).
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	Essa Kazim, Governor DIFCA Arif Amiri, CEO, DIFCA Alya Al Zarouni, COO, DIFCA Nick Maclean, SG Trade Envoy, UAE Omar Shaik, GEFI Chris Tait, GEFI Susan Rice, Chair, GEFI Emily Mackintosh, Special Advisor, SG
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>The First Minister outlined the Scottish Government's key focus for COP28, especially in relation to loss and damage, noting SG's £2m 'kickstart' for loss and damage at COP26. He welcomed announcements on loss and damage at the start of COP28 and noted the UAE's leadership on the issue.</p> <p>Mr Amiri outlined DIFCA's development and growth since its establishment in 2004 and highlighted the role of domestic and international financial services to economic growth and supporting business growth. [redacted s,32(1)(b)]</p> <p>Mr Amiri outlined the important regulatory role of DIFCA in international standards and the role of the UAE Court which worked on the principles of English Common Law. He also highlighted work he was aware of being carried out by University of Glasgow which</p>

	<p>helped individuals understand the emissions associated with a basket of goods.</p> <p>The First Minister outlined the Scottish Government's focus on a wellbeing economy [redacted s,29 (1)(b)]</p> <p>Following the discussion, formal photos were taken and there was an exchange of gifts.</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG
<b>Comment</b>	Amicable and positive meeting and discussion
<b>Actions</b>	Follow up letter to DIFCA re potential for closer joint working.

<b>COP28 International Trade Day Event: Strengthening Supply Chain Resilience - Navigating Global Disruption</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Speaking engagement as Panel member - At the invite of the UAE Ministry for Economy, the First Minister participated in a Panel discussion at this event, attended by around 60 people, which formed a key part of the first COP International Trade Day.
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	<p>The other panellists were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE Dr Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economy, UAE.</li> <li>• Le Thi Thu Thuy, Chairwoman Vinfast LLC</li> <li>• Thibaud Simphal, Global Head of Sustainability – UBER</li> <li>• Mohammed Almutawa, Group CEO, Ducab Group</li> <li>• Mr Anoud Van Den Berg – Group CEO Al Dahra Group</li> <li>• John Defterios – Moderator</li> </ul>
<b>Key Points</b>	The FM briefly outlined Scotland's approach to the energy transition and aim to shift Aberdeen from Europe's oil and gas capital to Europe's net zero capital; emphasised the importance of a just transition, including for the Global South; and focussed on the need to anchor supply chain opportunities in Scotland.
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG [redacted s,38(1)(b)] UKG – British Embassy
<b>Comment</b>	Good opportunity to highlight Scotland's approach to energy transition to an international audience.
<b>Actions</b>	None

<b>MEETING WITH HIS EXCELLENCY DR THANI AL ZEYOUDI, UAE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN TRADE</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister

<b>Type of engagement</b>	Formal Bilateral Meeting
<b>Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023
<b>Who</b>	First Minister HE Dr Thani & members of his team
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>The FM met with HE Dr Thani and thanked him and his team for their continued interest in Scotland and for championing the development of a bilateral Trade and Investment relationship between Scotland and the UAE.</p> <p>The FM and HE Dr Thani both acknowledged the work of the Scotland and UAE Taskforce as being instrumental in the development of the relationship and noted the signing of the T&amp;I focused MOU in October.</p> <p>[redacted s,32(1)(a)]</p> <p>FM outlined the Business delegation from COP28 and highlighted Scotland's COP28 priorities and congratulated the UAE on it's successful organisation of COP28.</p> <p>FM reiterated an invitation to HE Dr Thani to bring a business delegation to Scotland for a dedicated Business Forum, which HE Dr Thani accepted. [redacted s,32(1)(a)]</p> <p>HE Dr Thani was pleased to hear from FM that we are taking forward further discussions with Masdar and TAQA and that those meetings were in place. Both Ministers agreed to keep each other informed on progress.</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted s,38(1)(b)] SG DITI [redacted s,38(1)(b)] UKG – British Embassy
<b>Comment</b>	A positive meeting which highlighted HE DR Thani and his team really value the close working relationship they have with SG officials through the official taskforce and that they are keen to continue to work with Team Scotland to deliver further results.
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A follow up letter from FM to HE Dr Thani</li> <li>• Securing of Business Forum dates in Scotland</li> <li>• Official invitation to UAE Govt for business forum in Scotland</li> </ul>

<b>MEETING WITH HER EXCELLENCY MARIAM ALMHEIRI UAE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Formal Bilateral Meeting

<b>Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023
<b>Who</b>	HE Mariam Almheiri & representatives of her team
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>FM met with Her Excellency Mariam Almheiri UAE Minister for Environment and Climate Change and outlined Scotland's COP28 priorities and congratulated the UAE on the financial commitments made in the early days of COP28, in particular on Loss and Damage which was at \$720m at the time of this meeting. [Section 32(1)(a)]</p> <p>The First Minister highlighted the Scottish COP28 Business delegation and the focus in Scotland on the delivery of Net Zero and the desire to share our knowledge, skills, expertise and ideas with partner countries.</p> <p>A brief discussion was had on the situation in Gaza and also on society and the need to build bridges between nations.</p> <p>FM highlighted that we are not perfect when it comes to fighting inequality and injustices and stated that we must all do more to continue to uphold Human Rights and fairness. [redacted s.33(1)(b)]. FM congratulated her on her success and record in Govt.</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	<p>[redacted s,38(1)(b)] SG DITI  Emily Mackintosh - FM Special Advisor  Nicholas Maclean – SG Trade and Investment Envoy to the UAE  [redacted s,38(1)(b)] UKG – British Embassy</p>
<b>Comment</b>	A positive meeting.
<b>Actions</b>	A follow up letter thanking the Minister for taking the time to meet and highlighting the Scotland COP28 business delegation.

<b>MEETING WITH TAQA</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Formal meeting to discuss existing and potential TAQA activity and investment in Scotland
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	<p>Jasim Husain Thabet, Group CEO, TAQA  Gareth Wynn, Chief Communications Officer, TAQA  Franco Polo, Head of Overseas Oil and Gas, TAQA  Colin McAllister, Special Adviser, SG  Reuben Aitken, Managing Director, SDI  [redacted s,38(1)(b)] SDI, UAE</p>
<b>Key Points</b>	Mr Thabet outlined TAQA involvement in the XLinks project which aims to deliver up to 10 GW of solar energy from Morocco to the UK via subsea (4,000km) cable. He noted that whilst the project was at an early stage of development it was clear that one of the key challenges was the supply of and delivery times for cable.

	<p>In discussion, it was agreed that the proposed XLCC cable factory at Hunterston has a vital role in providing HVDC cable for the XLinks project. The FM emphasised the Scottish Government's support for the project and indicated that he was keen to ensure 'Team Scotland' were fully behind the project. The FM made clear that the TAQA CEO should contact him directly if action was needed to help the project progress.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the decommissioning of TAQA's oil and gas assets in Scotland. [redacted s.33(1)(b)]. The FM emphasised the Scottish Government's commitment to working with TAQA and its contractors to support the decommissioning process and associated retraining.</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG
<b>Comment</b>	Positive and business like meeting [redacted s,33(1)(b)]
<b>Actions</b>	Follow up letter [redacted s,33(1)(b)] and ensuring max benefit to Scotland from decommissioning opportunities.

**COP28 International Trade Day Event: Promoting The Use of a Trading System to Scale Up Breakthrough Trade Technologies and Support a Just Transition**

<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Speaking engagement as Panel member - At the invite of the UAE Ministry for Economy, the First Minister participated in a Panel discussion at this event, attended by around 60-70 people, which formed a key part of the first COP International Trade Day.
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023
<b>Who</b>	<p>The other panellists were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HE Dr Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi, Minister for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Economy, UAE.</li> <li>• Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director General, World Trade Organization</li> <li>• Jake Loosarian, CEO, Gecko Robotics</li> <li>• Bjorn Witte, CEO, Blue Horizon</li> </ul>
<b>Key Points</b>	The Panel was late in starting so there was limited opportunity for discussion. The First Minister highlighted the importance of new technologies to achieving net zero and made clear that countries in the global south should have equal access to such technologies. Following a question from the audience about barrier to trade the First Minister highlighted the negative consequences of the UK and Scotland's withdrawal from the European Union.
<b>Attending Official</b>	Richard Rollison, Director DITI, SG [redacted s,38(1)(b)], DITI, SG [redacted s,38(1)(b)] British Embassy, UKG
<b>Comment</b>	Good opportunity to highlight Scotland's approach to energy transition to an international audience.

<b>Actions</b>	Following brief discussion in margins of Panel, follow up letter of formal introduction to be sent to Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, WTO
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<b>MEETING WITH HIS EXCELLENCY MOHAMED JAMEEL AL RAMAHI CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF MASDAR</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister
<b>Type of engagement</b>	Formal Business Meeting
<b>Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2023
<b>Who</b>	HE Mohammed Jameel Al Ramahi CEO of Masdar Husain Al Meer – Global Offshore Wind Director, Masdar Omar Al Teneji – Masdar’s CEO
<b>Key Points</b>	<p>The FM thanked Masdar for their existing interests in Scotland and learned from the CEO Masdar priorities going forward.</p> <p>[redacted s,33(1)(b)]</p> <p>The FM said that several high level discussions had taken place and that he was keen to see significant investment into the clean energy potential of Scotland and that he is keen to make sure Masdar are supported as they consider all avenues in Scotland. This was welcomed by Masdar CEO.</p> <p>The FM invited the CEO of Masdar to Bute House the next time he is in Edinburgh [redacted s,33(1)(b)] and also to take part in the Business Forum being organised for spring 2024.</p> <p>[redacted s,33(1)(b)]</p>
<b>Attending Official</b>	<p>[redacted s,38(1)(b)] – SG DITI Colin McAllister - FM Chief of Staff [redacted s,38(1)(b)] – Scottish Development International Regional Director [redacted s,38(1)(b)] - SDI</p>
<b>Comment</b>	[redacted s,33(1)(b)]
<b>Actions</b>	[redacted s,33(1)(b)]

<b>MEETING WITH Teresa Ribera Rodríguez Third Vice-President Of The Government Of Spain</b>	
<b>Minister</b>	First Minister



<b>Type of engagement</b>	Bilateral Meeting
<b>Date</b>	4 December 2023 19:00-19:30
<b>Who</b>	Teresa Ribera Rodríguez Third Vice-President (VP) of the Government of Spain
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The First Minister and the VP discussed fossil fuel language as well as Loss and Damage funding commitments and how far we have come since COP26. The First Minister emphasised the importance of the Local Climate Action Summit and of the support towards Coalition For High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships (CHAMP) For Climate Action.</li> <li>• [redacted - Section 32(1)(a)(i)]</li> <li>• Both sides agreed on the importance of our governments' continuous collaboration</li> <li>• Meeting concluded with pleasantries and gifts exchange</li> </ul>
<b>Attending Official</b>	[redacted - Section 38(1)(b)(i)]
<b>Comment</b>	[redacted Section 32(1)(a)(i)] Opportunity to build upon the fruitful discussion and continue exchanging knowledge and expertise with the federal government of Spain especially on the climate and energy sectors.
<b>Actions</b>	No immediate actions
<b>Copy list</b>	First Minister Cabinet Secretary for Constitution, External Affairs and Culture Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Net Zero and Just Transition Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Fair Work and Energy Emily Mackintosh Colin McAllister Scott Wightman Kersti Berge Martin Johnson John Primrose Jemima Gordon-Duff Frank Strang Donna MacKinnon [redacted Section 38(1)(b)(i)]