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5. Meeting with Dr Markus Rondé- CEO, Exergy3
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8. Meeting with Anna Shpitsberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation, US Dept. of State

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3. Parliamentary dialogue about finance for adaptation and loss and damage
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6. High level Climate Leaders Reception
7. Earthshot Prize Innovation Summit in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies
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US VISIT

NY Climate Week

21 – 24 September 2024

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Programme

Climate Week NYC Programme

Key:

- Definite – either we control it, or we have an invitation already.
- Likely – potential event
- To be explored – work required to secure.

Objectives for the visit:

1. Build influence of devolved, state and regional governments within the international climate debate
2. Build and maintain diplomatic and economic international relations to accelerate Scotland’s just transition to net zero.
3. Demonstrate Scotland’s progress on climate ambition and action.

PROGRAMME

Saturday 21 September

Time/Location	Engagement	Speaking requirements	Details	Objective/ Gift
11:30 Departure EDI [BST- programme henceforth in US time]				
13:59 [18:59 BST] Arrive JFK Met by [redacted Reg. 11(2)]				
14:15-15:00 [19:15-20:00 BST] Travel to hotel [45 minute drive]				
15:00- 15:30 [20:00-20:30 BST] Downtime				
15:45-16:15 [20:45-21:15 BST] [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]	Bilateral with Elizabeth Wathuti, Kenyan environment and climate activist and founder of the Green Generation Initiative		[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objectives 2 and 3 Gift: No
16:20- 16:30 [21:20-21:30 BST] Travel to UN Headquarters [7 minute walk]				
16:30- 17:00 [21:30-22:00 BST] UN HQ 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017	Bilateral with Sheila Peters, Member of the Executive Committee for Environment, Gauteng Province		[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objectives 2 and 3 Gift: Yes

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<p>17:05-17:30 [22:30-223:00 BST] tbc UN HQ 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017</p>	<p>Bilateral with Regions4 and CONGOPE President Paola Pabon - Prefect of Pichincha region in Ecuador</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	<p>Objective 1,2 and 3 Gift: Yes</p>
<p>17:30- 18:30 [22:30-23:30 BST] ECOSOC Council Chamber UN HQ 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017</p>	<p>UN Summit of the Future Action Day Closing ceremony</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	<p>Objective 2 Gift: No</p>
<p>19:00- 21:00 [00:00-02:00 BST] Dinner and downtime</p>				

Sunday 22 September

Time/ Location	Engagement	Speaking requirements	Details	Objective/Gift
<p>07:50-08:20 [12:50-13:20 BST] [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]</p>	<p>Briefing with officials</p>		<p>Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	
<p>08:30-09:15 [13:30-14:15 BST] [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]</p>	<p>Bilateral with CEO of the Climate Group, Helen Clarkson OBE</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	<p>Objectives 1 2, and 3 Gift: No</p>
<p>09:30-10:00 [14:30-15:00 BST]</p>	<p>Bilateral slot (bilaterals being explored in ANNEX A)</p>			

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[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]				
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11:30- 12:00 [16:30- 17:00 BST] [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]	Bilateral with Huw Irranca-Davies, Deputy First Minister, Wales and Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland		[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objectives 2 and 3 Gift: Yes
12:00-12:30 [17:00-17:30 BST] Lunch with DA Ministers				
12:45-13:15 [17:45-18:15 BST] Travel to Opening Ceremony [20 minute walk]				
13:30-14:30 [18:30-19:30 BST] Times Centre, 242W 41 st St NY 10036	Climate Week NYC 2024 Opening Ceremony	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objective 1, 2 and 3 Gift: No
14:30-15:30 [19:30-20:30 BST] Downtime				
15:40-15:50 [20:40-20:50 BST] Travel to Mott Macdonald [8-minute walk]				
16:00-17:30 [21:00-22:30 BST] Mott Macdonald 1400 Broadway 21 st	Roundtable with GiveDirectly' s CEO, Nick Allardice, Irish government, and Malawian government	Roundtable format 5 minutes speech on SG's principles for funding loss and damage and then informing discussions.	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objectives 2 and 3 Gift: No
17:40-17:50 [22:40-22:50 BST] Travel to Opening Ceremony reception [8-minute walk]				
18:00-19:00	Reception: Climate Week	No speaking opportunity	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]	Objective 1, 2 and 3

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[23:00-00:00 BST] Times Centre, 242W 41 st St NY 10036	NYC 2024 Opening Ceremony		Supporting official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Gift TBC
19:15-21:15 [00:15- 02:00 BST] Dinner				

Monday 23 September

Time/ Location	Engagement	Speaking requirements	Details	Objective
07:20-07:50 [12:30-12:50 BST] [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]	Briefing with officials		Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	
07:50-08:00 [12:50-13:00 BST] Travel to Westin New York Hotel [5 minute walk]				
08:00-08:45 [13:00-13:45 BST] [event is 08:00-09:30 while you attend this time] Westin New York Grand Central Hotel	Parliamentary dialogue about finance for adaptation and loss and damage	Roundtable discussion	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objectives 1,2 and 3 Gift: No
08:45-08:55 [13:45-13:55] Travel to [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] [5 minute walk]				
09:00-10:00 [14:00-15:00 BST] Boxtime for PQS				
10:00-10:15 [15:00-15:15 BST] Prep for Q&A session				
10:20-10:50 [15:20-15:50 BST] Travel to live Hub, Glasshouse [15 minute drive]				
11:20- 11:50 [16:20-16:50 BST]	Climate Week NYC Hub Live event: Leadership and Green Growth.	Panel attendance at 11:20 [30 minutes] alongside	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objectives 1 and 3 Gift: No

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<p>[Event Is 11:00-11:50 while you attend this time]</p> <p>6th Floor, Blue Room. The Glass House, 660 12th Ave, NY 1001</p>	<p>Capital for change: tackling accessibility in climate funding</p>	<p>Mauricio Kuri González, Governor, Government of Querétaro, México [tentative] and Kang Kumsil Ambassador for Climate Change for Gyeonggi.</p>		
<p>12:15-13:15 [17:15-18:15 BST] Lunch and downtime</p>				
<p>13:20-13:50 [18:20- 18:50 BST] Travel to Mott Macdonald [13 minute drive/30 minute walk]</p>				
<p>14:00-14:45 [19:00-19:45 BST]</p> <p>Mott Macdonald 1400 Broadway 21st</p>	<p>Bilateral with Malawian Health Minister.</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]</p> <p>Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	<p>Objective 2</p> <p>Gift: Yes</p>
<p>15:00-15:30 [20:00-20:30 BST]</p>	<p>Bilateral slot</p>			
<p>15:40-16:00 [20:40-21:00 BST] Travel to Rockefeller Plaza [16 minute walk]</p>				
<p>16:30-17:50 [21:30-22:50 BST]</p> <p>[event is at 16:30-18:00 while you attend this time]</p> <p>Québec Government Office 1 Rockefeller Plaza, New York</p>	<p>Under2 Global Ministerial meeting</p>	<p>Roundtable format</p> <p>Leadership vision</p> <p>remarks</p> <p>[5 minutes in the co-chairs segment] outlining Scotland’s vision for a third term of co-chairmanship, followed by discussion.</p>	<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]</p> <p>Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	<p>Objectives 1,2 and 3</p> <p>Gift: No</p>
<p>17:50-18:00 [22:50- 23:00 BST] Travel to Salesforce Tower [10 minute walk]</p>				

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18:00-19:00 [23:00-00:00 BST] Salesforce Tower, 1095 Av of the Americas 17th Floor, New York, NY 10036	High level Climate Leaders Reception	No speaking opportunity	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objective 1,2 and 3 Gift: No
19:15-20:15 [00:15-01:15 BST] Dinner and downtime				

Tuesday 24 September

Time/ Location	Engagement	Speaking requirements	Details	Objective/Gift
07:30- 08:00 [12:30-13:00 BST] [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]	Briefing with officials		Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	
08:00-08:25 [13:00-13:25 BST] Travel to the Plaza Hotel. [25 minute walk]				
08:30-09:00 [13:30-14:00 BST] [event is at 07:30-09:00, whilst you attend the above time] Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 10118	Investor breakfast at the Earthshot Prize Innovation Summit in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies	No speaking opportunities	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]	Objectives 1, 2 and 3
OR 08:30 – 09:00 Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 10118	Under 2 Co-chair meet and greet	Speaking to inform discussions	[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Objectives 1,2 and 3 Gift: No
09:00-09:30 [14:00-14:30 BST] Break between breakfast and plenary session				

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<p>09:30-10:15 [14:30-15:15 BST] Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 10118</p>	<p>Plenary session of the Earthshot Prize Innovation Summit in partnership with Bloomberg Philanthropies</p>	<p>No speaking opportunities</p>	<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	<p>Objectives 1,2 and 3 Gift: Yes [A series of gifts]</p>
<p>10:30-11:00 [15:30-16:00 BST] (Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 1011)</p>	<p>Bilateral with the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation at the U.S. Department of State, Anna Shpitsberg</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)], [redacted Reg. 11(2)],</p>	<p>Objective 2 and 3 Gift: No</p>
<p>11:00-11:15 [16:00-16:15 BST] (Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 1011)</p>	<p>Brushby Governor of Washington State Jay Inslee</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]</p>	<p>Objectives 1,2 and 3 Gift: No</p>
<p>11:15-11:30 [16:15-16:30] (Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 1011)</p>	<p>Brushbys slot</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]</p>	<p>Objective 2 Gift: No</p>
<p>11:00- 12:30 [16:00-17:30 BST] Lunch and Downtime</p>				
<p>12:30- 12:45 [17:30-17:45 BST]Travel to Glasshouse [15 minute drive]</p>				
<p>13:00-14:00 [18:00-19:00 BST] The Glass House 660 12th Ave, NY</p>	<p>Meeting on paving the way for global NDC progress</p>		<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)].</p>	<p>Objectives 2 and 3</p>
<p>14:05-14:20 [19:05-19:20 BST] Travel to Edrington HQ [15-minute drive]</p>				
<p>14:30-15:00 [19:30-20:00 BST] (event finishing at 16:00)</p>	<p>SDI Investor show case event</p>	<p>Speech [5 minutes]</p>	<p>[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)] Supporting Official: [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>	<p>Objectives 1,2 and 3</p>

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Edrington Group USA LLC, 18 W 24th St, New York, NY 10010				
15:15-16:00 [20:15-21:00 BST] Travel to hotel [16 minute drive/ 30 minute walk]				
16:15-17:15 [21:15- 22:15 BST] Delegation check out				
17:30-18:00 [22:30-23:00 BST] Dinner				
18:15-19:00 [23:15-00:00 BST] Travel to airport [45 minutes' drive]				
21:29 [02:00 BST] Departure JFK Airport				

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[redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]

ANNEX A

[redacted Reg. 10(5)(e)]

ANNEX B

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YOUR VISIT TO THE US, 21-24 SEPTEMBER

1.1.1 Steering brief

- You will be visiting New York City from 21-24 September. This visit is primarily centred around Climate Week NYC, the largest annual climate week that brings together business leaders, politicians and civil society representatives to drive the transition, speed up progress and champion change already taking place. This year's theme is 'it's time'.
- Climate Week NYC takes place at the same time as UN General Assembly (UNGA) High Level Week, and as a result a number of world leaders will be in NYC.
- This year a key tenet of UNGA is the UN Summit of the Future which is focused on "multilateral solutions for a better world" and will see world leaders agree on a Pact for the Future that will consider pressing international issues including the climate crisis and technology, accelerate implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030 Agenda and prompt reforms of various parts of the UN system.
- In response to the key opportunities presented, the programme for your visit has been shaped around the following objectives:

- 1. Build influence of devolved, state, and regional governments other devolved and regional governments within the international climate debate**
- 2. Build and maintain diplomatic and economic international relations to accelerate Scotland's just transition to net zero.**
- 3. Demonstrate Scotland's progress on climate ambition and action.**

International Climate Change Context

- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
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- On climate finance, COP29 must agree a Newly Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) on climate finance- to replace the previous goal of \$100 billion per year (there is disagreement as to how well this was delivered upon). [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
- While Parties' updated Nationally Determined Contributions, which will set emission targets for 2035, are not due until February 2025, there is a possibility that ambitious governments may use UNGA to signal their commitment to lead on the climate transition by announcing 1.5°C-aligned Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) These country plans are vital for translating COP28's historic agreement to transition away from fossil fuels, triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030, and address adaptation and resilience into action at a domestic

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level. This year's UN Summit of the Future (22-23 September) will issue a Pact for the Future that can reinforce and build on this needed momentum.

- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]

Risks

- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]. It is also important that you position your international engagement as about learning from international counterparts, rather than solely highlighting Scotland's successes.
- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]

Key messages

Domestic action

- Scotland's commitment to achieving net zero by 2045 is unwavering – we are already half way there, and have achieved a huge amount; between 1990 and 2022 Scotland halved its emissions, while the economy grew by 67%, demonstrating that a thriving economy and falling emissions are not just compatible, but can support each other.
- We are aware that the second half of our journey will be even more challenging. Scotland, like all other countries, will need to ensure a just transition in areas like agriculture, transport and heat in buildings to meet our net zero goals.
- In 2024-25 alone the Scottish Government is committing £4.7 billion in capital and resource for activities that will have a positive impact on the delivery of our climate change goals. This includes investment in renewable energy, energy efficiency and heat transition, public transport, nature based solutions, flood management, and a just transition fund, investing in critical projects to support a fair transition to net zero.
- The public sector cannot scale this challenge alone: we need the private sector to work in partnership with the public sector to deliver the scale of investment required to enable the transition. Investment should be anticipatory and coordinated to ensure we are building systems that are fit for purpose and maximises strategic opportunities.
- As we address the causes of climate change, we also must deal with the impacts. This week [25 September] Scotland will publish a new 5-year Adaptation Plan. The Plan sets out 200 actions, providing the tool to support lives and livelihoods in the face of a changing climate.

Leadership of devolved governments

- The contribution of devolved, regional and subnational governments will be crucial in global efforts to meet net zero greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of the climate crisis.
- As President of the Regions4 Development Network and European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, Scotland will leverage our leadership positions to strengthen the

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voice of states, regions and devolved governments, so as to gain greater recognition, inclusion in UN processes, and funding.

- [To be announced this week] As European co-chair for a third term, we will utilise Scotland's convening power to increase devolved state and regional government's role and influence within international climate policy and processes, spearheading state, region and devolved government ambition and drive forward ambitious action, including through our member-lead capacity building forum the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum.
- As co-chair of the Under2 Coalition, we want to ensure that the coalition is driven by and is responsive to the priorities of members. I look forward to working closely with the secretariat on a strategy that drives forward ambition and action and strengthens the voice of devolved, state and regional governments.

Climate Justice

- Scotland is determined to play its part as a good global citizen and has led the way on loss and damage. We were proud to be the first global north Government to commit funding explicitly to address loss and damage.
- 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.
- It is vital that COP29 makes rapid and meaningful progress on the provision and mobilisation of climate finance to the Global South.
- The Global North has a moral responsibility to provide finance to those most impacted by climate change, who have done the least to cause it.
- It is paramount that finance reported under the New Collective Quantified Goal – on Climate Finance (NCQG) – to be negotiated at COP29- should be gender-responsive and the NCQG should include a sub-goal on finance to address Loss and Damage.

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1.1.2 Bilateral with Elizabeth Wathuti, Kenyan youth climate activist and founder of the Green Generation Initiative

21 September – 15:45-16:15 - [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]

What	Meeting with youth climate activist and founder of Green Generation Initiative, Elizabeth Wathuti
Key Message and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scottish Government is committed to amplifying the voices of the Global South, particularly marginalised groups like young people, who are most often hit hardest by the impacts of climate change. • Scotland recognises that those least responsible for the climate crisis are suffering its worst effects. An effective response must tackle existing inequalities such as wealth disparity and discrimination based upon gender, age, disability or indigenous status, as the impacts of climate change can be made worse by these factors.
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Offer:</i> Amplify Elizabeth’s work and further amplify youth voices, including at COP29.
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding of needs of global south youth climate activist and how SG can best support vulnerable groups address the impact of climate change. • Build on the relationship from previous meetings (she has met with the Former First Minister and Ms McAllan during the Scottish Government’s <i>Addressing Loss and Damage</i> conference in 2022 and at COP27 respectively).
Sensitivities	[redacted Reg. 10(5)(f)]
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Wathuti – Kenyan climate activist and environmentalist.
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of Elizabeths work and strategic partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congratulate Elizabeth on her appointment as the youngest commissioner at the Global Commission on the Economics of Water – (Appointed in February 2024). • <i>Ask:</i> [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] 2. Young people and climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scottish Government is keen to amplify, support and empower the voices of young people – especially those from the Global South. • 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.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] <p>3. Loss and Damage Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
Supporting Official(s)	[redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

ANNEX A

Biographies



Elizabeth Wathuti, Kenyan climate activist.

Elizabeth Wathuti is a Kenyan environmentalist and climate activist. She founded the Green Generation Initiative, which is nurturing the next generation of climate leaders through on-ground locally driven climate action and regenerative solutions. She is a recipient of Wangari Maathai scholarship award, Green Climate Fund Climate youth champion, TIME Impact Award, Amnesty International Chair Award, and a regional finalist for Africa for the UN Young Champions of the Earth 2019, TIME 100 Next Most Influential People in the World, Africa Green Person of the Year, Africa’s 100 Most influential Young People and Women by Avance Media. In February 2024 she was appointed the youngest commissioner at the Global Commission on the Economics of Water – (GCEW).

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1.1.3 Bilateral with Sheila Peters, Member of the Executive Committee for Environment, Gauteng Province

21 September – 16:30 – 17:00 UN HQ 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017

What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bilateral meeting with Sheila Peters, Member of the Executive Committee for Environment, Gauteng Province [Pronounced: <i>How-teng</i>], South Africa. • Gauteng is an active member of the Regions4 network. SG officials met with counterparts from Gauteng during the Regions4 General Assembly in June. • Gauteng is also a member of Under2 Coalition.
Key Message and Announcements	<p>Relay Scotland's objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As President of Regions4, Scotland is committed to driving transformative climate action from all levels of government including non-party governments, states and regions. • Together with Regions4 and its members, we are committed to increasing the ambition and delivery of members' climate action by building capacity and sharing knowledge to ensure that adaptation and biodiversity strategies and actions meet the needs of the communities.
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ask:</i> [redacted Reg.10(5)(a)] • <i>Ask:</i> [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] [redacted Reg.10(5)(a)] • <i>Offer:</i> To arrange a knowledge-exchange session between officials from your respective governments to discuss waste management. • <i>Offer:</i> To invite Gauteng to the Net Zero Future Policy Forum, and arrange a session on a topic of their choosing.
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms Peters to confirm she will consider whether Gauteng may be able to take on a future leadership role within Regions4. • Ms Peters to invite other South African members to join Regions4. • Gauteng to consider taking part in the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum. • An agreement for our two governments to participate in knowledge exchange exercises.
Sensitivities	[redacted Reg.10(5)(a)]
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Peters – MEC for Environment, Gauteng Province • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]
<p>Agenda</p>	<p>1. Regions4</p> <p><u>Speaking notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland is committed to representing the priorities of African members of the Regions4 Network through our Presidency. • Scotland is developing a workplan in collaboration with the Regions4 Secretariat to guide our time in office, and will hope to represent the needs and ambitions of members within that document. • <i>Ask:</i> What does MEC Peters see as the priorities for Gauteng in the context of the Regions4 Network? • <u>Adaptation:</u> We are about to publish SNAP3 – our third Scottish National Adaptation Plan. It contains over 200 policies, structured to deliver against five long-term outcomes. • As climate adaptation is one of Regions4’s main pillars of work, I would be interested in hearing more about Gauteng’s adaptation action, and challenges. • <i>Offer:</i> We would be more than happy to arrange a knowledge sharing session between our respective adaptation teams, so that we can learn from each other. <p>2. Under2 Coalition</p> <p><u>Speaking notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In our third term as European Co-chair of the Under2 Coalition will continue to seek to increase the ambition and delivery towards net zero, a just transition, and increased resilience by states, regions and devolved governments. • We will also seek to increase the effectiveness and influence of the Under2 and its membership, including by bringing closer the work of the Under2 and Regions4. • <i>Ask:</i> [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] • Scotland recently took on the role of secretariat of the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum. The forum is open to all state, regional and other interested governments for the exchange of policy best practice. • <i>Offer:</i> To invite Gauteng officials to a session of the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum to give them an idea of how it works. Scotland a secretariat could arrange a session on a topic of Gauteng’s choosing. <p>3. Gauteng Priorities</p>

	<p>a. Waste Management b. Climate Change c. Air Quality d. Partnership on Technical Support</p> <p><u>Speaking notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] <p><u>Waste</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I understand one of your priorities is on waste management. The total amount of waste going to landfill in Scotland has nearly halved over the past decade. • The overall recycling rate in Scotland is at its highest level since records began in 2011 (62.3%), and in the most recent official statistics Scotland met its 2025 target to reduce all waste by 15%. • In January, we published our draft Circular Economy & Waste Route Map which sets out clear actions we need to take to deliver sustainable use of our resources and progress a circular economy in Scotland by 2030. • Offer: To arrange a knowledge sharing session between waste counterparts within SG and Gauteng governments. <p><u>Climate Change</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] <p><u>Air Quality</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] <p><u>Partnership on Technical Support</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)] • Offer: To arrange technical knowledge sharing sessions between relevant government counterparts. • Offer: To arrange sessions of the Net Zero Policy Forum on subjects of Gauteng’s choosing.
<p>Supporting Official(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

Gauteng Background

- Gauteng is the smallest province in South Africa by land area, but the most populous – accounting for 26% of the national population, with approximately 16.1 million inhabitants.
- The province is highly urbanised and contains the country’s largest city Johannesburg, as well as the administrative capital Pretoria, and the township of Soweto.
- Gauteng is the wealthiest province in South Africa and is considered the financial hub of South Africa; the financial activity is mostly concentrated in Johannesburg.

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Ms Peters was elected to the Gauteng Provincial Assembly (GPA) in June of 2024, as one of just two elected members from her party Patriotic Alliance [redacted Reg. Reg 10(5)(a)]. The GPA is led by the African National Congress, who are governing with a minority. Ms Peters was appointed MEC of the newly created Environment portfolio in July 2024. Her background is in community activism, and she has stated among her priorities the conservation of natural resources, and a focus on waste management and environmental impact studies.

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1.1.4 UN Summit of the Future Action Day Closing ceremony
 21 September – 17:30 – 18:30 ECOSOC Council Chamber UN HQ
 405 East 42nd Street, New York, NY, 10017

<p>What</p>	<p>Closing ceremony for the Summit of the Future Action Days. The Action Days are intended to serve as a launchpad for the UN Summit of the Future, which will follow on September 22 and 23. Not only will the Action Days build energy for the formal components of the Summit, but the solutions advanced will initiate our journey towards a more effective and inclusive model of multilateralism.</p> <p>This day - Action Day 2, which coincides with International Day of Peace, will focus on multistakeholder partnership and action – paving a way towards a next chapter of multilateralism that is more inclusive and networked. To achieve this, the Action Day 2 will address three priority themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Digital Future for All • A Peaceful Future for All • A Sustainable Future for All <p>[redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]</p> <p>There may be opportunities for brush-bys with relevant individuals, officials will advise during the event.</p>
<p>Key Message and Announcements</p>	<p><u>Leadership of devolved governments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As President of the Regions4 Development Network and European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, Scotland will leverage our leadership positions to strengthen the voice of states, regions and devolved governments, so as to gain greater recognition, inclusion in UN processes, and funding. <p><u>Climate Justice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland is determined to play its part as a good global citizen and has led the way on loss and damage. We were proud to be the first global north Government to commit funding explicitly to address loss and damage. • 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Global North has a moral responsibility to provide finance to those most impacted by climate change, who have done the least to cause it. <p><u>Domestic Action</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland’s commitment to achieving net zero by 2045 is unwavering – we are already half way there, and have achieved a huge amount. We are aware that the second half of our journey will be even more challenging. Scotland, like all other countries, will need to ensure a just transition in areas like agriculture, transport and heat in buildings to meet our net zero goals. The public sector cannot scale this challenge alone: we need the private sector to work in partnership with the public sector to deliver the scale of investment required to enable the transition. Investment should be anticipatory and coordinated to ensure we are building systems that are fit for purpose and maximises strategic opportunities. <p><u>Adaptation Plan:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we address the causes of climate change, we also must deal with the impacts. This week [25 September] Scotland will publish a new 5-year Adaptation Plan. The Plan sets out 200 actions, providing the tool to support lives and livelihoods in the face of a changing climate. Publication is just the start. Alongside the policy package we will publish a monitoring framework to track delivery against the Plan’s 23 objectives.
Asks and offers	<i>n/a</i>
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>[If opportunity arises]</i> high-level brush-bys with relevant counterparts within partner governments.
Sensitivities	<i>n/a</i>
Who	<i>TBC</i>
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> [1730-1735] Opening Remarks – Session Moderator [1735-1755] Stakeholder panel [1755-1805] Pact for the Future – keynote speech/es with representative of the co-facilitator countries [1805-1830] Closing dialogue – panel discussion looking ahead to Summit of the Future (22-23 Sept)
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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1.1.5 Meeting with Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Wales and Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland
22 September – 11:30 – 12:00 [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]

What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory meeting with Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister, Wales and Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland
Key Message and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can UK Devolved Administration work more closely with UKG on climate to increase ambition and action? • In our third term as Under2 Coalition European co-chair and as fellow members of the Under2 Coalition, we seek your support to deliver on some of the following ambitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuing to push for the inclusion of devolved, state and regional governments role and influence, including by more closely aligning Under2 and Regions4 to strengthen a collective subnational voice ○ [redacted 10(5)(a)] ○ Driving forward work on the just transition, and on climate finance.
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Ask [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Ask [redacted Reg. 10(5)(a)]
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen relationship with devolved administration governments through introductory engagement. • Build understanding of Northern Irish and Welsh Government priorities and appetite for greater engagement with Under2 Coalition and Regions4.
Sensitivities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs , Wales • Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Scotland as European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, including our priorities for our third term (to be formally announced on 23 Sept), and how these align with our priorities as President of Regions4. • Discussion of new UKG administration’s climate ambitions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for Devolved Administrations to engage with UKG on shared climate priorities.

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	<p>Ask about Northern Irish and Welsh engagement with UKG to build cohesive approach.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG to engage with UKG to press for membership of CHAMP (not current signatory). • Update on COP29 plans. • If time, discussion of common priorities across portfolio areas, including Just Transition, biodiversity and nature, and net zero.
<p>Supporting Official(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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Subnational organisations

- Both Northern Ireland and Wales are members of the **Under2 Coalition**, Wales will sit on the Steering Group 2024-26.
- Wales is a member of the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum, a Coalition initiative chaired by Scotland and new South Wales, aimed at supporting policy implementation through expert knowledge sharing.
- Wales is a member of **Regions4**, of which Scotland holds the Presidency (2024-26). This is an opportunity to gauge Northern Ireland’s interest in joining.

CHAMP – The Coalition for High Ambition Multilevel Partnerships

- Established at COP28, CHAMP is aimed at supporting greater engagement between all levels of government within signatory countries, including engaging on Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans.
- There are 73 current signatories. The previous UKG administration did not join at COP28 and with a new administration, there is an opportunity to engage with UKG on this issue.

COP29

- Officials understand that neither Northern Ireland nor Wales will send a delegation to COP29.

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Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Wales

Huw was appointed Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs on 21 March 2024. Up to his appointment as Cabinet Secretary he was Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee and a member of the Climate Change, Environment and Infrastructure Committee.



Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland

Andrew Muir is the current Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland. He has been serving in this role since February 2024. Muir is a member of the Alliance Party and represents North Down in the Northern Ireland Assembly, Before his current position, he had a diverse career, including working for Translink and serving as a councillor and mayor in North Down.

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1.1.6 Climate Week NYC 2024 Ceremony

22 September – 15:00 – 15:30 - Times Centre, 242W 41st St NY 10036

What	Climate Week NYC Opening Ceremony - opportunities for brush-bys
Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland is already half way to achieving net zero; between 1990 and 2022 Scotland halved its emissions, while the economy grew by 67%, demonstrating that a thriving economy and falling emissions are not just compatible, but can support each other. • The contribution of devolved, regional and subnational governments will be crucial in global efforts to meet net zero greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of the climate crisis. • As President of the Regions4 Development Network and European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, Scotland will leverage our leadership positions to strengthen the voice of states, regions and devolved governments, so as to gain greater recognition, inclusion in UN processes, and funding.
Asks and offers	<p>Suggested brush-bys:</p> <p><u>Jacinda Arden, former prime Minister of New Zealand</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <p><u>Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <p><u>Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Regions4- our delegations met at the Regions4 General Assembly and discussed collaborative work aimed at supporting African regions including capacity building. Look forward to working together on this. • Strengthening voice of states and regions- As co-chair of Under2 and President of Regions4, we are aiming to leverage both positions to strengthen the voice of states and regions. As active members of both, we look forward to working closely.

	<p><u>Laurence Tubiana, CEO of the European Climate Foundation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened relationships with brush-by targets.
Sensitivities	None specific to the Opening Ceremony.
Who	<p>High-level event with senior representation from government, business and civil society. Anticipated attendees of note include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gavin Newsom, Governor of California • Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington • Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing • Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec • Jacinda Arden, former Pm of New Zealand • Mauricio Kuri Gonzales, Governor, Queretaro • Kim Tae-heum, Governor, Chungnam • Raquel Lyra, Governor, Pernambuco
Agenda	<p>1.00pm - 3.35pm - Part One: It's Time to course correct. 3.35pm - 4.45pm - Part Two: It's Time to speed up. 4.45pm - 6.10pm - Part Three: It's Time to finish the race.</p>
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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- Climate Week NYC brings together business leaders, political change makers, local decision takers and civil society representatives of all ages and backgrounds, from all over the world, to drive the transition, speed up progress, and champion change that is already happening.
- Climate Week NYC is hosted by The Climate Group, who provide the secretariat function for the Under2 Coalition.

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Biographies



Governor Gavin Newsom, California Gavin Newsom is an American politician and businessman serving since 2019 as the 40th governor of California. He previously met Cab Sec McAllan at NY Climate Week in 2022. He also previously served as North American co-chair of the Under2.

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Governor Jay Inslee, Washington State

Jay Inslee is the current Governor of Washington State in the United States. He has been serving as the 23rd governor since January 16, 2013. Inslee is a member of the Democratic Party and has focused on issues such as climate change, education, criminal justice reform, and drug policy reform during his tenure. Before becoming governor, Inslee served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for over 20 years. He has also been a vocal critic of former President Donald Trump and has taken legal action against some of Trump's policies.



Jacinda Arden, former prime Minister of New Zealand

Jacinda Arden served as the 40th Prime Minister of New Zealand from October 2017 to January 2023. She led the Labour Party during this period and was known for her progressive and empathetic leadership style and handling of significant crises, including the Christchurch mosque shootings in 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic. She resigned in January 2023, citing the need for a break and to focus on her family. After stepping down as Prime Minister, Jacinda Arden has taken on several new roles. She was appointed as a trustee of the Earthshot Prize, an environmental award founded by Prince William.



Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing

Dan Jørgensen is a Danish politician who has recently been appointed as the European Union's Commissioner for Energy and Housing. Jørgensen, served as climate and energy minister from 2019 to 2022 before moving into the more internationally focused job of global climate action and development minister. In that role, Jørgensen became a prominent negotiator at the annual United Nations COP climate summits. He was instrumental in setting ambitious climate targets and transitioning Denmark towards renewable energy.



Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec

Benoit Charette is a prominent Quebec politician, currently serving as the Minister of the Environment, the Fight against Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks. He has been a Member of the National Assembly (MNA) for the Deux-Montagnes riding since 2008. Charette initially joined the Parti Québécois but left in 2011 to protest the party's focus on sovereignty. He then joined the Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ) and has been with

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them since. In addition to his environmental responsibilities, he was assigned a new provincial role in combating racism in 2021.



Laurence Tubiana- CEO, European Climate Foundation

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.

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1.1.7 Roundtable on Loss and Damage hosted by GiveDirectly 22 September – 16:00-17:30 - Mott Macdonald 1400 Broadway 21st

What	<p>Loss and damage Roundtable hosted by Give Directly (NGO SG funded), Malawi Government and loss and damage activists and researchers.</p> <p>Help to build a strong case for cash transfers as an effective mechanism for addressing loss and damage.</p>
Key Message and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scottish Government proud to be first global north government to provide funding to address loss and damage. • Have now mobilised £10m of funding and are testing different mechanisms for distributing loss and damage funding. • Want our learning to help inform the global discourse on loss and damage funding, including the operationalisation of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund. • One mechanism is direct cash transfers to communities, as we have been doing with Give Directly in Malawi. • Learning from this programme and others, has cemented our position that a proportion of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund, should be ringfenced to make finance directly available to communities in the form of grants not loans. <p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To coincide with this roundtable, GiveDirectly will publish a 'Thought leadership' article on how SG funded cash transfers have benefited local communities in Malawi, following Cyclone Freddy.
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Commitment to share Scottish Government learning on approaches to funding loss and damage.
Desired outcomes	<p>This informal discussion will help shape joint policy messages, to collectively influence the development of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund and agreements at COP29.</p>
Sensitivities	[redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Allardice, CEO and President Give Directly

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yolande Wright, Vice President of Partnerships, GiveDirectly • Isabelle Pelly, Director, Partnerships, Give Directly • Dr Yusuf Mkungula, Principal Secretary for Natural Resources and Climate Change, Government of Malawi • Evans Njewa, Deputy Director Environmental Affairs Department for the Government of Malawi. Also the <u>Least Developed Country (LDC) Group's lead negotiator on climate finance</u> • Dr Hamilton Kamwana, Director of Planning, Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change of Malawi. • Emily Romano, Senior Policy Manager at J-PAL Global • Erin Roberts, Co-Founder L&D Collaboration • Ritu Bharadwaj, IEED, Director, Climate Resilience and Loss & Damage/ ALL ACT
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda (1h30) • <u>Chair:</u> Nick Allardice, Give Directly CEO and President <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>5' Introductions and objectives</u> - <i>Nick</i> • <u>5' Update from SG on our principles for funding loss and damage – [Annex A]</u> • <u>5' Video testimonial:</u> Showcase the impact of the cash transfers for survivors of cyclone Freddy in Malawi from a recipient perspective • <u>25' Programme presentation and key learnings:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Overview of programme design and outcomes (non-technical) - <i>Give Directly (Yolande)</i> ○ Overview of ongoing learning and influencing consultancy & planned deliverables (Case study, high-level Principles and Policy brief) - <i>Give Directly (Isabelle)</i> ○ Reflections on what Direct Access could look like in practice - <i>Government of Malawi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are your reflections on the use of direct cash to address loss and damage? ▪ What are your thoughts on the principles of direct access? • <u>15' Policy and funding update: Loss and Damage Fund Board update</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Topline update on status of discussions at Loss and Damage Fund Board on Direct Access and Community Access ○ Overview of next steps and how best to influence them

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>30' Facilitated roundtable discussion on barriers and opportunities for influencing Direct Access - Nick Allardice</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What is our big picture vision for the use of cash through different funding access mechanisms? ○ How can we best make the case for a cash transfer mechanism to be part of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund? ○ What are the key issues/concerns which the upcoming Irish-aid funded case study and principles should address? • <u>10' Wrap-up and next steps</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Soft commitment to continue to work on joint messaging, and avenues for collaboration, including COP29 ○ Engagement from group on draft principles
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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Nick Allardice, CEO and President Give Directly

Nick is the President and CEO of GiveDirectly, which uses technology to send cash directly to people living in poverty. Nick was previously CEO of Change.org, the technology platform for civic action and grassroots organizing used by 500m+ people globally.



Dr Yusuf Mkungula, Principal Secretary for Natural Resources and Climate Change, Government of Malawi

Dr Mkungula is an experienced development practitioner with a PhD in Development Studies. As Principal Secretary in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change, some of his key duties include advising the minister in policy formulation, review and implementation. Before this post he worked with the United Nations Development Programme.

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Dr Mkungula is supportive of the SG's Climate Just Communities Programme (SG's £8m multi-year climate programme in Malawi directly supporting communities). Officials met with him in **August 2024**.



**Evans Njewa, Deputy Director Environmental Affairs
Department for the Government of Malawi.**

UNFCCC Focal Point for the Government of Malawi. Evans has 20 years of experience in UNFCCC negotiations, serving as Malawi's lead negotiator on climate change since 2005 and the Least Developed Country (LDC) Group's lead negotiator on climate finance since 2009.

Dr Hamilton Kamwana, Director of Planning, Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change of Malawi.

Dr. Hamilton Kamwana is currently the Director of Planning in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Climate Change in Malawi. He has been involved in various initiatives to enhance the country's agricultural sector by leveraging climate information to make informed investment decisions. Dr. Kamwana's work focuses on ensuring that agriculture, which is a crucial part of Malawi's economy, can adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change.



Yolande Wright, Vice President of Partnerships, GiveDirectly

Before joining GiveDirectly, she served as the Global Director of Child Poverty, Climate, and Urban for Save the Children. Additionally, she worked for over 20 years at the UK's Department for International Development (DFID).



Emily Romano, Senior Policy Manager at J-PAL Global (research centre)

Manages the Social Protection sector. In her role on the Policy and Communications team, she writes policy publications, cultivates new research partnerships, and conducts policy outreach for evidence dissemination. Prior to joining J-PAL in 2020, Emily worked for seven years on smallholder agricultural finance at Root Capital.

J-PAL is affiliated with of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

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Erin Roberts, Global Lead and Co-founder of Loss and Damage Collaboration

Erin is a climate policy researcher who has worked on Loss and Damage at all levels in vulnerable developing countries, particularly in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Africa. In her role as global lead, Erin focuses on fundraising to sustain and scale up our work. She also supports the core team and broader membership of the L&DC and works closely with young negotiators from vulnerable developing countries through her work with the New Generation program.



Ritu Bharadwaj, IEED, Director, Climate Resilience and Loss & Damage/ ALL ACT

Ritu Bharadwaj has more than 20 years of senior policy development, research and management experience in government, funding agencies and international NGOs. She has worked extensively on climate resilience, resource conservation, social protection, migration and gender issues. Over the years her work has helped develop robust evidence-based research that has influenced policy framework and strategies for numerous institutions and organizations, including national governments, international development and humanitarian organizations.

ANNEX C

BACKGROUND ON SG CLIMATE JUSTICE FUNDING

Scottish Government

This grant delivered **£ 1m** worth of unconditional cash transfers to vulnerable, displaced communities in Malawi, following the devastating Cyclone Freddy. Cash transfers directly increased recipient's access to resources, improving the ability of households and communities to adapt and respond to climate change. Funding was spent on food, rebuilding houses, school fees and uniforms for children and business start-ups.

Terminology

Direct access refers to the disbursement of multilateral financing through accredited entities other than multinational agencies, for example, via national governments or civil society organisations.

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A '**community window**' in the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund describes a fixed proportion of the Fund being managed by an accredited entity to deliver smaller-scale grants with a proportionate reporting structure

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1.1.8 Parliamentary dialogue about finance for adaptation and loss and damage

23 September – 8:30-9:30 - Westin New York Grand Central Hotel

What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roundtable discussions over breakfast about finance for adaptation and loss and damage
Key Message and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We were proud to be the first global north Government to commit funding to address loss and damage. Much more funding is needed to meet needs from across governments, multilateral development banks and the private sector. SG has mobilised £10m of funding to address loss and damage, including via direct cash transfers to communities and to address non-economic L&D. This is having real impact in supporting vulnerable people address impacts of climate change. Our programmes are to act in support of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund and help inform how the Fund operates. The L&D Fund needs to be quickly capitalised and made accessible, including to communities, in the form of grants not loans. The new climate finance goal must include a window on loss and damage, alongside mitigation and adaptation to ensure that L&D funding is separate and additional.
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Ask:</i> [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <i>Offer:</i> To collaborate with like-minded governments/ organisations on loss and damage financing, including at COP29.
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased ambition for and consistency between attendees on the need for urgent funding for loss and damage. Increased awareness of Scotland's leadership on loss and damage.
Sensitivities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mattias Söderberg (Host) - Global Climate Lead of DanChurchAid Dr Maina Vakafua Talia-Tuvalu Minister for Home Affairs, Climate Change and Environment Tetet Lauron- Senior Policy Advisor for the UN Programme at Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung. Sarah Millar- Programme director at the Climate Emergency Collaboration Group

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jonas Nøddekær - General Secretary of DanChurch Aid • 30 parliamentarians from global north and south
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8.00-8.20 Opening remarks • 8.20-9.20 Dialogue at the tables (and breakfast) • 9.20-9.30 Closing remark, and possible feedback from the tables <p><i>You will be leaving at 0900 to ensure you have time to clear PQs.</i></p>
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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Mattias Söderberg (Host) - Global Climate Lead of DanChurchAid

Mattias is a Global climate lead at DanChurchAid with a focus on climate change and development aid. Through his work he is also leading, as Co-chair, the ACT Alliance Climate Change advocacy work, he is a member of the Danish Council for development policy. *Since 2012 he has been a columnist, and blogger, in various newspapers and blog-sites.*



Dr Maina Vakafua Talia, Minister for Home Affairs, Climate Change, and Environment

Dr. Maina Vakafua Talia is a prominent climate activist and academic from Tuvalu. He has been deeply involved in climate change advocacy, particularly focusing on the impacts of climate change on small island nations like Tuvalu. He has been a vocal advocate for climate justice, representing Tuvalu at various international forums, including the United Nations Climate Change Conferences (COP). His work emphasizes the urgent need for global action to address the existential threats posed by climate change to low-lying island nations.



Tetet Lauron, Senior Policy Advisor for the UN Programme at Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung

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Tetet Lauron is senior policy advisor for the UN program at Rosa Luxemburg-Stiftung. Tetet has critically engaged in the UNFCCC climate change negotiations for numerous years, advocating for the rights of marginalized communities and holding polluters to account. Tetet has been heavily involved in civil society advocacy for the creation of the loss & damage fund, and also represents the Women and Gender constituency on the advisory board of the Santiago Network on Loss & Damage.



Sarah Millar, Programme director at the Climate Emergency Collaboration Group

Sarah Millar is the Programme Director at the Climate Emergency Collaboration Group (CECG), where she leads strategic initiatives to accelerate global climate action. With a background in environmental policy and international development, she has extensive experience in driving collaboration between NGOs, philanthropies, and governments. Sarah is passionate about addressing the urgent challenges of climate change through innovative, collective solutions.



Jonas Nøddekær - General Secretary of DanChurch Aid

Jonas Nøddekær is the Secretary General of DanChurchAid, where he directs the organisation's efforts in global humanitarian aid and development. He focuses on tackling poverty, promoting human rights, and advancing sustainable development through international partnerships. Nøddekær plays a key role in shaping DanChurchAid's strategies to address global challenges and support vulnerable communities.

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1.1.9 Climate Week NYC Hub Live event: Capital for Change: Tackling Accessibility in Climate Funding

23 September – 11:00-11:50 [attending from 11:20] - The Glass House, 660 12th Ave, NY

<p>What</p>	<p>A panel event on climate finance, hosted by the Climate Group.</p> <p>The aim of the event is, ahead of the upcoming agreement of the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG) at COP29 in November 2024, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore and understand the specific needs and challenges faced by subnational governments in accessing climate finance • Discuss how challenges can practically be overcome in order to enable subnational governments to access and operationalise climate finance in an equitable manner, as well as in alignment with the private sector and other key actors <p>The event is comprised of two separate panels. You will take part in the second panel discussion and will be collected from the green room and taken to the stage ahead of the panel.</p>
<p>Key Messages</p>	<p><u>The role of subnational governments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As European co-chair of the Under2 Coalition for a third term, Scotland will continue to prioritise the interests of Under2 members, support fair and urgent climate action and provide strong political leadership to enhance global recognition and credibility of climate action by states and regions. ○ The public sector cannot meet this challenge alone: we need the private sector to work in partnership with the public sector to deliver the scale of investment required to enable the transition. <p><u>International climate finance:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is vital that COP29 makes rapid and meaningful progress on the provision and mobilisation of climate finance to the Global South. ○ [redacted Reg. 10(5)(a)]/ [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
<p>Asks and offers</p>	<p>Ask: [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]</p> <p>Ask: [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]</p> <p>Offer: Scotland will use our platform to further amplify and promote The Under2 Coalition. We will seek to increase membership and are eager to work collaboratively with the Secretariat to achieve this.</p>
<p>Desired outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening of networks and influencing by SG on climate finance ambition with subnational and cross- sectoral stakeholders.
<p>Sensitivities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 10(5)(a)]
<p>Who</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jebi Rahman, Head of Implementation, Government and Policy, Climate Group (Host) • Tom Peterson, CEO and Founder, Center for Climate Strategies (Moderator) • Deputy Under Secretary Lesli Biddle, Department of Energy, Federal Government of the United States of America • Secretary Serena Mcllwain, Secretary of Environment Government of the State of Maryland, U.S • Astrid De Reuver, Head of Capital Solutions, Anthesis Group • Ricardo Torres, Undersecretary of Environment and Sustainable Development, Government of Querétaro, Mexico • Ambassador Kum- Sil Kang, Embassy of South Korea
<p>Agenda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>11:00- 11:03 (3 min) Welcome Remarks</u>- Jebi Rahman (Host) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 11:03- 11:23 (20 min) Panel 1- Tom Peterson (Moderator) ○ Deputy Under Secretary Lesli Biddle ○ Secretary Serena Mcllwain, • 11:23- 11:48 (25 min) Panel 2- Astrid De Reuver, (Moderator) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy. The Moderator will pose the following question to you: <i>As we work towards COP29 and a new collective climate finance goal (NCQG), how can we ensure that this finance reaches the most vulnerable and marginalised communities, while supporting subnational governments in their efforts to drive meaningful climate action?</i> A speaking note providing response for this question is in separate speaking note brief. ○ Ricardo Torres, Undersecretary of Environment and Sustainable Development, Government of Querétaro, Mexico ○ Ambassador Kum- Sil Kang, Embassy of South Korea ○ At the end of Panel 2, the Moderator will pose the following question to yourself and all panel members: <i>From your perspective, how can governments at all levels collaborate to maximize investment in climate projects?</i> A speaking note providing response for this question is in separate speaking note brief. ○ <u>11:48- 11:50 (2 min) Closing Remarks</u>- Jebi Rahman (Host)
<p>Supporting Official(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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Jebi Rahman, Head of Global Implementation, Government and Policy, Climate Group

Jebi is responsible for developing and overseeing the delivery of major projects and high impact initiatives within the Governments and Policy department. Between 2021 and 2023, she was the Head of Transparency and Pathways, steering the Under2 Coalition Secretariat's accountability and long-term decarbonisation workstreams.



Ricardo Torres, Undersecretary of Environment and Sustainable Development, Government of Querétaro, Mexico

Ricardo Javier Torres Hernández is an environmental professional from Querétaro, Mexico with long experience in environmental management, climate change, the circular economy and legislation.



Ambassador Kum-sil Kang, Embassy of South Korea

Ambassador Kum-sil Kang is a distinguished diplomat serving as the South Korean Ambassador. With a notable career in international relations and diplomacy, she has represented South Korea in various capacities, advocating for bilateral relations and global cooperation.



Deputy Under Secretary Lesli Biddle, Department of Energy, Federal Government of the United States of America

As a senior advisor to the Under Secretary for Infrastructure at the Department of Energy, Lesli focuses on commercialization, market adoption and catalysing the private sector to finance the energy transition. Prior to joining the Department, she was a partner at Serengeti Asset Management, a specialty investment firm.

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Secretary Serena McIlwain, Secretary of Environment Government of the State of Maryland, U.S

Prior to being confirmed as Maryland's Secretary of Environment in 2023, Serena was the Under Secretary at the California Environmental Protection Agency, and also worked for numerous executive branches including US Environmental Protection Agency, and the US Department of Energy.



Tom Peterson, CEO and Founder of Center for Climate Strategies (CCS)

Tom founded CCS in 2004, and since has directed more than 100 projects and bilateral cooperation initiatives. Tom also serves as Adjunct Professor and Lecturer at the Johns Hopkins' University Energy Policy and Climate program and as an Adjunct Professor in the Environmental Science and Policy Department at George Mason University



Astrid De Reuver, Head of Capital Solutions, Anthesis Group

Astrid specialises in impact finance and social entrepreneurship. In addition to her role at Anthesis, she serves on three boards: the Impact Advisory Board of Rubio Impact Ventures, the Reefsystems Foundation board, and the board of UWC NL (United World Colleges).

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1.1.10 Bilateral with Malawian Health Minister

23 September – 14:00 – 14:45 - Mott Macdonald 1400 Broadway 21st

What	Bilateral with the Malawian Minister of Health (Honourable Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda) to discuss the intersection of health and climate change. [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Key Message and Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delighted at the continued close partnership between Scotland and Malawi. More important than ever that we collaborate to address global challenges – of which health and climate are key examples, transcending national boundaries. [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Asks and offers	N/A
Desired outcomes	As above
Sensitivities	The First Minister was due to meet with the Health Minister during a visit to Malawi in August. This visit was cancelled due to competing domestic priorities at the time. You may wish to express regret about the cancelled visit.
Who	Honourable Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda
Agenda	<p>Proposed Agenda below with suggested prompts/questions <i>in italics</i> to promote discussion between Ministers.</p> <p>Introduction (5 mins)</p> <p>Shared Challenges (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: <i>How are health systems in Malawi already being affected by climate change, such as by extreme weather events or shifting disease patterns?</i> Q: <i>How do you address the dual challenge of fighting infectious diseases while also mitigating the health impacts of climate change?</i> <p>KUHeS & Cholera Vaccine Testing Project (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion as per key messages above with further background detail provided in Annex A below

	<p>Global Co-operation (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: <i>What are some key areas where international cooperation can help build climate-resilient health systems globally?</i> • Q: <i>How can we ensure that global climate action frameworks prioritize health resilience in their targets and strategies?</i> <p>Future Action (10 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q: <i>How can we continue to strengthen and develop our ongoing partnership and collaboration between the governments of Malawi and Scotland?</i>
<p>Supporting Official(s)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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Honourable Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda has been the Minister of Health for Malawi since 2020, having served a member of parliament since 2014. Before entering politics, she trained as a pharmacist and worked in the Ministry of Health as a biochemist.

Hon. Chiponda has written of the priority in building climate-resilient health systems, with climate change impacts already being felt in Malawi and other low- and middle-income countries: "The impact comes in the form of diseases, infestations, injuries, and deaths from events like cholera surges after extreme weather, including cyclones. With long-term complications in prevention and treatment programs due to the loss of essential medical supplies, equipment, drugs, and health infrastructure."

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SG Partnership with the Kamuzu University of Health Sciences (KUHeS)

- This partnership is a powerful example of successful North-South collaboration and an important catalyst for innovation, driving new approaches to healthcare delivery and research.
- By uniting expertise from Scotland and Malawi, this partnership has created state-of-the-art laboratory facilities, nurtured local talent, and fostered sustainable development. This remarkable partnership

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demonstrates that by working together, we can achieve far greater impact than by going it alone.

- By prioritizing the needs of our Malawian partners and investing in local talent, this partnership has created a sustainable model for future collaborations.
- Our support for this partnership demonstrates our ambition to taking holistic approach to global health, addressing both education and research to create a lasting impact.
- This project goes beyond groundbreaking research. In line with our ambitions on mainstreaming sustainability and gender equality, we are proud that the laboratory will be powered by solar energy, installed by industry-leading female engineers providing sustainable and reliable energy.

Cholera Vaccine Testing Capacity Project

- This proposal seeks to build on the existing £1m investment in the Blantyre-Blantyre Research Lab announced by Mr Yousaf in May 2023, to now support cholera vaccine research and laboratory equipment in both Zambia and Malawi.
- This funding in support of cholera prevention is in response to a specific ask from partner countries in this regard, including from the Zambian President during a bilateral with Mr Yousaf in May 2023.
- This proposed project aims to improve cholera vaccination efforts in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) by strengthening capacity for vaccine testing, addressing distribution challenges, and developing strategies to overcome limitations in cold chain, healthcare workers, and oversight. It also includes immunological profiling to tailor vaccines to local populations and a strong focus on training local researchers to ensure long-term success.

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1.1.11 Bilateral with Under2 Coalition's secretariat's leadership, Helen Clarkson OBE

22 September – 08:30-09:15 – [redacted Reg.10 (4)(e)]

What	A bilateral meeting with Helen Clarkson, CEO of The Climate Group, secretariat to the Under 2 Coalition.
Why	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To start a discussion with the Under2 Coalition's secretariat on how Under2 could become more effective and influential.
Key Messages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delighted to be European co-chair of the Coalition for a third term. Scotland will continue to prioritise the interests of Under2 members, support fair and urgent climate action and provide strong political leadership to enhance global recognition and credibility of climate action by states and regions. Keen we work together closely to make Under2 even more effective, increase its membership and its collective ambition, including at COP29. [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] We look forward to working closely with the secretariat on these proposals and to hear from them. In our third term we would
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask: U2 to work with SG officials on how to make Under2 more effective and influential – both to attract new members and to increase the engagement of existing members. Offer: Scotland will use our platform to further amplify and promote The Coalition.
Sensitivities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Who	Helen Clarkson, OBE: CEO of The Climate Group
Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scotland's priorities as European Co-Chair. Climate Group Secretariat / Under2 Coalition work/ strategic updates. Reiterate Scotland's commitment to working with the Climate Group at political and official level.
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

Background

- The Climate Group is an international nonprofit organisation that launched in 2004, with a mission to drive climate action.
- The Climate Group are the Secretariat for The Under 2 Coalition, which is made up of 167 state and regional governments and has been named one of

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the international cooperative initiatives with the highest potential for emissions reductions.

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Helen joined Climate Group in March 2017 as Chief Executive Officer. Helen was awarded an OBE in June 2022 for services to tackling climate change and supporting the UK Presidency of the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26).

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1.1.12 Under2 Global Ministerial Meeting
 23 September 2024 – 1600-1700 - Québec Government Office
 1 Rockefeller Plaza, New York

<p>What</p>	<p>Under2 Coalition Global Ministerial – this roundtable event will bring together leaders from across the Under2 Coalition to discuss key issues and strategy for the coming period.</p> <p><u>You will give a short address outlining Scotland’s vision for our third term as European Co-Chair. Please see speaking note in separate speaking note brief.</u></p> <p>Under2 have provided the following context for the event: <i>“As part of the Under2 Coalition four strategic pillars of work, leveraging ambition on fossil fuel phase-out has been a key focus. The Secretariat has worked closely with Steering Group and Co-Chair members on a proposed addendum to the Under2 Coalition MoU, A Just Transition Away from Fossil Fuels. At this ministerial, we will discuss how the Under2 Coalition can collaborate to unlock direct financial resources, demonstrating enhanced ambition and effective implementation of NDC commitments.”</i></p>
<p>Key Messages</p>	<p>Key Messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In our third term as European co-chair, we will seek to deliver the following ambitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continuing to push for the inclusion of devolved, state and regional governments role and influence, including by more closely aligning Under2 and Regions4 to strengthen a collective subnational voice in global climate processes. ○ [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] ○ Driving forward work – including capacity building via the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum- on the just transition from fossil fuels, and on climate finance.
<p>Asks and offers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ask:</i> [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • <i>Ask:</i> [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • <i>Offer:</i> The benefits of joining Regions4, or the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum are extensive, and include capacity building and knowledge sharing opportunities that can contribute to better policymaking.
<p>Desired outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
<p>Sensitivities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]

<p>Who</p>	<p>Key participants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Champa Patel, Executive Director, Governments and Policy • Nehmat Kaur, Director of the Under2 Coalition and Subnational Governments • Hon Mike Rann AC CNZM, Chair of the UK Board, Climate Group (former Premier, South Australia) • Premier Alan Winde, Western Cape • Governor Kim Tae-heum, Chungcheongnam-do • Governor Mauricio Kuri Gonzalez, Querétaro • Governor Gavin Newsom, California <p>Please find full list under biographies at Annex A.</p>
<p>Agenda</p>	<p>1. Opening Remarks: Subnational Window Of Opportunity – 5 mins (Champa Patel)</p> <p>2. Co-chairs 2024-26 – Leadership Vision – 20 mins (moderated by Mike Rann)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Africa – Premier Alan Winde, Western Cape</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Asia Pacific – Governor Kim Tae-heum, Chungcheongnam-do</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Europe – Cabinet Secretary Gillian Martin, Scotland [see speaking note in speaking note brief]</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">- North America – Governor Mauricio Kuri Gonzalez, Querétaro</p> <p>3. Further, Faster, Together Towards Even Greater Subnational Ambition – 20 mins (moderated by Nehmat Kaur)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accelerating the just transition away from fossil fuels and enhance subnational leadership to reduce methane emissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Headline remarks - Governor Jay Inslee, Washington State (5 mins) ○ Headline remarks - Climate Ambassador Kang Kumsil, Gyeonggi (5 mins) <p><u>Speaking notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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.

	<p>ESJTP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland has shown international leadership by underpinning our net zero targets with a legislative commitment to just transition. We have since reinforced that commitment by developing the world’s first National Just Transition Planning Framework. • Our Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan charts a path to a clean, fair and secure energy system that will deliver benefits for the people of Scotland. Including by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doubling Scotland’s renewable energy capacity by 2030. ○ Managing the transition from fossil fuels in our energy system. <p>Methane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We do not have targets for individual gases in any sector - our actions are to address our overall ambitious climate change targets. Methane will be a key part of that. <p>4. Bridging the Financial Gap – External and Internal Drivers to Mobilise Finance – 20 mins (moderated by Champa Patel)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking control: mobilising innovative investment through state and regional policy • Headline remarks - Minister for Environment Giorgio Maione, Lombardy (5 mins) • Headline remarks - Deputy First Minister Iwanca-Davies, Wales (5 mins) • Unlocking support: ensuring the global climate finance architecture is inclusive • Headline remarks - State Secretary of Environment, Minas Gerais, Marília Carvalho de Melo (5 mins) <p><u>Speaking notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the key drivers of mobilising finance is capacity-building across sub-national governments. Through groups such as Under2 and Regions4, we can share knowledge and understanding of how to access and mobilise finance and funding. • We should also be advocating for the UN Loss and Damage Fund to contain mechanisms for access for local, devolved, and subnational government. Particularly in the Global South.
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	<p>5. Elevating Role of States and Regions – Leveraging 10 Years of Under2, 10 Years of Paris – 20 mins (moderated by Nehmat Kaur)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutionalising subnational leadership in NDCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Headline remarks - Governor Raquel Lyra, Pernambuco (5 mins) ○ Headline remarks – Governor Dr. Agbu Kefas Taraba State (5 mins) • Roadmap to 2025 and COP30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Headline remarks - Governor Helder Barbalho, Para (5 mins) ○ Headline remarks – Premier Panyaza Lesufi, Gauteng (5 mins) ○ Headline remarks – Minister Benoit Charette, Québec (5 mins) <p><u>Speaking notes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Realising the full potential of states and regions is crucial to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, both in relation to mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to an already changing climate. • As well as recognising the contribution of 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Special Address: Governor Gavin Newsom, California: 10 Years of Under2, 10 Years of Paris (5 mins)
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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Premier Alan Winde, Western Cape, South Africa

Premier Winde is a South African politician and businessman. He is the 8th and current Premier of the Western Cape, having held the position since 2019. He has been a Member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament since 1999 and belongs to the Democratic Alliance (centrist). He is serving as African Co-Chair of the Under2.

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Governor Kim Tae-heum, Chungcheongnam-do

Kim Tae-heum is the governor of Chungcheongnam-do, South Korea, having served as a member of the 19th, 20th, and 21st National Assembly of the Republic of Korea. He represents the right wing People Power party, and is serving as Asia-Pacific Co-Chair of the Under2.



Governor Mauricio Kuri Gonzalez, Querétaro

Governor Gonzalez has been in office in Querétaro since 2021, and represents the conservative National Action Party. He is serving as North American Co-Chair of the Under2.



Champa Patel – Under 2 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.



Nehmat Kaur – Director of the Under2 and Subnational Governments, The Climate Group

In her role as Director of the Under2 Coalition and Subnational Governments, Nehmat Kaur leads the strategy and effort with our network of subnational governments, from across 35 countries globally.



Governor Gavin Newsom, California Gavin Newsom is an American politician and businessman serving since 2019 as the 40th governor of California. He previously met Cab Sec McAllan at NY Climate Week in 2022. He also previously served as North American co-chair of the Under2.



Governor Jay Inslee, Washington State

Jay Robert Inslee is an American politician, lawyer, and economist who has served as the 23rd governor of Washington since 2013 for the Democratic Party.

Climate Ambassador Kang Kumsil, Gyeonggi, South Korea

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Kang Kum-Sil is a prominent figure in South Korea, known for her extensive work in environmental law and climate advocacy. She currently serves as the Climate Ambassador for Gyeonggi Province. In this role, she is actively involved in initiatives like the Gyeonggi RE100 Vision, which aims to transition the province to 100% renewable energy.



Giorgio Maione, Minister for the Environment and Climate, Lombardy, Italy

Giorgio Maione was Councillor for Family and Social Services of the Municipality of Brescia from 2008 to 2013, Municipal Councillor for 10 years and Chairman of the Budget Commission and subsidiaries of the Municipality of Brescia. From 2008 to 2018 he was a member of the National Welfare and Health Commission of ANCI. In the XII Legislature he was appointed by President Attilio Fontana Councillor for the Environment and Climate. Minister Maione attended the Under2 Coalition European Ministerial event in Brussels and the Regions4 General Assembly in Rio de Janeiro this June.



State Secretary of Environment, Marília Carvalho de Melo, Minas Gerais, Brazil

De Melo is currently the State Secretary of Environment. She was the General Director of the Minas Gerais Water Management Institute, Deputy Secretary, and Sub-Secretary of Inspection of the Secretary of Environment and Sustainable Development of Minas Gerais. She is a professor and coordinator of the Master's program in Sustainability in Water Resources at the University of Vale do Rio Verde.



Deputy First Minister Huw Irranca-Davies, Wales

Huw Irranca-Davies has been serving as the Deputy First Minister of Wales since August 2024 and as the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs since March 2024. Before his current roles, he was the Member of the Senedd (MS) for Ogmere since 2016 and previously served as the Member of Parliament (MP) for Ogmere from 2002 to 2016. His political career includes various ministerial positions, such as Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Wales and for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.



Governor Raquel Lyra, Pernambuco, Brazil

Raquel has been serving as the governor of Pernambuco since January 2023. She is the first ever female leader for Pernambuco and before this role, she served as the mayor of Caruaru, again as the first woman to hold this position. She is affiliated with the

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Brazilian Social Democracy Party (PSDB), having previously been a member of the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB).



Governor Dr. Agbu, Kefas Taraba State, Nigeria

Dr. Agbu Kefas is the current Governor of Taraba State, Nigeria. He assumed office on May 29, 2023. Before his political career, he served as a lieutenant colonel in the Nigerian army and has a strong background in security and crisis management. He has also held various significant positions, including Chairman of the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA). Governor Kefas is committed to transforming Taraba State, focusing on education, economic development, security, and the empowerment of women and youth. His administration aims to make Taraba a notable state in Nigeria through dedicated service and strategic initiatives.



Governor Helder Barbalho, Para, Brazil

Helder Barbalho currently serves as the governor of the state of Pará. Previously, he held various government positions, including Chief Minister of the National Secretariat of Ports and Minister of Fishing and Aquaculture during President Dilma Rousseff's administration. Additionally, he served as Minister of National Integration under President Michel Temer.



Premier Panyaza Lesufi, Gauteng

Andrek "Panyaza" Lesufi, born on September 4, 1968, is a prominent South African politician currently serving as the Premier of Gauteng since October 2022. He is a member of the African National Congress (ANC) and has been active in politics for many years. Lesufi is known for his activism against apartheid and his efforts to improve education in Gauteng. His leadership and dedication have made him a significant figure in South African politics.



Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec

Benoit Charette is a prominent Quebec politician, currently serving as the Minister of the Environment, the Fight against Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks. He has been a Member of the National Assembly (MNA) for the Deux-Montagnes riding since 2008. Charette initially joined the Parti Québécois but left in 2011 to protest the party's focus on sovereignty. He then joined the Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ) and has been with them since. In addition to his environmental responsibilities, he was assigned a new provincial role in combating racism in 2021.

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1.1.13 Under2 Coalition Co-Chairs Brush By
 24 September 2024 – 08:30 -09:00 - Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY
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What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brush by meeting with Under2 Coalition Co-Chairs following Ministerial Meeting
Key Message and Announcements	<p>Key Message:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In our third term as European co-chair, we will seek to build upon our existing legacy to deliver upon some of the following ambitions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to push for the inclusion of devolved, state and regional governments role and influence, including by more closely aligning Under2 and Regions4 to strengthen a collective subnational voice [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] Ask [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] Offer support in delivering on Co-Chairs’ respective priorities.
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build relationships with Under2 Co-Chairs ahead of upcoming terms. Build unified vision of direction of Under2 Coalition across Co-Chairs for upcoming term.
Sensitivities	[Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Africa – Premier Alan Winde, Western Cape Asia Pacific – Governor Kim Tae-heum, Chungcheongnam-do North America – Governor Mauricio Kuri Gonzalez, Querétaro
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
Supporting Official(s)	<p>[redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>

ANNEX A**Biographies****Premier Alan Winde, Western Cape, South Africa**

Premier Winde will be the incoming African Co-Chair of the Under2 2024-26. He is the current Premier of the Western Cape in South Africa and has held this position since May 22, 2019, and was re-elected in 2024. Winde is a member of the Democratic Alliance (DA) and has been a significant figure in the Western Cape Provincial Parliament since 1999. Before becoming Premier, he served in various ministerial roles, including as the Provincial Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, and later as the Provincial Minister of Community Safety.

**Governor Kim Tae-heum, Chungcheongnam-do**

Kim Tae-heum is serving as Asia-Pacific Co-Chair of the Under2 2024-26. Chungcheongnam-do has served 2 terms previously. On 21 May 2024, SteelZero, Under2 Coalition's initiative, received official endorsement from the Under2 Coalition Co-Chair Governor Kim Tae-heum of Chungcheongnam-do, Republic of Korea. By doing so, Chungnam Province becomes the first government to officially endorse the SteelZero initiative. As the co-chair of the Under2 Coalition, Chungnam Province has been an active voice and driver of subnational climate action toward achieving Korea's 2050 carbon neutrality goal.

**Governor Mauricio Kuri Gonzalez, Querétaro**

Governor Gonzalez will be the incoming North American Co-Chair of the Under2 2024-26. Mauricio Kuri serves the people of Querétaro as Governor for the period 2021-2027. He served as president of the National Chamber of Commerce in Querétaro from 2006-2008. From 2008-2021, he was Senator of the Republic and coordinator of the Parliamentary Group of Partido Acción Nacional. He won the election for the governorship of the state in 2021, with the highest number of votes recorded in the entity.

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1.1.14 High Level Climate Leaders Reception

23 September – 18:00-19:00 - Salesforce Tower, 1095 Av of the Americas
17th Floor, New York, NY 10036

What	High Level Climate Leaders Reception
Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland’s commitment to achieving net zero by 2045 is unwavering – we are already half way there, and have achieved a huge amount; between 1990 and 2022 Scotland halved it’s emissions, while the economy grew by 67%, demonstrating that a thriving economy and falling emissions are not just compatible, but can support each other. • The contribution of devolved, regional and subnational governments will be crucial in global efforts to meet net zero greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of the climate crisis. • As President of the Regions4 Development Network and European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, Scotland will leverage our leadership positions to strengthen the voice of states, regions and devolved governments, so as to gain greater recognition, inclusion in UN processes, and funding.
Asks and offers	<p>Asks and offers for key brush-by targets:</p> <p><u>Jacinda Arden, former prime Minister of New Zealand</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <p><u>Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <p><u>Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Regions4- our delegations met at the Regions4 General Assembly and discussed collaborative work aimed at supporting African regions including capacity building. Look forward to working together on this. • Strengthening voice of states and regions- As co-chair of Under2 and President of Regions4, we are aiming to leverage both positions to strengthen the voice of states an regions. As active members of both, we look forward to working closely with you.

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	<p><u>Laurence Tubiana, CEO of the European Climate Foundation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened relationships with brush-by targets.
Sensitivities	None specific to the Opening Ceremony.
Who	<p>High-level reception with business leaders, Under2 governments, civil society representatives. Officials have not been provided with an attendee list but with senior representation from government, business and civil society. Anticipated attendees of note include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacinda Arden, former Prime Minister of New Zealand • Gavin Newsom, Governor of California • Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington • Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing • Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec • Helen Clarkson, CEO of The Climate Group • Raquel Lyra, Governor, Pernambuco
Agenda	No agenda. Informal reception.
Supporting Official(s)	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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Background

- Climate Week NYC brings together business leaders, political change makers, local decision takers and civil society representatives of all ages and backgrounds, from all over the world, to drive the transition, speed up progress, and champion change that is already happening.
- Climate Week NYC is hosted by The Climate Group, who provide the secretariat function for the Under2 Coalition.

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Biographies



Governor Gavin Newsom, California

Gavin Newsom is an American politician and businessman serving since 2019 as the 40th governor of California. He previously met Cab Sec McAllan at NY Climate Week in 2022. He also previously served as North American co-chair of the Under2.

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Governor Jay Inslee, Washington State

Jay Inslee is the current Governor of Washington State in the United States. He has been serving as the 23rd governor since January 16, 2013. Inslee is a member of the Democratic Party and has focused on issues such as climate change, education, criminal justice reform, and drug policy reform during his tenure. Before becoming governor, Inslee served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for over 20 years. He has also been a vocal critic of former President Donald Trump and has taken legal action against some of Trump's policies.



Jacinda Arden, former prime Minister of New Zealand

Jacinda Arden served as the 40th Prime Minister of New Zealand from October 2017 to January 2023. She led the Labour Party during this period and was known for her progressive and empathetic leadership style and handling of significant crises, including the Christchurch mosque shootings in 2019 and the COVID-19 pandemic. She resigned in January 2023, citing the need for a break and to focus on her family. After stepping down as Prime Minister, Jacinda Arden has taken on several new roles. She was appointed as a trustee of the Earthshot Prize, an environmental award founded by Prince William.



Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing

Dan Jørgensen is a Danish politician who has recently been appointed as the European Union's Commissioner for Energy and Housing. Jørgensen, served as climate and energy minister from 2019 to 2022 before moving into the more internationally focused job of global climate action and development minister. In that role, Jørgensen became a prominent negotiator at the annual United Nations COP climate summits. He was instrumental in setting ambitious climate targets and transitioning Denmark towards renewable energy.



Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec

Benoit Charette is a prominent Quebec politician, currently serving as the Minister of the Environment, the Fight against Climate Change, Wildlife, and Parks. He has been a Member of the National Assembly (MNA) for the Deux-Montagnes riding since 2008. Charette initially joined the Parti Québécois but left in 2011 to protest the party's focus on sovereignty. He then joined the Coalition Avenir Québec (CAQ) and has been with them since. In addition to his environmental responsibilities, he was assigned a new provincial role in combating racism in 2021.

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1.1.15 Earthshot Prize Innovation Summit - Investor breakfast and Plenary session

24 September – 08:30-10:30 - Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 10118

<p>What</p>	<p>Bloomberg Philanthropies and The Earthshot Prize host the third annual Earthshot Prize Innovation Summit, aimed to scale cutting-edge climate solutions. The summit will convene business leaders, philanthropists, investors and government leaders alongside Earthshot Prize Finalists and Winners.</p>
<p>Key Message</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland’s commitment to achieving net zero by 2045 is unwavering – we are already half way there, and have achieved a huge amount; between 1990 and 2022 Scotland halved its emissions, while the economy grew by 67%, demonstrating that a thriving economy and falling emissions are not just compatible, but can support each other. • The contribution of devolved, regional and subnational governments will be crucial in global efforts to meet net zero greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of the climate crisis. • As President of the Regions4 Development Network and European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
<p>Asks and offers</p>	<p><u>Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Regions4- our delegations met at the Regions4 General Assembly and discussed collaborative work aimed at supporting African regions including capacity building. Look forward to working together on this. • Strengthening voice of states and regions- As co-chair of Under2 and President of Regions4, we are aiming to leverage both positions to strengthen the voice of states and regions. As active members of both, we look forward to working closely. <p><u>Michael Bloomberg</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <p><u>Laurence Tubiana, CEO of the European Climate Foundation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]

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	<p><u>Prince William</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <p><u>Mark Carney, UN Special Representative on Climate and Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Thank: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] ask [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened relationships with brush-by targets.
Sensitivities	None specific to Earthshot
Who	<p>High-level event with senior representation from government, business and civil society. Anticipated attendees of note include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HRH Prince William • Michael Bloomberg • Mark Carney, UN Special Envoy for Climate Action & Finance • Gavin Newsom, Governor of California • Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington • Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing • Laurence Tubiana, CEO of European Climate Foundation • Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec
Agenda	<p>Launchpad Breakfast 7:30- 9:00</p> <p>Plenary Session 9:30 – 11:00</p> <p>High level plenary of the Global Renewables Summit 11:30- 12:30</p> <p>[Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]</p>
Supporting Official(s)	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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- This is the third Earthshot Innovation Prize Summit, co-hosted between Bloomberg Philanthropies and The Earthshot Prize (sponsored by Prince William)
- This is an opportunity for high-level networking.
- SG launched the industry led Green and Sustainable Finance Services Taskforce in 2022, in response to the establishment of GFANZ at COP26, which is tasked with creating a “roadmap” to leverage global and local momentum towards green and sustainable finance.

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- The Taskforce has submitted its final recommendations to ministers, with a draft ministerial response currently sitting with the Deputy First Minister.
- Carney has pre-recorded an intervention to mark the publication of the Taskforce report (25 Sept).

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**Michael Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions**

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.

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**Prince William of Wales**

Prince William is the elder son of Charles III and the late Diana, Princess of Wales. He is the heir apparent to the British throne and holds the titles of Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge, Earl of Strathearn, and Baron Carrickfergus. Prince William has been actively involved in climate action through various initiatives and organizations. One of his most notable contributions is the Earthshot Prize, which he launched in 2020. The Earthshot Prize aims to find and scale innovative solutions to the world's biggest environmental challenges.

**Mark Carney, UN Special Representative on Climate and Finance**

Mark Carney, the former Governor of the Bank of England, was appointed as the United Nations Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance in December 2019. In this role, he focuses on mobilizing private finance to support the transition to a net-zero carbon economy and achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement.

He is co-chair of the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ), launched in April 2021 by the COP26 presidency, in partnership with the UNFCCC Race to Zero campaign. It aims to coordinate efforts across all sectors of the financial system to accelerate the transition to a net-zero global economy.

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1.1.16 Brush-by with DAS for Energy Transformation, US Dept of State
 24 September – 10:30-11:00 - Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 1011

<p>What</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A bilateral with Anna Shpitsberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation at the U.S. Department of State • An opportunity to discuss shared portfolio interests including the Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan.
<p>Key Message and Announcements</p>	<p>Relay Scotland’s progress on renewables, including recently published Green Industrial Strategy and the ESJTP, and highlight vital role of investment in energy transition</p> <p>ESJTP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scotland has shown international leadership by underpinning our net zero targets with a legislative commitment to just transition. We have since reinforced that commitment by developing the world’s first National Just Transition Planning Framework. • Our Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan charts a path to a clean, fair and secure energy system that will deliver benefits for the people of Scotland. Including by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doubling Scotland’s renewable energy capacity by 2030. ○ Managing the transition from fossil fuels in our energy system. <p>Green Industrial Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Scottish Government launched its Green Industrial Strategy in Sept 2024. The strategy contains a strong commitment to supporting investment and ensuring an investment friendly ecosystem – recognising the vital need for green finance to support the Just Transition to Net Zero
<p>Asks and offers</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] • Offer: to make contact between officials on growth in green energy (e.g. offshore wind) and attracting investment.
<p>Desired outcomes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build and maintain diplomatic and economic international relations to accelerate our just transition to net zero
<p>Sensitivities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The absence of a final position on oil and gas may come up, though the United States’ continues to license oil and gas extraction and exports.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that the UK Government have been informed this meeting is taking place and have not offered to field an official.
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Shpitsberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation, US Dept. of State
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Add agenda</i> • <i>Add speaking points to agenda items if appropriate</i>
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • UKG official

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Anna Shpitsberg serves as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation at the U.S. Department of State. Ms. Shpitsberg is responsible for supporting a shift to a decarbonized economy that enables secure and resilient energy systems. Shpitsberg leads efforts and advises on power market reform, clean energy financing, and resilient supply chains to support transitioning power, transport, and end-use sectors. Additionally, she leads U.S. representation at the International Renewable Energy Agency, and other bilateral and multilateral engagements on energy with U.S. allies and partners.

Ms. Shpitsberg holds a BS from Binghamton University in Finance and an MEM in Environmental Economics and Policy from Duke University with a focus on power systems and the energy-water nexus. This will be her first engagement with the Scottish Government.

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Supporting Supply Chains

- The Scottish Government is committed to supporting Scotland's supply chain businesses and this is one of our key focus areas within the GIS and our forthcoming ESJTP.
- Investment in Scotland's clean energy sector has been forecast to reach £40 billion over the next decade, helping to drive significant private investment and job creation (*source: [CESAP Pathfinder report](#)*).
- With the right support, clean energy sector Gross Value Added could reach up to £6 billion in 2030 and £11 billion in 2050 (*source: [EY Energy System and Just Transition: independent analysis](#)*).
- To support a just energy transition, a new package of measures will be delivered to support suppliers and businesses across the integrated energy supply chain to access the emerging opportunities.

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- This will include taking a targeted approach to public and private investment, an improved business support offer, exploring opportunities to increase supply chain resilience through circularity, and increasing business awareness of the specific opportunities.

Green Finance

Core points: we are committed to attracting global green finance in Scotland as evidenced by; i) Green Industrial Strategy, ii) Scottish Taskforce for Green & Sustainable Financial Services, iii) Investor Panel recommendations

Green Industrial Strategy:

- The Scottish Government launched its Green Industrial Strategy in Sept 2024 [Green Industrial Strategy - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/green-industrial-strategy)
- The strategy contains a strong commitment to supporting investment and ensuring an investment friendly ecosystem – recognising the vital need for green finance to support the Just Transition to Net Zero
- The strategy focusses on five key areas:
 - Maximising Scotland's Wind Economy
 - Developing a self-sustaining carbon capture, utilisation and storage sector
 - Supporting green economy professional and financial services, with global reach
 - Growing our hydrogen sector
 - Establishing Scotland as a competitive centre for the clean Energy Intensive Industries of the future

Scottish Taskforce for Green & Sustainable Financial Services

- The Scottish Government established the industry led Scottish Taskforce for Green and Sustainable financial services following COP26 in Glasgow 2021 to set out the actions required for Scotland to be seen as a leading global contender in the race to become a green and sustainable financial services hub including:
- Over the two-year lifespan of the Taskforce, the members identified priorities including:
 - Promoting Scotland as a Centre of Green Finance
 - Finding Investment for Green Projects in Scotland
 - Sustaining a World Class Training and Education Offering
 - New Opportunities
- The final report will be published later in September 2024 with proposed recommendations to support our net zero ambitions for Scottish Government ministers to consider [note this may be available for the session]
- Industry members represented organisations including: MacQuarie, Aegon, Baillie Gifford, Martin Currie, NatWest, Lloyds Banking Group and academia.

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The First Minister Investor Panel

- The Scottish Government established an expert panel in early 2023 consisting of renowned investment experts including Baroness Margaret Ford, Chair of Deloitte UK Audit Governance Board, John Watson of Global Infrastructure Partners and Alexandra Basirov of Bank of America.
- Recommendations from the independent panel were published in November 2023 setting out how we can attract global capital investment to support the physical infrastructure needed for a Just transition to Net Zero.
- The panel recognised our strong track record in attracting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) – attracting international companies to locate in Scotland. Scotland has been the most attractive destination in the UK outside London for such FDI for the eighth year in a row according to Ernst & Young’s (EY) Annual Attractiveness Survey 2023.
- The panel identified areas where Scotland can strengthen our performance, particularly around attracting large scale global capital investment. Following the panel’s advice, we are improving how we engage with investors and

Energy Markets

- Scotland has made huge strides in decarbonising its electricity system by accelerating the deployment of renewable energy. The majority of electricity generated in Scotland is from renewables.
- In 2022, 71% of electricity generated in Scotland was from renewable sources – a marked increase compared to 29% in 2012.
- We are clear however, that as we move closer to a fully decarbonised system, reform of GB energy markets, both retail and wholesale, is crucial.
- Electricity markets need reformed so that they can support the efficient and effective functioning of a system based on renewable generation where fairness is embedded, and benefits are passed through to consumers.
- We are working with UK Government, who are responsible for GB energy markets, to ensure that reforms deliver affordability for consumers and contribute to a just transition, whilst supporting further renewable deployment and overall system flexibility.
- The GB energy market sits within the broader European energy market with numerous electricity and gas interconnectors linking the GB market to the European continent.
- We recognise the need to learn from other markets and we are interested to understand more about innovations and approaches adopted in the US.
- This includes locational pricing, which the UK Government is considering within its Review of Electricity Market Arrangements (REMA).
- We are aware that the introduction of locational pricing could have significant impacts for market participants and that is why we commissioned

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independent research to inform our position. This research was published on 12 August 2024.

- The levers to make necessary changes to our energy market sit with UK Government. The UK Government has a new ambition of achieving clean power (i.e., power sector decarbonisation) by 2030.
- We will work closely with the UK Government on this, which will be vital given the amount of energy infrastructure that will likely be needed in Scotland to achieve wider clean power ambitions.
- The Scottish Government continues to call on UK Government to make a range of reforms, including the introduction of a social tariff and decoupling gas and electricity prices to help consumers benefit from the lower costs of renewable electricity.

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1.1.17 Brush-by with Governor Inslee

24 September – 11:00-11:15 - Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 1011

What	Brush-by meeting with Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington State
Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As President of the Regions4 and European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, we want to strengthen the voice of states, regions and devolved governments, so as to gain greater recognition, inclusion in UN processes, and funding.
Asks and offers	<p><u>Under2 Coalition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we enter our third co-chair term, we are aiming to ensure the coalition’s priorities are led by members, that there are clear outcomes and that the voices of states and regions are strengthened. Ask [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] For support with making the coalition lead by member priorities. <p><u>COP29</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened relationships with Washington State. Buy in on Under2 Co-Chair priorities of improving the effectiveness of the Under2 Coalition and being member-led.
Sensitivities	N/A
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington
Agenda	N/A
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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1.1.18 Brush-by with Gavin Newsom, Governor of California
 24 September – 11:15 – 11:30 [or anytime during the Earthshot Prize Summit] - Plaza Hotel, 5th Ave, New York, NY 1011

What	Short bilateral to strengthen relationship with California
Key Message	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As President of the Regions4 Development Network and European Co-Chair of the Under2 Coalition, we want, to strengthen the voice of states, regions and devolved governments, so as to gain greater recognition, inclusion in UN processes, and funding. [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Asks and offers	<p><u>Under2 Coalition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As we enter our third co-chair term, we are aiming to ensure the coalition’s priorities are led by members, that there are clear outcomes and that the voices of states and regions are strengthened. Ask how California is approaching its role in U2, and for support with our priorities. <p><u>Memorandum of Understanding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] <p><u>COP29</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] Ask: [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)] Offer: We will be hosting an event on realising the potential of states and regions at COP29 and would love to work with California.
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened relationships with California
Sensitivities	None specific to Earthshot
Who	Governor of California, Gavin Newsom
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under2 Coalition Collaboration between Scotland and California COP29
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

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1.1.19 High Ambition States And Regions At The Forefront: Paving The Way For Global NDC Progress

24 September – 13:00-14:00 The Glass House 660 12th Ave, NY

What	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The period between Climate Week NYC and COP30 is crucial for enhancing the next round of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Subnational governments are driving climate action, urging national governments to increase ambition through the 2035 NDCs for a 60% global emissions reduction. • This roundtable aims to convene high-ambition states, and regions to discuss examples of ambition and advocacy strategies before the NDC submissions in February 2025. • This is an invitation-only, closed-door event, will be off-the-record, and not for public attribution of any form. We anticipate engaging in high-level, dynamic conversations, all conducted under Chatham House rules.
Key Message and Announcements	<p>Key Messages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With devolved governments on the frontline of the fight against the climate crisis, we must see greater international recognition of this role and adequate financial support. • [Redacted Reg. 10(5)(a)] • [Redacted Reg. 10(5)(a)]
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ask:</i> [Redacted Reg. 10(5)(a)] • <i>Ask:</i> [Redacted Reg. 10(5)(a)] • <i>Offer:</i> The benefits of joining Regions4, Under2, and the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum are extensive, and include capacity building and knowledge sharing opportunities that can contribute to better policymaking.
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewed commitment from devolved, state and regional governments in attendance to consider producing NDCs ahead of COP30.
Sensitivities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
Who	<p>Invited attendees</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Premier Alan Winde, Government of Western Cape, South Africa 2. Vice Governor Mateus Simoes, Government of Minas Gerais, Brazil 3. Governor Renato Casagrande, Government of Espírito Santo, Brazil 4. Governor Racquel Lyra, Government of Pernambuco, Brazil

	<p>5. Governor Mauricio Kuri González, Government of Queretaro, Mexico</p> <p>6. Governor Mauricio Villa Dosal, Government of Yucatán, Mexico</p> <p>7. Governor Kim Tae-heum, Government of Chungcheongnam-do, South Korea</p> <p>8. Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Maharashtra, India</p> <p>9. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Government of Bihar, India</p> <p>10. Governor Gavin Newsom, Government of California, United States</p> <p>11. Governor Jay Inslee, Government of Washington, United States</p> <p>12. Governor Helder Barbalho, Government of Para, Brazil</p> <p>13. Governor Marti Batres, Government of Mexico City, Mexico</p> <p>14. Governor Samuel Garcia, Government of Neuvo Leon, Mexico</p>
<p>Agenda</p>	<p>1. Welcome (5 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening: Christiana Figueres, Founder, Global Optimism (invited) • Context and overview of agenda and objectives: Laurence Tubiana, CEO, European Climate Foundation (invited) <p>2. Discussion: Leveraging public opinion in support of Governors’ climate leadership (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where do you see the most support and resistance in your country? ○ What strategies have worked for you in changing public opinion? <p>3. Discussion: Attracting sustainable finance to take the strongest climate action (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What finance models have you found to be most sustainable and innovative? ○ How do you engage with the private sector to attract finance? <p>4. Discussion: Collaboration for support amongst climate-leading Governors to elevate NDCs (20 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What collaboration opportunities do you see with you global counterparts? ○ How can we leverage collective knowledge to achieve our goals? <p>5. Closing and Next Steps (10 minutes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of takeaways and strategy: Nehmat Kaur, Director, Under2 Coalition

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing Remarks: ClimateWorks Foundation/Hewlett Foundation
Supporting Official(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted Reg. 11(2)] • [redacted Reg. 11(2)]

ANNEX A

Background

In 2021 and ahead of hosting COP26 in Glasgow, the Scottish Government published an indicative Nationally Determined Contribution (iNDC). This demonstrated Scotland’s commitment to supporting the goals of the Paris Agreement (PA), despite being a non-Party stakeholder. At the centre of this iNDC was the 2030 75% emissions reduction target (now seen as out of reach).

The PA requires Parties to the UNFCCC to update their NDC every five years, with increasing ambition. The next generation of NDCs are due by early 2025. The NDCs are to present national plans with a time horizon of 2035 and must be informed by last year’s Global Stocktake.

[Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]

This engagement is an opportunity to gauge wider interest in building this coalition at a ministerial level. Officials will prepare formal advice on our recommendation shortly. [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]

ANNEX B

Discussion points

Discussion: Leveraging public opinion in support of Governors’ climate leadership (20 minutes)

Key Questions:

Where do you see the most support and resistance in your country?

What strategies have worked for you in changing public opinion?

- Three quarters of the Scottish public see addressing climate change as an urgent and immediate priority.
- Moving toward a net zero society depends on people making positive changes in their everyday lives, and in Scotland big strides have been taken to improve knowledge and understanding of climate impacts.
- Our climate legislation places a legal requirement on to the Scottish Government to inform the public about our net zero goals and policies. Through increased understanding of the climate impact of our behaviour and lifestyles, we will empower people take positive actions that will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

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- Individual behaviour change must be part of a wider national effort including co-ordinated action from both national and local government, as well as from businesses.

Discussion: Attracting sustainable finance to take the strongest climate action (20 minutes)

Key Questions:

What finance models have you found to be most sustainable and innovative?

How do you engage with the private sector to attract finance?

- We are more than a decade on from the commitment in Copenhagen by developed nations to provide climate funding of \$100 billion dollars a year. [Redacted Reg. 10(4)(e)]
- Scotland recognises the need for a full mosaic of funding solutions to urgently mobilise finance that meets both the scale and pace of need.
- Welcome momentum behind the **Bridgetown Initiative** and urge all to take action to increase climate finance available to vulnerable countries.

Discussion: Collaboration for support amongst climate-leading Governors to elevate NDCs (20 minutes)

Key Questions:

What collaboration opportunities do you see with you global counterparts?

- We must see meaningful inclusion of subnational governments in development of NDCs, as set out in COP28 Consensus.
- We welcome UKG shift on climate ambition and action and the ongoing engagement at official level on the development of the UK's NDC. We will positively contribute to this process and collaborate with the UKG ahead of its publication.
- CHAMP is a crucial part of this collaboration and we will encourage UKG to join CHAMP, to align priorities with devolved administrations on climate planning and activities.

How can we leverage collective knowledge to achieve our goals?

- 50-80% of adaptation and mitigation actions necessary to tackle climate change will be implemented at the subnational or local levels, and devolved governments hold a huge amount of policy knowledge.
- We must see greater recognition of this role and action on finance to support devolved climate action.
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ANNEX C

Biographies

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Invited attendees

**Premier Alan Winde, Western Cape, South Africa**

Premier Winde is a South African politician and businessman. He is the 8th and current Premier of the Western Cape, having held the position since 2019. He has been a Member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament since 1999 and belongs to the Democratic Alliance (centrist). He is serving as African Co-Chair of the Under2.

**Vice Governor Mateus Simoes, Government of Minas Gerais, Brazil**

Mateus Simões is the current Vice Governor of Minas Gerais, Brazil. He was elected in the 2022 elections alongside Governor Romeu Zema. Before becoming Vice Governor, he served as the Secretary-General of the Government of Minas Gerais and was a city Councilor in Belo Horizonte.

**Governor Renato Casagrande, Government of Espírito Santo, Brazil**

Renato Casagrande is the current Governor of Espírito Santo, Brazil. He has held this position since January 1, 2019, and was re-elected for a third term in 2022. Casagrande previously served as governor from 2011 to 2015.

He has been involved in various political roles, including serving as a senator, federal deputy, and state deputy.

Throughout his career, he has focused on infrastructure development, social development programs, and environmental initiatives.

**Governor Raquel Lyra, Pernambuco, Brazil**

Raquel has been serving as the governor of Pernambuco since January 2023. She is the first ever female leader for Pernambuco and before this role, she served as the mayor of Caruaru, again as the first woman to hold this position. She is affiliated with the Brazilian Social Democracy Party (PSDB), having previously been

a member of the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB).

**Governor Mauricio Kuri Gonzalez, Querétaro**

Governor Gonzalez has been in office in Querétaro since 2021, and represents the conservative National Action Party. He is serving as North American Co-Chair of the Under2.

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Governor Mauricio Villa Dosal, Government of Yucatán, Mexico

Mauricio Vila Dosal has served as the Governor of Yucatán since October 1, 2018. Before becoming governor, he was the Mayor of Mérida from 2015 to 2018. Vila Dosal is a member of the National Action Party (PAN) and has been recognized for his innovative public policies and leadership. Vila Dosal has secured a position in the Senate of the Republic for 2024. This move is seen as a recognition of his successful tenure and the positive impact of his administration on the state of Yucatán.



Governor Kim Tae-heum, Chungcheongnam-do

Kim Tae-heum is serving as Asia-Pacific Co-Chair of the Under2 2024-26. Chungcheongnam-do has served 2 terms previously. On 21 May 2024, SteelZero, Under2 Coalition's initiative, received official endorsement from the Under2 Coalition Co-Chair Governor Kim Tae-heum of Chungcheongnam-do, Republic of Korea. By doing so, Chungnam Province becomes the first government to officially endorse the SteelZero initiative. As the co-chair of the Under2 Coalition, Chungnam Province has been an active voice and driver of subnational climate action toward achieving Korea's 2050 carbon neutrality goal.



Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Maharashtra, India

Eknath Shinde is the current Chief Minister of Maharashtra, having assumed office on June 30, 2022. He is a prominent leader of the Shiv Sena party and has been actively involved in Maharashtra politics for several decades. Shinde's political journey is quite inspiring, starting from humble beginnings and rising through the ranks due to his dedication and hard work.



Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, Government of Bihar, India

Nitish Kumar, is a key figure Indian politician and the current Chief Minister of Bihar. He has held this position since February 22, 2015, and has previously served as Chief Minister from 2005 to 2014 and briefly in 2000. Kumar's political journey began in the 1970s when he was involved in the JP Movement led by Jayaprakash Narayan. Nitish Kumar is known for his focus on development and governance in Bihar. Under his leadership, the state has seen significant improvements in infrastructure, education, and law and order.

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Governor Gavin Newsom, California

Gavin Newsom is an American politician and businessman serving since 2019 as the 40th governor of California. He previously met Cab Sec McAllan at NY Climate Week in 2022. He also previously served as North American co-chair of the Under2.



Governor Jay Inslee, Government of Washington, United States

Jay Inslee is the current Governor of Washington State in the United States. He has been serving as the 23rd governor since January 16, 2013. Inslee is a member of the Democratic Party and has focused on issues such as climate change, education, criminal justice reform, and drug policy reform during his tenure. Before becoming governor, Inslee served as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for over 20 years. He has also been a vocal critic of former President Donald Trump and has taken legal action against some of Trump's policies.



Governor Helder Barbalho, Government of Para, Brazil

Helder Barbalho currently serves as the governor of the state of Pará. Previously, he held various government positions, including Chief Minister of the National Secretariat of Ports and Minister of Fishing and Aquaculture during President Dilma Rousseff's administration. Additionally, he served as Minister of National Integration under President Michel Temer.



Governor Marti Batres, Government of Mexico City, Mexico

Martí Batres Guadarrama is currently serving as the Head of Government of Mexico City. He assumed office on June 16, 2023, following the resignation of Claudia Sheinbaum, who left to run for President of Mexico. Batres has a long political career, having previously served as the President of the Senate and as a Deputy in the Mexican Congress. Martí Batres has focused on several key policies since taking office as the Head of Government of Mexico City. Some of the main areas he has been working on are public safety, public transportation, social programs, environmental initiatives and economic development.

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Governor Samuel Garcia, Government of Nuevo Leon, Mexico

Samuel Alejandro García Sepúlveda is the current Governor of Nuevo León, Mexico. He assumed office on October 4, 2021, and is a member of the Citizens' Movement party. As governor, he has focused on boosting foreign investment through nearshoring, expanding the Metrorrey network, and addressing the Nuevo León water crisis. García is also known for being the youngest governor in the history of Nuevo León, having taken office at the age of 33.



Michael Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions

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.



Prince William of Wales

Prince William is the elder son of Charles III and the late Diana, Princess of Wales. He is the heir apparent to the British throne and holds the titles of Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall and Cambridge, Earl of Strathearn, and Baron Carrickfergus. Prince William has been actively involved in climate action through various initiatives and organizations. One of his most notable contributions is the Earthshot Prize, which he launched in 2020. The Earthshot Prize aims to find and scale innovative solutions to the world's biggest environmental challenges.



Anna Shpitsberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation, U.S. Department of State

Anna Shpitsberg is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation at the U.S. Department of State. In this role, she focuses on supporting the transition to a decarbonized economy and ensuring secure and resilient energy systems. She leads efforts in power market reform, clean energy financing, and resilient supply chains.

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Before this, she was the Director for Global Power and Renewables at IHS Markit, where she conducted research on emerging trends in the power sector and advised executives on business strategies related to renewable energy.



Laurence Tubiana- CEO, European Climate Foundation

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.



Christiana Figueres, Founder of Global Optimism

Christiana Figueres is a prominent Costa Rican diplomat and environmentalist. She is best known for her role as the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from 2010 to 2016. During her tenure, she played a crucial role in the negotiations that led to the 2015 Paris Agreement, a landmark international treaty on climate change. Figueres has a rich background in diplomacy and environmental policy, having worked in various capacities related to climate change, energy, and sustainable development.



Dan Jørgensen, EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing

Dan Jørgensen is a Danish politician who has recently been appointed as the European Union's Commissioner for Energy and Housing. Jørgensen, served as climate and energy minister from 2019 to 2022 before moving into the more internationally focused job of global climate action and development minister. In that role, Jørgensen became a prominent negotiator at the annual United Nations COP climate summits. He was instrumental in setting ambitious climate targets and transitioning Denmark towards renewable energy.

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1.1.20 Scotland's Investor Company Showcase

24 September - 14:30-15:00 - Edrington Group USA LLC, 18 W 24th St,
New York, NY 10010

What	Cab Sec to deliver a keynote speech (5 mins)
Key Message	<p>-Climate Week NYC, hosted by Climate group in partnership with the UN General Assembly and the City of New York, will be presenting a full programme of over 600 events and activities with key players from innovators to policy makers in attendance.</p> <p>-Excellent opportunity to showcase Scotland's global leadership role in tackling climate change, highlighting the expertise, innovation and ambition of Scotland's climate-tech companies and how their technology will play a crucial role in the race to net zero.</p> <p>-The showcase demonstrates the breadth of investment opportunities available in Scotland with 7 Scottish cleantech and climatetech companies presenting.</p>
Asks and offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many innovative Scottish companies identify the United States as key geographical area for fundraising and potential trade and investment opportunities. • The sector focus of this event is climate related and will cover a number of verticals that all contribute to the race to net zero: climatetech, cleantech, clean energy, biotech, agtech, fintech, space. • Through SDI, we are looking to develop and expand opportunities for existing investors and help unlock new opportunities for companies seeking investment. We would like CabSec to support the commitment Scotland has in developing these relationships.
Desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convey Scottish Government's and SDI's commitment to supporting Scottish companies with their growth aspirations, particularly around their innovative technology and how it can help in the global journey to net zero. • Raise awareness of Scottish Government's Global Capital Investment Plan which aims to attract more international capital into Scotland.
Sensitivities	None known
Format / Audience	<p>Format Informal event consisting of short speeches from host, guest speakers EDC and Mark Patel, followed by company pitches, whisky tasting and networking.</p> <p>Audience Approx. 55 guests including:</p>

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	<p>[redacted Reg. 11(2)] or [redacted Reg. 11(2)], Edrington Americas (venue host) 7 Scottish growth companies seeking investment. North American VC investors GlobalScots and US stakeholders Note: Climate Group are providing an official CW photographer to take photos of the event which will be used for future marketing purposes</p>
Attached documents	<p>Annex A – Agenda / running order Annex B – Full guest list Annex C – Speaking note [in speaking note brief] Annex D – Profiles of pitching companies</p>
Supporting Official(s)	<p>[redacted Reg. 11(2)] [redacted Reg. 11(2)]</p>

ANNEX A

Agenda/Running Order

Start	Finish	Duration	Subject	Speaker(s)
2:00 PM	2:30 PM	00:30	Arrival and networking	
2:30 PM	2:35 PM	00:05	Host welcome (Edrington)	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]
2:35 PM	2:40 PM	00:05	Whisky toast	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]
2:40 PM	2:42 PM	00:02	Intro Minister	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]
2:42 PM	2:52 PM	00:05	Minister speech	
2:52 PM	2:57 PM	00:05	Mark Patel speech	
2:57 PM	3:02 PM	00:05	Event overview	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]
3:02 PM	3:27 PM	00:25	3 minute pitches	
3:27 PM	3:29 PM	00:02	Close pitches & intro EDC	
3:29 PM	3:34 PM	00:05	EDC speech	
3:34 PM	4:04 PM	00:30	Networking	
4:04 PM	4:30 PM	00:26	Event close	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]

ANNEX B

Full Guest List

Name	Company	Name	Company
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	McKinsey	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Prologis Ventures

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[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	CellMine	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Prologis Ventures
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	ASCON Energy Limited	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	New Energy Nexus
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Nasdaq	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	University of Strathclyde
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Orpheus Ocean	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Vectors Capital
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Snugg Energy	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Equinor
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Consulate General of Canada	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Neva SGR
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Con Edison	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	New Energy Nexus
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	The MITRE Corporation	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Orion Industrial Ventures
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	NYSERDA	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Sustainable Impact Capital & Holding
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Katrick Technologies	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Hamilton Clark Sustainable Capital
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Office of Technology and Innovation	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	SNØCAP
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Deloitte	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Kelp Blue
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	TPG Rise	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Avondale Private Capital
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Plum Alley	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Ripple Impact Investments
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	PTTEP	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	AC
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	AiiM Partners	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Orion Industrial Ventures
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	AiiM Partners	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	BHP Ventures
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	AiiM Partners	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Montauk Climate Corp
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Tekfen Ventures	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Closed Loop Partners
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Citi Bank	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Brinc
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	FMC Ventures	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Acclimate Ventures

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[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	EIF VC	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	TIFS (Transformational Investing in Food Systems)
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Pulse Fund	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Care Bear Venture Partners
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Rabobank	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Ventex Studio
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Blume Ventures	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	GPO Fund
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Morgan Stanley	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	First Carbon Investments
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	JPMorgan	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	UN Global Pulse
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	4P Capital	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Azolla Ventures
[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Elle Family Office	[redacted Reg. 11(2)]	Nvidia

ANNEX C

SPEAKING NOTE IN SPEAKING BRIEF

ANNEX D

Synopsis of Scottish companies attending & pitching

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1.1.21 FMQ BRIEFING

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1.1.22 THEMATIC BRIEFING

1.1.23 SUBNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Top Lines

- The Scottish Government believes the contribution of devolved, regional and subnational governments will be crucial in achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement, both in relation to mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to an already changing climate.
- While it is UN member states who sign treaties, they are not always the ones who must deliver the actions necessary uphold them. There is a strong and urgent need for streamlining the UNFCCC mechanisms so that states and regions can contribute and be recognised for their critical role in accelerating a just and fair transition to net zero.
- Subnational governments have an essential role in reaching net zero as 50-80% of adaptation and mitigation actions necessary to tackle climate change will be implemented at the subnational or local levels.
- The Scottish Government will play our full part to help achieve a fair and just global transition to net zero through our leadership positions as co-chair of the Under 2 Coalition and our Presidency of Regions⁴, and we urge other Subnational governments to join us to strengthen our collective voice.

Devolved nations, states, regions, and cities have an integral role to influence increased ambition and delivery towards net zero, a just transition, and resilience.

- COP28 saw continued momentum towards increasing the role of states, regions, cities, and devolved nations and realise our potential in UN processes, including via the Local Climate Ambition Summit.
- It is important that sub-nationals speak with a more coherent, co-ordinated voice in global fora, establishing a joined-up approach to the twin crises of climate change and nature loss. This is a key priority for our co-chairmanship of the Under2 Coalition and Presidency of Regions⁴.
- Urge sub-nationals to contribute funding to loss and damage alongside national partners recognising our moral responsibility to the global south.

Role of Subnational Governments in Climate Action

- Subnational governments have an essential role in reaching net zero:
 - 50-80% of adaptation and mitigation actions necessary to tackle climate change will be implemented at the subnational or local levels
 - Over 50% of emission cuts planned to meet the UK's Net Zero target will require decisions made at the local level.
- Subnational climate action goes beyond emission reductions. It can:
 - Help national governments deliver or over deliver on NDC pledges
 - Demonstrate the benefits of ambitious policy

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- Allow new policy to be tested on a small scale, before being scaled up nationally
- Build new political and economic constituencies (e.g. renewable energy providers)
- Enable regional differences to be harnessed for national benefit

Regions 4

Lines to take

- As President of Regions4, Scotland is committed to driving transformative climate action from all levels of government including non-party governments, states and regions.
- Scotland's Presidency is focused on delivering strong political leadership to maximise devolved state and regional government's role and influence within international fora.
- Together with Regions4 and its members, we are committed to increasing the ambition and delivery of members' climate action by building capacity and sharing knowledge to ensure that adaptation and biodiversity strategies and actions meet the needs of the communities.
- 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.
- The twin crises of climate change and biodiversity loss are amongst the biggest global challenges of our time and we will use our Presidency of Regions4 to ensure that we tackle the two together to build a more resilient future.

Regions4 input into Summit of the Future

- Regions4 are co-convenors of the UN Advisory Group on Local and Regional Governments (LRGs). On 19 September this group will meet – and are expected to be joined by the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres – and will advocate for their shared position on the greater inclusion on LRGs via an LRG coordination mechanism as an official UN body.
- The meeting on the LRG Advisory Group on 19 Sept will be immediately followed by the World Assembly of Local and Regional Governments, at which AG LRG decisions will be presented and a strategy for LRG involvement in the UN system will be discussed.
- Regions4 are also co-hosting an independent side-event with the government of Flanders on 20 September focused around Regions' leadership, collaboration and capacity to project themselves in the future. Officials will seek to attend this for the networking portion of the event.

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- Regions4 is a network of 46 subnational governments across 24 countries, focusing on the three pillars of work: climate (particularly adaptation), biodiversity and sustainable development.
- Scotland was elected President of the network during the General Assembly in June 2024, hosted in person by Vice-Presidents Rio de Janeiro. Officials attended the event to represent Scotland.
- Our presidency is supported by three regional Vice Presidents:
 - Rio de Janeiro – VP for Americas (newly elected)
 - Lombardy – VP for Europe (returning)
 - Rabat Sale Kenitra – VP for Africa (returning)
- Scotland has been a member of the Regions4 Steering Committee, the body which sets the strategic direction of the network, since June 2022.
- Unlike the Under2 Coalition, Regions4 has official observer status to the United Nations and acts as the voice of subnational governments to the UN.
- Other steering committee members include, The Basque Country, Catalonia, Centre-Nord, Flanders, Jalisco, La Reunion, Lombardy, Louga, Rabat-Sale-Kenitra, Quebec, Sud Comoe and Wales.
- Scotland is an active member of RegionsAdapt, Regions4 main programme in the climate pillar. It builds members capacity to develop effective adaptation strategies. Through RegionsAdapt, to date, 77 state and regional governments have joined the Race to Resilience - a campaign by the UN High Level Champions to increase the global ambition for climate resilience, putting people and nature first.
- Regions4 are also signatories of the Edinburgh Declaration - an initiative led by Scotland as part of the Edinburgh Process - to call for bold action to halt the biodiversity crisis and to call for greater recognition for subnational governments in the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD).
- Members of Regions4 have also inputted into the Global Stocktake.

Under 2 Coalition

Lines to take

- Scotland's role as European co-chair will underpin delivery of our wider subnational climate change objectives, supported by the desire to bridge the divide between Under2 Coalition governments, other non-Party governments, states and regions, and other key actors, to:
 - Increase the ambition and delivery towards net zero, a just transition, and increased resilience by states, regions and devolved governments.
 - See greater support for, and recognition of, the role and influence of non-Party governments, states and regions in responding to the climate crisis, at both a global and national level.
 - Increase the effectiveness and influence of the Under2 Coalition and its membership.

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Background

- Scotland has now entered its third term as European co-chair of the Under2 Coalition, which will run from 2024-2026.
- For the 2024-2026 term, co-chairs are: Alan Winde Premier, Western Cape (South Africa), Kim Tae-heum Governor, Chungcheongnam-do (South Korea), John Swinney First Minister, Scotland (United Kingdom), Mauricio Kuri González Governor, Querétaro (Mexico).
- Scotland's key priorities for our third term include:
 - Demonstrating our continued commitment to global climate leadership by utilising Scotland's convening power to increase devolved state and regional government's role and influence within international climate policy and processes, including by more closely aligning with other subnational bodies, such as Regions4, the LGMA and Committee of the Regions.
 - [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
 - Driving forward ambitious action within the coalition, regularly engaging with the region's members, seeking to add value and lead by example in key areas such as just transition from fossil fuels and climate finance.
 - Continue to influence the Under2 global workplan, priorities and direction, not just the European one, to shape it into a more effective, influential organisation.
- The Under2 Coalition brings together ambitious state and regional governments to keep global temperature rises in line with the Paris Agreement. The Coalition is made up of 260 governments representing over 1.75 billion people and 50% of the global economy.
- The Coalition has been named one of the international partnerships with the highest potential for emissions reduction - 3.3-3.9GtCO₂e/year in 2030 – more than the current annual emissions of the EU.
- Under2 Coalition states and regions have on average reduced their emissions by 16% from their respective base years. This happened at the same time as global emissions rising by approximately 42% (1990-2015).
- The EU regions represent 64 million citizens with a combined GDP of over 2.5 trillion euros.
- Over the last four years as co-chair, we have increased member governments' ambition via a new MoU committing them to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 or earlier.
- We have increased the influence of non-party governments in the global climate debate, including in UNFCCC processes and in COPs. Finally, we have increased the sharing of best practice between sub-nationals via our co-chairing of the Net Zero Futures Policy Forum and establishing and funding the Just Transition Taskforce.

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Net Zero Futures Policy Forum

- With the Climate Group no longer servicing the Forum from July 2024, co-chairs Scotland and New South Wales have taken on the secretariat role and are considering options to enhance the Forum's effectiveness.
- The forum is an Under2 Coalition initiative with independent governance and funding open to all state, regional and other interested governments for the exchange of policy best practice.
- The Forum's taskforces have so far focused on green hydrogen and nature-based solutions, reflecting the areas where Policy Forum members saw greatest benefit in collaborating.
- The Forum serves as a knowledge-sharing network dedicated to strengthening capacity building and accelerating emissions reduction.
- New members are encouraged and will be able to take their own policy challenges forward and have the opportunity to add new topics for the forum to work on.
- Our vision is for a truly international Forum that continues to enable interactions across jurisdictions, offering a space where government officials can engage in open discussions, and share knowledge and practical experience in net zero policies. We aim to foster a global transition to a net zero emissions, more resilient future, recognizing that everyone benefits from mutual support in reducing emissions quickly. By sharing our experiences in developing and implementing policies, we can avoid duplicating efforts and innovate more effectively.

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1.1.24 CLIMATE JUSTICE

A climate justice approach recognises those least responsible for the global climate emergency are being affected first and most severely by it.

- The Scottish Government was among the first to put climate justice at the heart of its international climate action.
- An effective response must tackle existing inequalities such as wealth disparity and discrimination based upon gender, age, disability or indigenous status, as the impacts of climate change can be made worse by these factors.

Climate Justice Fund

We have committed to trebling our world first Climate Justice Fund (CJF) to £36 million over this parliamentary term. Scotland's financial contributions are relatively small in a global context but we will continue to lead by example and there has never been a more vital time to do so.

- The focus of our work for the rest of this Parliamentary term will be on two major multi-year programmes: Climate Just Communities (CJC) and our Non-Economic loss and damage Programme (NELD). Both programmes were launched during 2023.
- The CJF is distinct from, and additional to, Scotland's International Development Fund. The CJF acknowledges Scotland's commitment to international climate finance and recognition of its common but differentiated responsibilities in addressing the global impacts of climate change.

Sensitivities

- Our Climate Justice Fund is now **fully allocated**, thereby further commitments from this fund cannot be made.

Climate Just Communities (CJC)

Our CJC programme puts communities at the heart of our partnerships by taking a community-led, participatory approach, prioritising the needs of the most vulnerable including women and youth, promoting equity and inclusion, and amplifying their voices in global fora.

- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
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- CJC aims to build community resilience to the material and social impacts of the climate crisis in the Global South.
- The programme is now in the delivery phase, and the first year of reporting shows that the interventions currently being delivered were designed with the most marginalised at the centre and are in line with the climate justice pillars, aiming to be distributive, procedural and transformative.

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1.1.25 LOSS AND DAMAGE

Scotland is determined to play its part as a good global citizen and is proud to be the first global north Government to commit funding explicitly to address loss and damage. We have mobilised £10m on loss and damage so far. This is in line with our aim to provide additional funding, act with urgency, provide grants not loans, and prioritise the needs of the most vulnerable.

- We have already used our initial COP26 £2m pledge to support communities to address losses and damages in Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands; as well as funding research on needs assessments and case studies as part of our commitment to build evidence around how to most effectively address loss and damage.
- The Climate Justice Resilience Fund is delivering our £5m three year, world first Non-Economic loss and damage programme, supporting communities in East Africa, the Pacific and the Bay of Bengal. This programme is community led and is responding to community needs. It is also gender responsive, ensuring women and girls are given a strong voice throughout all stages of programme design. This programme is in its early stages.
- We funded a pilot **£1m** programme assessing the effectiveness of the Humanitarian Emergency Fund (HEF) architecture as a mechanism for disbursing loss and damage funding. This pilot supported gender responsive projects in climate-impacted communities in Pakistan (Tearfund), Kenya (Oxfam), Ethiopia (Christian Aid) , Zambia (SCIAF)
- At COP28 we launched a £1m partnership with GiveDirectly to deliver cash transfers to address loss and damage in Malawi and a further £1m to address the urban elements of loss and damage with C40.

UNFCCC LOSS AND DAMAGE FUND

- **Progress towards the operationalisation of the UNFCCC Loss & Damage fund is welcome but that must not come at the expense of it being meaningfully operational.**
- After 30 years of campaigning by the global south, parties agreed at COP27 to establish a fund to address loss and damage.
- At COP28, parties agreed that the World Bank should host the Fund and to operationalise it with developed countries “urged” to contribute and developing countries “encouraged.” Contributions to the Fund are currently at \$600m – well below the trillions understood to meet global needs. Discussions are ongoing about how the fund will be capitalised and accessed.
- SG’s has advocated for the Fund to be operationalised in a way that ensures rapid, equitable access to sufficient funding for the most vulnerable that acknowledges the moral responsibility of historic emitters.

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- The wording of the Paris Agreement was clear that addressing Loss and Damage **was not** driven by 'liability.' [redacted Reg.10(5)(a)]
- The Scottish Government's position is that **a proportion of the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund should be ringfenced to make finance directly available to communities in the form of grants not loans.**

Background

UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund

At COP27 in 2022, there was a breakthrough agreement **to establish an international loss and damage fund** to assist developing countries. There was also agreement on the operationalisation of the **Santiago Network for Loss and Damage** – a technical body that supports vulnerable nations in their response to climate shocks.

COP27 also saw funding announcements from Denmark, New Zealand, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Ireland, and Canada totalling \$300m. Some philanthropies, such as the Children's Investment Fund Foundation and the Open Society Foundation, also committed funding.

At COP28 (2023), UNFCCC Parties agreed that the Fund will be hosted by the World Bank for four years, followed by a performance review. There were also pledges to the fund **totalling over 700m (£556m).**

In July 2024, **the Philippines** was selected to host the Loss and Damage Fund Board. This was a major milestone, as the Philippines hosting the board will grant the board a legal personality. This decision meant that national governments and civil society organisations will be able to directly access the Fund.

The third meeting of the Loss and Damage Fund Board, is taking place in Baku from **18-20 September**. Discussions are likely to focus agreeing operational issues regarding the World Bank as the host. There is not expected to be any meaningful discussion on direct access or community access.

The fund is not likely to be meaningfully operational until after COP29 in 2024.

Terminology

- **Loss and damage** refers to the destructive impacts of climate change that cannot be or have not been avoided by 'mitigation' (reducing greenhouse gas emissions) or 'adaptation' (adjusting to and building resilience against current and future climate change impacts).
- **Non-Economic loss and damage** refers to loss and damage that is not easily quantifiable in economic terms, such as loss of life, degraded health, losses induced by human mobility, as well as loss or degradation of territory, cultural

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heritage, Indigenous knowledge, societal/cultural identity, biodiversity, and ecosystems.

- **Loss and Damage (upper case)** refers to UNFCCC decisions and process; **loss and damage (lower case)** is used as the proper noun for the wider phenomenon and **losses and damages (pluralised)** is used to for what has been experienced and is happening in terms of observed impacts and projected risks from climate change.
- **Direct access** refers to the disbursement of multilateral financing via accredited entities other than multinational agencies, for example, via accredited national governments or civil society organisations.
- A '**community window**' into the UNFCCC Loss and Damage Fund describes a fixed proportion of the Fund being managed by an accredited entity to deliver smaller-scale grants with a concurrent proportionate reporting structure.

Sensitivities

- **Language on loss and damage liability:** The wording of the Paris Agreement was clear that addressing Loss and Damage was not driven by 'liability.' Whilst some countries, including Scotland, [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
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1.1.26 CLIMATE FINANCE

Key messages

It is vital that COP29 makes rapid and meaningful progress on the provision and mobilisation of climate finance to the Global South.

- We have a **moral responsibility** to provide finance to those most impacted by climate change, who have done the least to cause it.
- We are more than a decade on from the commitment in Copenhagen by developed nations to provide climate funding of \$100 billion dollars a year. [redacted Reg.10(5)(a)]
- Scotland recognises the need for a full **mosaic of funding solutions** to urgently mobilise finance that meets both the scale and pace of need.
- Finance reported under the New Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance (NCQG) should be **gender-responsive and the NCQG should include a sub-goal on finance to address Loss and Damage.**
- Welcome momentum behind the **Bridgetown Initiative** and urge all to take action to increase climate finance available to vulnerable countries.

Climate Finance at COP29 and the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG)

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It is vital that COP29 makes rapid and meaningful progress on the provision and mobilisation of climate finance to the Global South.

- The provision and mobilisation of **climate finance will be a key issue at COP29** given developing countries need financial resources, as well as technology transfer and capacity-building, to help them reduce emissions, adapt to climate change, and address loss and damage.
- In 2009, developed countries pledged to mobilise **\$100 billion annually from 2020**, from a range of public and private sources.
- The totemic agreement to provide \$100bn per year by 2020 for climate action was recently announced as reached, two years behind the deadline. While this is progress, some believe this is now largely irrelevant (**Lord Stern's estimate is that developing countries need \$2tn a year by 2030**) and is in any case, a result of repurposing of development funds rather than a genuine increase in available international development finance.
- At COP28, Parties started to negotiate a new climate finance goal to replace the \$100 billion commitment. A priority at COP29 will be determining this goal.
- The NCQG should include a sub-goal on finance to address Loss and Damage. This will ensure that finance to address Loss and Damage is treated as the third pillar of international climate finance.
- Finance reported under the NCQG should also be gender-responsive. This can be achieved through increased accountability to track finance allocation and spend. Consistent with our own approach, we will urge funders to adopt the use of the OECD DAC Gender Equality Policy Marker to ensure that gender equality remains a central focus.

Sensitivities

- [redacted Reg.10(5)(a)]
- **Gender-responsive finance** - Whilst in principle this is non-controversial, some parties may feel that it adds an administrative burden in terms of finance reporting, and it could impact established programmes that do not score favourably against the marker.

Bridgetown Initiative

- The Bridgetown Initiative, led by Mia Mottley, aims to increase the speed and scale of mitigation and adaptation funds from Multilateral Development Banks to the most climate vulnerable countries. Proposals include:

1. Increase liquidity and tackle the debt crisis. The IMF should:

- Return access to its unconditional rapid credit and financing facilities to previous crisis levels and temporarily suspend its interest surcharges for heavy borrowers

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- Re-channel at least \$100bn of the unused special drawing rights (SDRs¹) to those who need it.
- Operationalise the Resilience and Sustainability Trust² to provide concessionary funds for climate vulnerable countries to strengthen their climate resilience
- G20 to agree an ambitious Debt Service Suspension Initiative that includes all multilateral development bank loans to the poorest countries, and COVID-related loans to the middle-income.

2. Invest in climate resilience by expanding Multilateral Development Bank lending, on the basis that spending before a disaster is more cost effective than meeting costs afterward. MDBs should:

- increase **lending to climate-vulnerable countries by \$1tn** to allow them to prioritise attaining the SDGs and building climate resilience. Achieved by “optimising their balance sheets” (use remaining headroom, increase risk appetite, new guarantees, and the holding of SDRs).

3. Establish global response under a new global balance sheet:

- establish mechanism for raising reconstruction grants for any country suffering impacts of climate change (e.g. loss and damage), financed by the fossil fuel industry and those that have contributed the most to emissions.
- issuance of low-interest, long term instruments (like the SDRs) to back a multilateral agency that accelerates private investment in the low carbon transition.
- US Congress to change the IMF articles so it can direct future issues of SDRs to those who need it most (not those who contribute the most to the IMF).
- Major issuers of debt, sovereigns and agencies to the markets should help normalise natural disaster and pandemic clauses in all debt instruments to absorb shocks better.

Taxation

- Former UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown has **urged Petrostates to pay a small percentage of their oil and gas revenues** to help poor countries cope with the climate crisis.
- There have also been **calls for Scotland to increase its Climate Justice Fund by taxing high emitters or setting an aviation tax** [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]

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1.1.27 GENDER AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Gender

Women and girls are disproportionately affected by the climate crisis. We are committed to making a positive contribution at home and internationally and will continue to champion and uphold the rights of women and girls impacted by the climate crisis.

- Through our policies, programming, and influence, we aim to:
 - Address and reduce gendered impacts of climate change by addressing the existing entrenched gender inequalities which are exacerbated by climate change;
 - Enhance women's participation in climate change policy and decision-making; and
 - Secure transformation to a just and inclusive economy – by taking steps towards a long-term goal for structural change that reduces inequalities.
- In our 2021-22 Programme for Government, we committed to developing a feminist approach to international relations. Since then, we have undertaken a significant policy development process to shape our approach. Our policy position paper 'Taking a Feminist Approach to International Relations' (*published in November 2023*) sets our approach and principles that will guide our work.
- Across all our Climate Justice Fund programmes, we include a specific focus on advancing gender equality. In particular, our CJC Programme and Non-Economic Loss and Damage Programme have been designed to be gender-responsive, ensuring that women and girls are given a strong voice throughout all stages of programme design.
- To support the advancement of gender equality, we will be adopting the use of the OECD DAC Gender Equality Policy Marker tool for all of our Climate Justice Fund programmes. In line with our own approach, ahead of COP29, we will be calling on funders under the NCQG to adopt the OECD DAC Gender Equality Policy Marker as a tool to track finance spend and advance gender equality.
- The Scottish Government remains committed to enhancing the representation and leadership of women in decision making and the UNFCCC. From 2018-2023, we supported 17 women from Global South countries to negotiate at climate COPs through our funding to WEDO.

Feminist Approach to International Relations

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The global challenges we face today – climate change, pandemics, conflict – serve as a reminder of our global interconnectedness. To address these challenges, collaboration is crucial.

- That is why in the 2021-22 Programme for Government, the Scottish Government committed to developing a feminist approach to foreign policy, putting the rights of women and girls, and other marginalised groups, at the heart of our international activities.
- Our Feminist Approach to International Relations (FAIR) commits us to a set of principles which will help us guide our work and identify the focus and parameters of the policy, including four focus areas: international development, climate, trade and peace and security.
- Our feminist is a journey towards systemic change, considering not only what we do, but how we do it. This approach recognises the relationship between addressing inequality and tackling the underlying causes of insecurity.
- We want to make sure our international work is transformative, intersectional, equitable, participatory, consistent and accountable.
- To do this, we will ensure our policies and actions abroad are consistent with a focus on fairness and inclusion at home, applying a feminist lens to all Scottish Government policies and programmes with an international dimension.
- This means taking concrete actions such as supporting women’s organisations, feminist networks and other grassroots movements, taking steps to ensure funding allocated by the Scottish Government is in line with feminist principles, engaging in international knowledge exchange and policy partnerships, and speaking out for structural change.
- As part of this, we will continue to strive to give people most affected by structural inequalities and injustice, conflict, climate change and environmental damage a platform to speak for themselves and influence and make decisions.
- We are committed to a participatory approach and continued engagement with experts, including contributors from the Global South.
- We are developing our monitoring, evaluation and learning approach to underpin transparency and accountability.
- This is an ongoing process and we will continue to engage broadly as we progress four priority areas: international development, trade, climate justice, and peace and security.

Scotland has a strong commitment to advancing feminist policies internationally and this is demonstrated through a range of actions and activities which we want to develop further. We have already:

- Embedded gender in the new approach to the Climate Justice Fund and trebled the Fund to £36m over this parliamentary term, with £10m pledged and mobilised on loss and damage so far.

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- Contributed to the international Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda since 2016, through the “Women in Conflict 1325 Fellowship”.
- Provided funding to Comic Relief to support programmes that empower women and girls in Zambia, Rwanda and Malawi.
- Undertaken a review of our International Development programme, with a new Equalities Programme, including the launch of a Women and Girls’ Fund.
- Showcased our world-leading action to address equality through investing over £33m since 2017 to fund access to free period products.
- But we can, and will, do more to ensure our approach to international work supports gender equality domestically and internationally and feminist principles and approaches are embedded in all elements of our international policy considerations.

Sensitivities

What is feminist foreign policy?

- While there is not one uniform definition, feminist foreign policies aim broadly to protect the rights of women and marginalised groups, prioritise peace and interrogate existing power structures.
- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
- We are committed to an accessible and inclusive approach at home and overseas and will continue to engage in continuous dialogue with a diverse range of groups and expertise as the policy develops.

[redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]

Youth

Around the world, young people have been instrumental in bringing the issue of climate change and ecological decline to the fore of public consciousness – this achievement must be recognised.

- The Scottish Government is supporting projects which empower young people to become change makers, recognising that they will bear the greatest impacts of climate change.
- Scotland endorsed the UNICEF Declaration of Children, Climate and Justice, committing to the key calls to action drafted by children and young people.
- Scotland welcomes the decision taken at COP28 to formally establish the role of the COP Presidency Youth Climate Champion, to facilitate the meaningful engagement of children and youth in climate action within the UNFCCC process
- The Scottish Government will be supporting YOUNGO in their call for a Youth Plenary at COP29 to ensure youth voices are platformed and listened to in the fight for climate justice.

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- Loss and damage is an unjust legacy for young people. We must find ways to address this climate reality by listening better to those who are experiencing loss and damage – particularly the young.
- The development of a Newly Collective Quantified Goal on Climate Finance must consider youth and intergenerational equality.

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1.1.28 PROGRESS TOWARDS CLIMATE CHANGE TARGETS

Climate Change Plan**Scotland's commitment to achieving net zero by 2045 is unwavering – we are already half way there, and have already achieved a huge amount:**

- Between 1990 and 2022 Scotland halved its emissions, while the economy grew by 67%, demonstrating that a thriving economy and falling emissions are not just compatible, but can support each other.
- Electricity supply emissions have fallen by 88.1% (13MTCO_{2e}), industrial emissions have decreased by 56.8% (7.2MTCO_{2e}) and waste management emissions by 75.6% (4.9MTCO_{2e}). This is due to trailblazing efforts in these sectors in Scotland.
- In 2024-25 alone the Scottish Government is committing £4.7 billion in capital and resource for activities that will have a positive impact on the delivery of our climate change goals.

Other achievements:

- Scotwind was the world's largest floating offshore wind leasing round.
- More than a third of the population in Scotland benefit from free bus travel - the most generous concessionary bus scheme in the UK. Since 2020, we have invested over £154m capital in almost 800 zero-emission buses.
- Since 2011 the Scottish Government has invested over £65 million in public EV charging. As direct result Scotland has one of the most comprehensive public charging networks in the UK.
- On a per head of population basis, Scotland has more EV charge points than any part of the UK except London and more rapid charge points than any other part of the UK.
- Scotland now has over 5,800 public charge points, funded through public and increasing private sector investment and is forecast to have 6,000 public EV charge points by the end of September 2024, two years ahead of target.
- For households that want to switch to clean forms of heating, Scotland has some of the most generous grants and loans in the UK, with higher grants for rural homes.
- We have planted nearly 75% of all new forests in the UK last year – more than the other UK nations combined.

Scotland is taking lasting action to secure a net zero and climate resilient future in a way that is fair and just for everyone.

- We are one of the few countries to have enshrined just transition in our legislation, and we remain at the forefront of delivering a fair and equitable transition to net zero by 2045.

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- The journey to net zero requires significant changes across the whole of Scotland and through a number of different sectors. By acting early, we can ensure that we harness the social and economic benefits of the transition, not least through the opportunities for a green industrial transformation.
- Our Climate Change Plan Update, which was finalised in March 2021, was designed to put Scotland on a pathway to its new, more ambitious targets as agreed by Parliament in 2019.
- It sets out a detailed and ambitious policy package, including over 200 policies and proposals. Our focus now is on delivering on this package, and the many other policy announcements made since.
- We took into account all available evidence and advice at the time of development of the Climate Change Plan Update and will continue to do so in the development of the next Climate Change Plan which will set out our approach to delivering on Scotland's net zero targets in a way which is just and fair for everyone.

The transition to net zero is not just an environmental imperative but an economic opportunity, one where Scotland can become world leading and secure first-mover advantages.

- This means embracing the opportunities presented by net zero technologies, prioritising Scotland's world-renowned natural capital, and building an economy that is resilient to future shocks.
- We are committed to supporting Scotland's current and future workforce to develop the skills they need for the net zero transition which is a priority for this government.
- Our education and skills system is already adapting to the transition to Net Zero and institutions like colleges and universities are key anchors for the transition to net zero, including in the renewables sector.
- With the right support, the number of low carbon jobs is modelled to rise from 19,000 in 2019 to 77,000 by 2050 as the result of a just energy transition, delivering a net gain in jobs across the energy production sector overall.

Progress against statutory emissions reduction targets

- Scotland has one of the toughest, most ambitious legislative frameworks on climate change anywhere in the world and we are already halfway to net zero compared to our 1990 baseline.
- It is clearly disappointing that Scotland's 2022 emissions target has been missed, however we welcome the news that Scotland is now halfway to net zero.
- We are aware, however, that the second half of our journey will be even more challenging. Scotland, like all countries, will need to ensure a just transition in areas like agriculture, transport, and heat in buildings to meet our net zero goals.

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- We are proceeding with legislation that will enable us to set our target pathway to 2045 at a pace and scale that is feasible and in line with the latest independent advice, including from the Climate Change Committee.

Climate Change Bill

This government's commitment to ending Scotland's contribution to global emissions as soon as possible, and by 2045 at the latest, is unwavering.

- With emissions in Scotland already cut in half, we are well positioned to continue leading on climate action that is fair, ambitious and capable of rising to the emergency before us.
- The Scottish Government recognises the Climate Change Committee's position that the interim 2030 target, set by Parliament on a cross-party basis, is beyond what can be achieved. The CCC has always been clear that the 2030 target would be extremely challenging.
- We are therefore proceeding with legislation to ensure that our emissions pathway takes account of the latest advice from the Committee.

This legislation seeks to introduce multi-year 'Carbon Budgets' to replace linear annual targets, better reflecting the reality of how emissions change.

- Carbon budgets are an established model for assessment of emissions reductions used by other nations including Japan, France, Wales and the UK.
- We retain our commitment to net zero by 2045, as well as annual reporting on our climate progress and our commitment to a just transition to net zero.
- This Bill does not set carbon budget targets, but enables these to be set by secondary legislation once we have the latest independent advice.
- The Bill will not change our target setting criteria, and when carbon budget levels are set Ministers will be required to have regard to international law and policy relating to climate change (including the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and protocols to that Convention).

1.1.29 JUST TRANSITION

For the Scottish Government, a just transition is both the outcome – a fairer, greener future for all – and the process that must be undertaken in partnership with those impacted by the transition to net zero. It supports a net zero and climate resilient economy in a way that delivers fairness and tackles inequality and injustice.

- Scotland has shown international leadership by underpinning our net zero targets with a legislative commitment to just transition. We have since reinforced that commitment by developing the world's first National Just Transition Planning Framework.

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- We were the first country in the world to establish a Just Transition Commission in 2019. A refreshed Just Transition Commission now has a remit to inform and scrutinise delivery, with a particular focus on our Just Transition Plans (JTPs).
- At COP, we will showcase Scotland's leadership in Just Transition planning, offer opportunities for collaboration and capacity sharing (particularly for JTC international working group and through the Under2 Coalition Just Transition Taskforce); and support others take a JT approach [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]

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

- We have consulted on our draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan (JTP) and we are currently developing JTPs for Agriculture and Land Use, Transport, and the Built Environment and Construction, as well as a site-based plan for the Grangemouth industrial cluster.
- We recognise that planning will be crucial to ensure that the economic and social opportunities from the transition to net zero are not missed and that risks associated with rapid structural change are mitigated.
- We have continued to invest in funding the Under2 Coalition Secretariat to develop a Just Transition Taskforce, to facilitate peer-learning and building a knowledge hub between members of the Coalition.

The Just Transition Fund 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.

- We remain committed to the multi-year programme of projects announced in Year 1 and will keep focused on maximising the impact of our £50 million investment in the region to deliver benefits for businesses and communities.

Green Industrial Strategy

- In September we published our Green Industrial Strategy, which aims to ensure that Scotland gets the maximum possible economic benefit from the opportunities created by the global transition to net zero.
- To create these jobs and opportunities, we need to translate Scotland's huge strengths into competitive advantages in a global race.
- That is why this strategy provides a clear direction and focus to create confidence and encourage investment.
- We will use all the powers at our disposal to make Scotland a fantastic place to invest in these green economy opportunities.
- By creating these jobs and opportunities, we will support a just transition away from our current reliance on oil & gas and support our public services.

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- We will work closely with all our partners in the green industrial ecosystem to deliver this strategy.
- The five opportunity areas are -
 - The wind economy
 - CCUS
 - Hydrogen
 - Green professional and financial services
 - Clean energy intensive industries

We will maintain Scotland’s position as an energy-rich economy, with integrated offshore industries providing a major source of employment.

- We will build on Scotland’s existing strengths in onshore and offshore energy to grow thriving new sectors and businesses – including in renewables, green hydrogen production, clean energy intensive industries, and the continued growth of our world-leading energy services and innovation.
- We have an ambitious approach to growing our renewables sector and seizing the massive economic opportunities of the energy transition – including through supply chain growth.
- As we move from an energy economy dominated by fossil fuels to one powered by green alternatives, we are already seeing opportunities to grow thriving low carbon energy sectors and businesses.

We are pump priming Scotland’s supply chain and infrastructure for national and international investment.

- Our ambitious policy commitments and natural resources make Scotland the place to invest in net zero.
- Investment in Scotland’s clean energy sector has been estimated to reach £40 billion over the next decade¹, helping to drive significant private investment and job creation.
- With the right support, clean energy sector Gross Value Added could reach up to £6 billion in 2030 and £11 billion in 2050.
- We have committed up to £500 million over five years to leverage private investment in the infrastructure and manufacturing facilities critical to the growth of our offshore wind sector.
- We are working with the Scottish National Investment Bank to attract inward investors, and acting on the First Minister’s Investor Panel’s recommendations.

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1.1.30 INTERNATIONAL ENERGY

Top Lines

- The energy transition offers significant trade and investment opportunities, including through trade in energy, services, technology and supplies, and inward investment.
- This is embedded in the Scottish Government's key trade and investment plans, and our vision of the future for our economy.
- We will continue to develop and strengthen our international relationships, prioritising activity, and collaborations that:
 - increase our attractiveness to international partners and lead to longer term investment and export opportunities for our energy sector;
 - promote learning and policy exchange; and
 - build upon Scotland's reputation as a global leader in renewable energy.

Background

Renewable energy is a priority area for our African partner countries. In 2022, we launched a new Scottish Global Renewables Centre (GRC) to facilitate knowledge exchange between our international development partner countries (Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda) and the Scottish renewables sector.

Scottish Global Renewables Centre

- The Scottish part of the GRC is sited in Strathclyde University, our partner on renewable energy in Malawi since 2012.
- The vision for the GRC in the long term is to facilitate knowledge exchange and support global citizenship that results in increased and improved use of renewables across our African partner countries and wider region, in line with their national energy policies. The GRC has gender and climate justice as cross-cutting themes.
- It promotes leadership from the Global South by partnering with local stakeholders to gather perspectives on energy sector priorities and design knowledge exchange activities.
- The GRC will also engage with local communities and civil society organizations to ensure that their voices are represented in decision-making processes.
- It will continue to work to promote local ownership and leadership of renewable energy projects.
- Such initiatives support Global South-led, Global South-delivered solutions for the Global South.
- The current focus of the GRC has been in sourcing and appointing its local partners – organisations – in Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda, following a process of engaging and consulting key stakeholders in all our partner countries. These African hubs will be funded from the IDF (£200k total pa).

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- The local engagement work to date has identified a set of themes around which the GRC intends to form Communities of Practice and develop a programme of knowledge exchange activities. Minigrid innovation, business models and financing – as proposed by SE4ALL for Zambia - are priority areas.
- Together, UoS and the local partner will co-design and deliver Knowledge Exchange activities through 2024, including in-country workshops.
- The GRC has engaged extensively with stakeholder networks and achieved its goal of a decentralised structure with a formal presence in Scotland, and our three partner countries, operationalised through The Renewable Energy Industry Association of Malawi, The Zambian Renewable Energy Association, and Energy Private Developers (Rwanda).

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1.1.31 FORESTRY

Forestry makes a vital contribution to reducing net GHG emissions in Scotland, currently removing 7.5 MtCO₂ annually, equivalent to 14% of Scotland's gross GHG emissions.

- There is an ambitious programme of woodland creation which will bolster this role further. Woodland creation targets are rising annually to reach 18,000 hectares a year from 2025. These targets are enshrined in the Programme for Government and in the Scotland Climate Change Plan.
- Budgetary pressures on the Scottish Government have resulted in a significant reduction in funding for woodland creation in 2024-25. The revised budget is estimated to be able to deliver approximately 10,000 hectares of new woodland in 2024-25, and Scottish Forestry is examining woodland creation can be maximised with the available resources. This includes using the Woodland Carbon Code to lever more private finance to generate additional levels of new planting.
- Scotland is leading the way with new woodland creation in the UK, delivering about 75% of all new woodland across the UK over the past 10 years.
- Scotland's Forestry Strategy promotes woodland creation that generates economic, social, and environmental benefits and supports the Scottish Government's ambition to promote better integration between land uses.
- Forestry has an important role in the economy in Scotland, generating approximately 34,000 jobs and contributing £1.1bn annually. Woodlands in Scotland are also home to 172 protected species including 75% of UK red squirrel population.
- The voluntary carbon market has provided an increasingly important added incentive to create new woodlands in Scotland in recent years. Scotland has a predominant role in this market in the UK. Scottish Forestry leads for the UK on the Woodland Carbon Code, a quality assurance standard for woodland creation projects in the UK that generates independently verified carbon units.
- Forestry is helping Scotland in a 'just transition' to a low carbon economy, providing jobs in rural and remote areas and in younger age groups. Woodlands also provide benefits for physical and mental well-being.
- Net Zero is a goal that will continue beyond 2050. A diverse and resilient forest estate will be needed to maintain that into the long term.

Forests in Scotland are managed to the UK Forestry Standard (UKFS), the government's requirements and guidelines on achieving international standards of sustainable forest management. A new version of the UKFS will be implemented from 2024 onwards and has new requirements on single species thresholds that will strengthen resilience and biodiversity.

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- The UKFS ensures that woodlands in Scotland deliver multiple benefits and has helped our forests reach global certification standards such as FSC and PEFC.
- The multi-purpose nature of woodlands means that forestry can reduce net GHG emissions while contributing towards the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. Scotland can show how a thriving commercial forestry sector can work alongside delivering social and environmental benefits to society.
- The UK is the second largest net importer of timber supplies in the world. However, Scotland itself is a net exporter of timber and its woodland creation programme will increase production further in the future.
- International trade involves hundreds of millions of tonnes each year, and Scotland can only contribute a small percentage to this. This is a global trade.
- The biggest producers of timber are in the north, for example the USA, Canada, Russia, and the Scandinavian countries. Most of the UK's imports come from these countries. The volume of tropical timber imports, often a specialist market, is relatively low; about 19% of sawn hardwood timber imported into the UK comes from tropical countries.
- The UK and the EU have common trade regulations for all timber being sold into their markets. The UK and EU governments have worked with other countries for many years to develop criteria to prove legality. Scotland supports this approach and hopes that it will drive change internationally. Certification is another method to drive change and focuses not only on legality but also sustainability.
- The Woodland Carbon Code is internationally recognised and is endorsed by ICROA, the global umbrella body for carbon reduction and offset providers in the voluntary market. It will also apply for accreditation with the Integrity Council for Voluntary Carbon Markets. Scottish Forestry is working with international and domestic initiatives to maintain and enhance integrity in voluntary carbon markets.

General statistics

- Scotland's forests and woodlands cover near 1.5 million hectares: 19% of the land area of Scotland. One third is owned by Scottish ministers on behalf of the nation. This is an increase from around 5% 100 years ago. These forests are 74% conifers (1.1 million ha) and 26% broadleaves (385,000 ha).
- Scotland's forests represent 45% of the UK forest area and 60% of UK timber harvest (approx. 7 million tonnes of round timber per year – enough to fill a train 1000 miles long).

Woodland creation targets

- We have committed to an ambitious target to increase woodland cover from 19% of the total area of Scotland, to 21% by 2032. Annual woodland creation targets are increasing to 18,000 hectares a year by 2025. These targets are part of the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan.

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- The Scottish Government is investing an additional £150 million in this Parliament to increase new planting and build capacity to meet our targets. Additional private finance is contributing to forestry's role in reducing net GHG emissions through rapid expansion in the number of woodland creation projects under the Woodland Carbon Code.

Forestry Grant Scheme

- The Scottish Government supports tree planting through the Forestry Grant Scheme (FGS). This support is only provided where UK Forestry Standard requirements are met, and where there is confidence that the site is suitable for the trees being planted. This helps to ensure Scotland's natural environment is both protected and enhanced. The FGS has £48.9m of commitments in 2023/24 (of which £42.8m is for woodland creation).

Supporting science and evidence

- We are supporting our work with innovative science and analysis. Forrester Research recently carried out a comprehensive study on CO₂ uptake by creating different types of woodland, taking account of any emissions from soils where these occur. The key finding is that all types of woodland have important roles to play, including conifers and broadleaved woodlands, and natural re-colonisation. Good woodland design and management are critical to achieving early CO₂ uptake.

Scotland's Atlantic rainforest

- Scotland is home to its own Atlantic rainforest boasting a variety of rare species and habitats. The rainforest is present down the western seaboard of Scotland, where high levels of rainfall and relatively mild, year-round temperatures provide just the right conditions for an abundance of wildlife including some of the world's rarest bryophytes and lichens.
- Scottish Government is committed to restoration of the rainforest. Scottish Forestry leads on rainforest policy. In addition to developing a strategic approach to restoration of the rainforest, work is ongoing to co-ordinate investment opportunities and delivery plans across engaged parties.

Attracting private finance

- Private finance will also be important in helping Scotland to achieve its climate change objectives. The Woodland Carbon Code (WCC) attracts private finance to generate additional woodland creation and provides confidence to landowners, buyers, and investors that the purchase of woodland carbon credits is backed by high standards of integrity.

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1.1.32 LAND USE STRATEGY

The Scottish Government recognises that Land use and land use change will play a fundamental role in combatting both the climate emergency and biodiversity crises.

- Scotland is leading the way with new woodland creation in the UK, delivering 73% of all new woodland across the UK last year.
- Scotland's land and the natural capital it supports is one of our most valuable assets, vital to our national prosperity and to our wellbeing as individuals and communities.
- Everyone has a stake in Scotland's land, everyone has a responsibility to ensure that land is used productively, and everyone should benefit from Scotland's land.
- The way in which land is owned, managed, and used is centrally important to a variety of outcomes including achieving our net-zero greenhouse gas target.
- The third Strategy was published in March 2021 and resets our focus on to the integrated nature of land use, by showcasing the range of demands and benefits we get from our land.
- It is through understanding these multiple and sometimes conflicting relationships we can look to secure the fine balance that will be needed to allow our land to contribute sustainably to our multiple long term national priorities.
- The Strategy also for the first time deploys a landscape scale approach to look at issues of land-use, presenting a more holistic way of all the ways we depend on our land in Scotland.
- The development of Scotland's fourth Land Use Strategy will begin in the autumn of 2024, with the final strategy due for publication by end of March 2026.

International and COP28 context

- The way we own, use, and manage our land is fundamental to how we live in Scotland. It is a platform on which we can deliver on many of Scotland's national outcomes as set out in the National Performance Framework. These outcomes reflect the values and aspirations of the people of Scotland and are aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.
- Scotland's first Land Use Strategy established Scotland's long-term vision, objectives, and principles for sustainable land use in Scotland which relate to the following COP28 themes and objectives.
 - Health / Relief, Recovery and Peace.
 - Energy, Industry, and Just Transition.
 - Nature, Land Use, and Oceans.

Land Use Strategy 2050 Vision: A Scotland where we fully recognise, understand and value the importance of our land resources, and where our plans and decisions about

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land use will deliver improved and enduring benefits, enhancing the wellbeing of our nation.

Land Use Strategy Objectives

- Land based businesses working with nature to contribute more to Scotland's prosperity.
- Responsible stewardship of Scotland's natural resources delivering more benefits to Scotland's people
- Urban and rural communities better connected to the land, with more people enjoying the land and positively influencing land use.

Scotland's record and international/domestic action

Land Use Strategy legislative background

- Scotland's first Land Use Strategy was produced under a requirement of section 57 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, in recognition of the importance of land use in combatting climate change.
- The same legislation also placed a duty on Scottish Ministers to revise the strategy no later than five years after it was first laid before the Scottish Parliament, and to revise the strategy again at the end of every subsequent five-year period.
- There have been three Land Use Strategies to date.
- The 2019 Climate Change Act introduced a new statutory duty on Scottish Ministers to report on progress made on the land-use strategy every year. The first of these reports was published in the summer 2020.

Land Rights and Responsibilities statement

- In 2017 the Scottish Government published the Scottish Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement. It was the first of its kind anywhere in the world provides a framework to help guide decisions about land in Scotland.
- Through taking a human rights approach, the Statement sets out a vision of a "Scotland with a strong and dynamic relationship between its land and people, where all land contributes to a modern and successful country, and where rights and responsibilities in relation to land are fully recognised and fulfilled."

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1.1.33 PEATLANDS

Scotland's Peatlands

- Peatlands cover over 2 million hectares (or 25%) of Scotland and are of national and global significance.
- 60% of all UK peatlands are found in Scotland, and our blanket bog represents around 10% of the global total.¹
- In good condition, peatlands provide multiple co-benefits: capturing and storing carbon, supporting nature, reducing flood risk, improving water quality and providing places that can support physical and mental wellbeing.
- Peatlands cover 3% of the world's surface yet store 30% of its soil carbon. The carbon stock of deep peat in Scotland is estimated at 1.8 billion tonnes of carbon with an additional 957 million tonnes of carbon in the shallower peat soils: all in, equivalent to more than 85 years' worth of Scotland's annual greenhouse gas emissions².
- But it has been estimated that around three quarters of our peatlands are degraded through drainage, extraction, overgrazing, burning, afforestation and development. Degraded peat offers fewer benefits and emits carbon, now accounting for around 15% [6.3 MtCO₂e/yr in 2021] of Scotland's total net emissions and worsening the climate emergency.
- Caring for our peatlands, and reducing peatland emissions, through protection, management and restoration is critical to mitigating and adapting to the linked climate and nature emergencies, and is a key plank of Scotland's Just Transition to net zero.

Widening Our Perspective: Protect, Manage, Restore

- Our policy focus to date has centred on restoration of degraded peatlands in order to return them to better condition and secure the wide range of ecosystem services and co-benefits they offer.
- That is why the Scottish Government has committed £250 million over 10 years to restore 250,000 hectares of degraded peatlands by 2030. To date, we have achieved around 75,000 hectares of this and we are committed to significantly increasing the annual rate of restoration to meet this target.
- Putting degraded peatlands on the road to recovery in this way will reduce the amount of climate-warming greenhouse gases they release.
- However, emerging science is pointing to the potentially significant additional emissions reductions that may be available from other interventions beyond restoration. These include reduced grazing by wild and domestic herbivores, full or partial rewetting of cropland, grassland and extraction sites, and the downward emissions correction from the misclassification of grassland on peat.
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Scotland's record and domestic action:

Peatland Protection

Banning the sale of peat for horticulture

- In our 2021-22 PfG, we committed to taking forward work to develop and consult on a ban on the sale of peat related gardening products as part of our commitment to phase out the use of peat in horticulture.
- Ministers are committed to a ban on the sale of horticultural peat that is ambitious, realistic and tailored to the specific needs of Scotland.
- Our public consultation on "Ending the Sale of Peat in Scotland" closed on 12 May with 558 responses. We are committed to seeking diverse views to ensure that our policy is right for Scotland with an emphasis on protecting Scotland's natural environment.
- We published the analysis of responses on 21 December 2023 which showed that most hobby gardeners (76%) and professional horticulturalists (58%) supported a peat sales ban.
- A series of stakeholder workshops throughout August and September 2024 are helping to consolidate what we have learned through the consultation and understand the challenges of transition from using peat.
- Although the focus of the consultation was on tackling the use of peat in horticulture, we also considered other uses of peat that drive its commercial extraction. Our consultation reached out to all users of peat to ensure proportionate action and minimise unintended consequences.
- Based on the consultation results and continued engagement with stakeholders to understand transition challenges, we are currently finalising options on the scope and timing of any ban for Ministers to consider, along with the need for any exemptions to avoid unacceptable impacts on non-horticultural users of peat.
- To implement an effective sales ban, barriers imposed by the UK Internal Market Act must be removed. Exclusion of peat from the Act would allow governments of all UK nations to move at their desired pace towards the shared policy outcome.

Development on peat

- Through NPF4, we have strengthened the controls on future extraction and on other types of development on peat and carbon-rich soils.
- We have established a new Peatland Expert Advisory Group and are reviewing the guidance and tools (e.g. the carbon calculator) underpinning decision-making about windfarm development on peat.

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Peatland Management

Agriculture and peat

- There is significant overlap between Scotland's peatlands and agriculture and crofting. There are around 1.7 million hectares of peat in need of restoration on agricultural land at varying levels of activity.
- Through our Agricultural Reform Programme we are developing new conditions and payment options through all four tiers of the new agricultural support framework for those wishing to protect, manage or restore their peatlands. This may in time include options for land owners and managers to reduce grazing levels by wild and domestic herbivores.
- Protections for wetlands and peatlands will be a feature of Scotland's future agriculture support framework from 2025. The Scottish Government is working with farmers and crofters on how we implement the principles of the EU Good Agricultural and Environmental Condition standards (GAEC) to protect peatlands and wetlands as a new condition for payments.
- The protections will be introduced as part of our established cross compliance mechanism which provides baseline standards to protect and prevent damage and ensure adherence to existing legislation.
- We are taking a co-design approach, working with stakeholders to consider the evidence and issues in implementing this new protection. There are a number of considerations including:
 - appropriate definitions for peatland and wetland balancing environmental targets against farm output and individual business considerations and implementation challenges;
 - appropriate protective measures balancing environmental targets against farm output and just transition considerations;
 - existing research, data and mapping resources;
 - implementation, such as clear communications.

Crofting

- We are committed to supporting Scotland's crofters and crofting communities to play a role in our mission to deliver peatland restoration on common grazing land as part of our Just Transition to Net Zero by 2045.
- There is over 550,000 ha of Common Grazing land in Scotland, some of which is degraded peat and part of which is owned by the Scottish Ministers.
- The Hill, Upland and Crofting Farmer Led Group noted in their recent report that these systems have a role to play when it comes to protecting peatlands, recognising that peatland protection and integration with agricultural land use can offer a mutually beneficial opportunities.

Grazing and peatlands

- Grazing by wild and domestic herbivores can impact peatlands and their emissions through trampling, nutrient input and biomass offtake (where

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vegetation is removed from site rather than being incorporated into the peatland carbon pool).

- Reducing grazing pressure on peatlands will result in reduced emissions through all of these mechanisms to varying degrees.
- We are working to modernise the Deer (Scotland) Act 1996 to introduce new powers to tackle high deer numbers specifically to help us to achieve our biodiversity and carbon objectives. We launched a consultation on new deer management legislation on 5 January [2024] which includes proposals to introduce Deer Management Nature Restoration Orders.
- On deer grazing, we are looking at a comparatively low cost scheme alongside (rather than part of) the ARP which in addition to the emissions reductions would also deliver nature benefits.

Muirburn and peatlands

- Scotland's Wildlife Management and Muirburn (Scotland) Bill was introduced in March 2023 and sets out the conditions under which muirburn is permitted, with tighter restrictions where muirburn is carried out on peatlands.
- The Bill is currently making its way through the Scottish Parliamentary process.

Peatland Restoration

- The Scottish Government has committed £250 million over 10 years to restore 250,000 hectares of degraded peatlands by 2030. We estimate that approximately 75,000 ha have been restored to date, leaving another 175,000 ha left to restore over the next 6 years requiring current annual restoration rates to more than treble.
- The First Minister's policy prospectus '*New Leadership - A Fresh Start*', published on 18 April 2023, commits to reaching 110,000 hectares by 2026.
- Through supporting good, green jobs in the rural economy, our investment will also play a part in Scotland's Just Transition to net zero by 2045.
- In 2023-24, we restored 10,360 hectares of degraded peat – the highest ever amount in a single year. This was a 38% increase on the 7,500 ha restored in 2022-23, which itself was a 35% increase over the 5,400 ha restored in 2021-22.
- This growth rate in restoration is welcome and promising, but we are still behind the pace required to meet our climate change plan commitment on emissions from degraded peatland.
- We are working hard with our delivery partners through the Peatland ACTION partnership to increase annual restoration rates further still. A detailed delivery improvement plan is in place and has made excellent progress in many key areas.

Peatlands and a Shared International Agenda

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- The issue of degraded peatlands is not unique to Scotland but the scale of the peatland restoration challenge and the opportunities it creates are significantly larger here than in rest of the UK.
- 60% of all UK peatlands are found in Scotland and Scotland's blanket bog represents around 10% of the global total.
- Scotland's ambitions and commitments on peatlands are globally recognised.

Scotland / Chile Memorandum of Understanding

- In April 2019, the UK Science & Innovation Network supported Scotland's then Chief Scientific Advisor for Environment, Natural Resources & Agriculture, Professor Andrew Millar, to participate in a visit to Chile to share expertise on reducing carbon emissions from peatlands.
- At COP25 (Dec 2019) the Scottish Government and Chilean Government collaborated on a joint workshop on peatlands within the UK Pavilion. This event brought together international experts including Professor Miller, representatives from NatureScot and the James Hutton Institute.
- In March 2020, experts from Chile's Ministry for the Environment visited Scotland to learn about peatland restoration in Scotland. In April 2020, Chile updated their nationally determined contribution (NDC), which addressed emissions from peatlands for the first time.
- Chile has committed to creating a national inventory of peatlands by 2025 and setting indicators for evaluating peatlands' carbon adaption and mitigation capacity by 2030.
- The signing at COP26 in Glasgow on 1 November 2021 of a Memorandum of Understanding between Scotland [Mr Matheson] and Chile [Ms Schmidt] on sharing knowledge and expertise on the conservation and management of wetlands and aquatic systems consolidated and built on this established relationship with Chile on peatland matters.
- The scope of the MOU is broad and encompasses mutual interests on both freshwater and marine wetlands and ecosystems. It provides a framework for officials in the Government of Chile, Scottish Government, Marine Scotland and NatureScot to work together to conserve and sustainably manage these fragile, carbon-storing ecosystems. It highlights Scotland's investment in using nature-based solutions to tackle climate change.
- As a first concrete action under this MOU, a delegation from Scotland visited Chile on 11-15 March 2024 to discuss peatland restoration, emissions, inventories and NDCs.

Other international activity on peatlands

- Since COP26, alongside regular engagement on peatlands at Ministerial and official level with other EU and non-EU nations, we have also engaged with colleagues in Ireland on the development of a new European Peatlands Initiative

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to share and broker knowledge on temperate peatland restoration and management.

- Our Scottish Biodiversity Strategy, published in draft to coincide with COP15, set out key priorities for nature including a commitment to protect 30% of our land by 2030. The draft strategy highlighted the importance of restored peatlands in supporting thriving wildlife and biodiversity.
- We continue to work with our international partners and the UN Convention on Biological Diversity to ensure implementation of the Global Biodiversity Framework at regional and local levels globally. We remain directly engaged with the Convention through membership of the Advisory Committee to the CBD on Subnational Governments, and maintain our membership of international networks, including 'RegionsWithNature' and the High Ambition Coalition Subnational Taskforce on 30 by 30.

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1.1.34 CLIMATE ADAPTATION

- **The climate emergency is not a distant threat, it is with us today.**
 - Catastrophic flooding, coastal erosion, wildfires, drought, and storms are already putting increasing pressure on Scotland's and other countries' economy, society, and environment.
 - To protect lives and livelihoods, more must be done to adapt to these changes and prepare for the impacts of global climate change which are already locked in.
 - In order to address this we will publish [24 September] during Climate Week our new National Adaptation Plan for Scotland This will build the resilience of Scotland's communities, businesses, public services and natural environment to climate change today and into the future.

Adaptation Plan: Key Messages

- The Plan will set out a long term vision for adaptation and defines Scotland's priorities for adaptation action over the next five years.
- Consultation was extensive. Triple the response rate from last Adaptation Plan. Robust engagement from JTC, CCC, COSLA and SSN.
- The final Plan is our most comprehensive and cohesive policy response to date on the impacts of climate change.
- Plan has over 200 policies, structured to deliver against five long-term outcomes and 23 short-term objectives.
- We know climate impacts us all, but not equally. That is why, across the Plan, there is a focus on place, collaboration and inclusive action.
- Publication is just the start. Alongside the policy package we will publish a monitoring framework to track delivery against the Plan's 23 objectives. The first milestone will be the Spring (May '25) progress report to parliament.
- This is about decision making at all levels. We already provide capacity building and advisory support to Local Governments, Communities and other public sector stakeholders. The Adaptation Plan commits to expanding these services, including producing more tools to advise businesses on climate risk.

International context

- Agreed at COP28 in Dubai, the UAE Framework for Resilience positions climate adaptation as a top priority for all nations. It expands the Global Goal on Adaptation to present a comprehensive approach to enhance adaptive capacity, strengthen resilience and reduce vulnerability. SNAP3 aligns well with key sectors prioritized in the framework (water, food and agriculture, infrastructure, health, ecosystems, livelihoods and cultural heritage) and in its goals for a developed monitoring and evaluation system. Scottish Government

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will continue to align with the Framework as much as possible through the delivery of SNAP3.

- While COP26 heralded a new commitment to double adaptation finance (estimated funding in 2019-2020 was between \$9 billion to \$10.5 billion), only around \$240 million was newly committed to the Adaptation Fund at COP27. A further \$188 million was pledged during COP28.
- Engagement with Regions4 on adaptation both within and outwith COPs in recent years has been positive and consistent with 3 Adaptation Labs organised and multiple cross-regional webinars and knowledge sharing opportunities. We are keen to ensure that adaptation is a core part of our Regions4 presidency.
- Knowledge exchange is a key objective in the new SNAP3, we are keen to ensure that we utilise every opportunity to learn from other countries and regions about how they are approaching increasing climate resilience at multiple levels.
- Through Regions4 Presidency, Scotland will be a strong international voice for subnational governments to influence the negotiations for further ambition on the UAE Framework for Resilience and increased financing for Adaptation and Loss and Damage.

Scotland's Record and international/ domestic action

International Action

- Scotland's Climate Justice fund (£36 million) is the primary source of funding for Scotland's international climate action and is fully financially committed until 2026.
- Our Climate Justice Communities Programme is a **£24 million**, three-year programme to support more resilient and inclusive communities across Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia. This programme is central to the Scottish Government's goal of ensuring that the opinions and needs of the most marginalised within communities are represented in our climate justice interventions.
- During New York Climate Week 2023, the First Minister announced our partners for the **£5m programme** on non-economic loss and damage that was announced at COP27; and a new **£1m programme** delivered through Scotland's Humanitarian Emergency Fund. At COP28 we launched a £1m partnership with GiveDirectly to deliver cash transfers to address loss and damage in Malawi and a further £1m to address the urban elements of loss and damage with C40.
- This means we have **pledged and mobilised £10m on Loss and Damage** so far.

Domestic Policy Highlights **[as background – not to be announced before 24 Sept]**

Over the next five years, this Adaptation Plan commits to delivering over 200 policies and actions, including:

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- **Regional action:** Ensuring all parts of Scotland are building climate resilience through regional partnerships, local action and climate-resilient economies.
- Improving **flood warnings for businesses** and communities across Scotland, and building rainwater networks in urban areas to manage flash flooding.
- Encouraging **behaviour change** to help households and communities cope with both too much and too little water.
- Strengthening our new national network of **Climate Action Hubs** and ensuring that the Hubs are supporting vulnerable communities to adapt.
- Shifting half of all **agricultural funding** to be conditional on delivering for climate and nature, including climate adaptation.
- Increasing Scotland's **railway resilience** through investing approximately £400 million over the next five years, with multiple benefits for passengers.
- Developing an **investment plan** that connects nature finance and adaptation outcomes, including a suite of actions to mobilise public, and responsible private and philanthropic finance supported by an expert taskforce.
- Strengthening the **skills and capacity of local government, businesses, communities** to adapt through the Adaptation Scotland programme.
- Establishing the **Adaptation.Scot online hub** to help people access tools, resources and advice on adaptation action.
- Delivering a suite of new tools and **adaptation advice tailored for businesses**, including a guide for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) and sector-specific tools to support entities most exposed to climate change impacts.
- Leading the way in **climate adaptation monitoring**, publishing an adaptation monitoring and evaluation framework, supporting annual reporting to the Scottish Parliament and best practice both nationally and internationally in this emerging work.
- Supporting connectivity and resilience of our island populations through fleet **renewal of ferry services**, with reducing weather-related disruption as a priority.
- Delivering for international communities disproportionately affected by climate impacts through our £36 million **Climate Justice Fund**.
- Delivering comprehensive **climate resilience actions across NHS Scotland**, including greening the NHS estate.
- Working to improve **long-term health outcomes** for people, including Public Health Scotland delivering the Adverse Weather and Health Plan.
- **Protecting our cultural and historic heritage** through improved adaptation actions for historic buildings.
- Building the **Public Sector Climate Adaptation Network**, led by Adaptation Scotland, which provides opportunities to public sector officials (including Local Government) for learning and best practice.

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1.1.35 RENEWABLE ENERGY

Top Lines

- At the start (Q1) of 2024, Scotland has 27% of the UK's renewable electricity capacity and generates 24% of the UK's renewable electricity despite having less than a tenth of the UK population. [2022 mid-year estimates indicate that 8% of the UK population was in Scotland].
- As of the end of 2023, Scotland has 9.6 GW of *onshore wind* electrical generation capacity - 62% of the UK's total onshore wind capacity.
- As of the end of 2023, Scotland has 3.0 GW of *offshore wind* electrical generation capacity – 20% of the UK's total offshore wind capacity
- As of the end of 2023, Scotland has 1.7 GW of hydroelectric generation capacity – 88% of the UK's hydroelectric capacity
- As of the end of 2023, Scotland has 100% of the UK's *floating offshore wind, shoreline wave and tidal* electrical generation capacity.

Offshore Wind

Scotland has a wealth of pioneering expertise to share with international partners, and our project pipeline offers supply chain and market opportunities for wind technologies and port infrastructure.

- ScotWind is the world's largest commercial leasing round for floating offshore wind, with around 28 GW of fixed and floating wind across 20 projects, putting Scotland at the forefront of the global development of offshore wind.
- INTOG presents significant opportunities to decarbonise oil and gas production in Scotland while, crucially, enabling the offshore wind sector to expand.
- The INTOG leasing round is a 'first of its kind' with 12 successful applicants taking projects forward and it is the next step in realising another world leading opportunity for Scotland's energy transition.
- At the start of 2024, Scotland has a reported potential pipeline of over 40 GW of offshore wind projects and 3 GW of operational offshore wind capacity.
- To fully maximise delivery, collaboration and strategic partnerships will be key. It will take governments working together, learning together, businesses growing together, and ideas being shared between all of us to succeed.

We are investing up to £500 million over five years to strengthen Scotland's offshore wind supply chain, positioning it as a hub for global partnerships.

- This investment serves as a catalyst for further private sector investment, providing international partners with a stable and supportive environment for growth and innovation in the renewables sector.
- We welcome the commitment of developers who have pledged an average investment of £1.5 billion in Scotland per project across the 20 ScotWind offshore wind projects. We expect developers to honour these commitments,

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which will not only benefit Scotland but also provide international partners with opportunities to participate in a thriving market.

- With scale, offshore engineering heritage, an extensive network of ports and strong innovation clusters, Scotland will be at the heart of the Europe's energy transition, and future energy security for decades to come.

Wave and Tidal

With its abundant natural resources and unrivalled experience in marine renewables, Scotland is in a prime position for the development and deployment of tidal stream and wave energy.

- Scotland currently (Q1 2024) has 10 MW of operational tidal stream electricity generation capacity - half of the total global operational capacity
- We are home to the world's first tidal stream array, the world's largest tidal stream array and world's largest tidal stream energy converter.
- The European Marine Energy Centre (EMEC) in Orkney is the world's only fully accredited test and research centre for wave and tidal energy. EMEC has hosted the testing and deployment of more wave and tidal energy devices than any other site in the world.
- Our internationally recognised Wave Energy Scotland (WES) programme is supporting the development of wave energy technology, which is at an earlier stage in its development than tidal stream. Since 2014, Scottish Government has invested over £50 million to support the WES programme.
- The establishment and growth of a world leading marine renewables industry in Scotland, supported by WES, has resulted in Scotland being internationally recognised as a global frontrunner in the development of wave energy.

Solar

We recognise the importance of energy generated from solar in contributing to the decarbonisation of Scotland's energy supply and to a just transition to net zero.

- We are clear on the importance of solar in contributing to the decarbonisation of Scotland's energy supply, and of the potential of solar to help deliver flexibility and resilience for the electricity system.
- Our draft Solar Vision, published in the draft ESJTP, sets out the commitments that we will take to enable greater deployment of solar in Scotland.
- We are continuing to engage with the solar industry on the proposed ambition of 4-6GW of solar by 2030.
- We will work with industry to agree on a level of community benefit that is reflective of the sector's costs but maximises the benefits flowing to communities from the energy transition.

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Onshore Wind

Onshore wind is a cheap and reliable source of electricity generation; with Scotland's resource and commitment seeing us lead the way in onshore wind deployment and support across the UK.

- The Onshore Wind Policy Statement 2022 (OWPS) (Dec 2022) introduced a new ambition for a minimum installed capacity of 20GW of onshore wind in Scotland by 2030. This restated our commitment to the continued development and deployment of onshore wind in Scotland.
- To support achieving this goal, we formed an Onshore Wind Strategic Leadership Group (SLG) to take forward the aspirations of the policy statement and the development of an Onshore Wind Sector Deal, which was signed in September 2023.
- Scottish Government is committed to the continued development and deployment of onshore wind in order to support the rapid decarbonisation of our energy system, and the sectors which depend upon it, in line with a just transition to net zero.

Long Duration Energy Storage

Long duration energy storage (including pumped-hydro) has the potential to play a significantly greater role in the energy transition – both at small-scale in co-operation with local communities, and at larger scale, providing flexibility services to the grid and helping to ensure a continued resilient and secure electricity supply.

- Whilst we welcome the UK Government's proposals for a cap and floor mechanism for long duration electricity storage, it is vital that the UK Government continues to engage with industry to ensure the finer details of this mechanism can maximise the generation and economic potential PHS.

Sensitivities and defensive lines

NUCLEAR if needed

The Scottish Government does not support the building of new nuclear fission power stations in Scotland under current technologies.

- New nuclear power would take years, if not decades, to become operational and would also be expensive – pushing up household bills.
- While Small Modular Reactors are innovative in size and construction technique, they use the same method of electricity generation as traditional nuclear fission. This means the same environmental concerns as traditional nuclear power

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plants and their economic competitiveness is still to be proven in practice, once deployed.

- As set out in our draft Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, significant growth in renewables, storage, hydrogen, and carbon capture provide the best pathway to net zero by 2045 and will deliver a climate friendly energy system that delivers affordable, resilient, and clean energy supplies for Scotland's households, business, and communities.

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1.1.36 HYDROGEN

Top Lines

- Scotland has the resources, the people and the ambition to become a world leader in hydrogen production, and our Hydrogen Action Plan sets out how we will work collaboratively with the energy sector to drive progress over the coming years to 2026.
- Scotland is creating a hydrogen economy that will provide economic benefit and a renewable and low carbon source of energy to help meet our net zero ambitions.
- We were the first of the nations of the UK to publish a policy statement on hydrogen, setting out an ambition to generate 5GW of renewable and low-carbon hydrogen by 2030, and 25GW by 2045.
- Our Hydrogen Action Plan, published December 2022, sets out the strategic approach and actions required to deliver that ambition over the course of this Parliament.
- These actions intend to help put Scotland on the pathway to becoming a leading nation by 2045 in the production of competitive and sustainable hydrogen as well as help securing Scotland's future as a centre of international excellence in areas such as innovation, skills and supply chain.
- In the Action Plan, we refresh our commitment to providing the supportive policy and regulatory environment required to enable Scotland to take a pioneering role in a growing global industry and to support our vision for Scotland to become a leading hydrogen nation in the production of reliable, competitive, sustainable hydrogen.
- The action plan is also clear that we are keen to play our role in the development of hydrogen in the UK, European and international markets.
- Scotland is currently developing a Hydrogen Sector Export Plan which will highlight the scale of the export opportunity, Scotland's competitive advantage and the initial actions we will take at home and abroad to support Scottish companies to participate in and benefit from the development of the international hydrogen market.

Background

IRA Scheme

- The US Inflation Reduction Act, passed in August 2022, makes \$369 billion available to climate and clean energy programmes in the US. The Act introduces various tax credits and other incentives, which relate to electric vehicle tax, renewable energy, electricity from renewables, sustainable aviation fuel, clean hydrogen, and other areas. Examples are:
 - Tax credits for purchase of electric vehicles (EVs);
 - Tax credits for investment, production and/or transmission of solar, wind and nuclear energy;

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- Tax credits for carbon capture and storage;
- Tax credits for production of clean hydrogen;
- Investment in industrial facilities.
- Various incentives and subsidies in the Inflation Reduction Act are often contingent upon production of goods, their components or sourcing raw materials in the US, North America or countries which have free trade agreements with the US. These measures are expected to affect international trade and investment.

Impact of the IRA Scheme to the development of the Scottish hydrogen sector

- Feedback from industry is that the (IRA measure) of \$3 per kilo for hydrogen production may be the single most impactful signal to the hydrogen market from any nation. This subsidy is thought to be enough to kick-start the hydrogen market in US.
- While Scotland and the UK have some natural advantages to support the development of a hydrogen industry, some stakeholders are already considering plans to shift focus to the US.
- The IRA could also have a considerable impact on the competitiveness of hydrogen exports from Scotland, particularly in the short to medium term. Current estimates of landed costs of hydrogen in mainland Europe make hydrogen produced in the UK and exported via shipments more expensive than US produced hydrogen in the mid-20s.
- The potential development of hydrogen pipelines – enabled by Scotland’s close proximity to Europe – would bring hydrogen produced in Scotland into a competitive space with hydrogen produced in the US and other exporting regions. However, investment in infrastructure and revenue support is critical to reach cost competitiveness.
- The impact on SG and the UK and Europe is thought to be the risk of the current finite capacity of the hydrogen production supply chain being drawn away from Europe to the US as a result of this measure.
- This may act to delay the roll-out of large-scale hydrogen production in Europe and the UK/SG whilst supply chain re-build locally.
- The powers to act in response to this measure or to match this measure are reserved to the UKG.
- Trade experts and sector representatives have expressed concerns that increasingly proactive US and EU green policies might divert green investment from the UK.
- Several international trade experts have said the UK could get squeezed in both the EU and the US markets amidst a potential EU-US trade war and subsidy races, without having a say on any of them. Concerns have been raised the UK would struggle to get the message across with the US Government due to its limited importance as a “trade partner and market.”

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- International trade scholars have proposed various policy options for the UK Government including:
 - Pursuing bilateral dialogues with the US, the EU, and other countries on their green subsidies. For example, the UK should seek that UK originating goods and inputs are covered by the domestic content requirements under the IRA and benefit from tax measures, similar to those of the EU;
 - Seeking protection under the multilateral WTO rules, for example by actively using countervailing duties to shield UK businesses and being prepared to enter formal disputes at the WTO against discriminatory green subsidies;
 - Developing new strategies and taking lead on the reform of the global subsidy regime; while the US, EU and others have long challenged China's use of industrial subsidies, both are now actively developing their own green and potentially discriminatory industrial subsidies. UK's engagement would show its commitment to the rules-based multilateral trading system;
 - Investing in green regulatory diplomacy and taking lead on developing international standards for carbon accounting, green goods, and others.

1.1.37 HYDROGEN EXPORT & TRADE OPPORTUNITY

Over the next few years, we will focus on taking action to secure the role of Scottish companies in the global hydrogen supply chain, to work with our international partners to share expertise and develop the sector more quickly, and to ensure Scotland is prepared to play a key role in meeting the growing demand for hydrogen from import countries in Europe.

- With geopolitical events triggering an acceleration of efforts to reduce fossil fuel consumption, reduce reliance on Russian oil and gas, and increase hydrogen production and use in Europe, we are focused on taking action to ensure Scotland is prepared to play a key role in meeting the growing global demand for hydrogen.
- The final Hydrogen Action Plan, published in December 2022, sets out the strategic approach and actions required to support our vision for Scotland to become a leading hydrogen nation in the production of reliable, competitive, sustainable hydrogen.
- Scotland's extensive renewable resources means we are well-placed to ensure long-term security of supply of green hydrogen in Europe. Scotland is just 700km away from the Netherlands and 750km from the North German coast.
- We are keen to develop renewable energy and hydrogen-specific partnerships to explore the development of the transnational value chains needed for the production of large scale hydrogen with potential export routes from Scottish ports into northern Europe.

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- Our economic analysis also concludes that Scotland has the potential to deliver up to 126TWh of green hydrogen per year by 2045 (3.3 Mt), with up to 94TWh (2.5 Mt) of hydrogen for export to Europe and the rest of the UK.
- Countries such as Germany have already identified a need to import green hydrogen and are taking actions now to secure partnerships with countries to supply hydrogen and to work together on research and technologies. Germany have brokered agreements on hydrogen with Canada, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Australia, Chile, Tunisia and Japan. The development of international hydrogen partnerships has been further accelerated over the last months due to the war in Ukraine.
- The hydrogen export opportunity will benefit Scotland and the UK, but it is our view that Scotland and the UK can only realise these economic opportunities if we act quickly to put in place the necessary policy, regulatory and financial environment, relationships and support to develop robust supply chains, upskill our people and lay the groundwork to unlock investment and export opportunities.
- In September 2022 we published the Scottish Hydrogen Investment Proposition. The Proposition sets out why Scotland is an ideal location for hydrogen production and manufacturing and the opportunity to export surplus green hydrogen.

Hydrogen Sector Export Plan (HSEP)

- We are working closely with industry and international partners over the coming months to develop our Hydrogen Sector Export Plan, that will set out the steps needed to realise Scotland's export potential.
- The Hydrogen Sector Export Plan will consider the short-term export opportunities around skills and the supply chain, as well as the economic opportunity for Scotland represented by the export of renewable hydrogen in the longer term.
- To support the development of the Hydrogen Sector Export Plan, the Scottish Government have commissioned research to investigate low-carbon hydrogen demand scenarios in North-West European regions and sectors out to 2045.
- This work will sit alongside internal research being conducted on the economic competitiveness of hydrogen in various sectors and end-uses, such as for aviation transport or for refineries, to establish the most likely (sectoral/end-use) off-taker markets for hydrogen and the current best estimates for the likely size of those markets.
- Research has also been commissioned to map the key markets and opportunities for Scottish hydrogen supply chain goods and services.
- Together, this research will provide a robust evidence base demonstrating economic opportunity for hydrogen in Europe according to currently available data.

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1.1.38 OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS (SENSITIVE)

The Scottish Government is clear in our support for a just transition for Scotland's oil and gas sector, which recognises the declining nature of the North Sea basin and is in line with our climate change commitments.

- Offshore oil and gas licensing and consenting, as well as the associated fiscal regime, are currently reserved to the UK Government.
- Any further extraction and use of fossil fuels must be consistent with Scotland's climate obligations and Just Transition commitments. It's vital that we take an evidence-based approach to the energy transition.
- We are clear that the UK Government must approach licensing on a rigorously evidence-led, case by case, basis – with robust climate compatibility and energy security being key considerations.
- We will shortly publish our Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan. Our focus will remain on reducing emissions in line with climate commitments, meeting the country's energy security needs, and delivering affordable energy supplies.

In relation to initiatives such as BOGA, FFPNT, etc:

- Alongside finalising our domestic Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan, the Scottish Government will continue to engage with the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance, Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and other international climate change initiatives as part of a wider programme of analysis and engagement with a range of organisations and stakeholders.
- Our final Energy Strategy and Just Transition Plan will build from the substantial independent evidence base on domestic energy transition in the context of the global Paris Agreement goals that was developed and published in support of the draft version.

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ONSHORE OIL AND GAS (SENSITIVE)**Onshore unconventional oil and gas**

- In October 2019, Scottish Ministers announced their finalised position of no support for unconventional oil and gas.
- Following a comprehensive evidence-gathering and public consultation exercise and the required statutory and other assessments, Scottish Ministers concluded that the development of onshore unconventional oil and gas is incompatible with our policies on climate change, energy transition and the decarbonisation of our economy

Onshore conventional oil and gas

- In line with statutory requirements, the Scottish Government is developing a policy position for onshore conventional oil and gas.
- On 21 June 2022, we published a call for evidence seeking views on the future of onshore conventional oil and gas in Scotland; the responses to this call for evidence have been independently analysed and considered by Ministers alongside wider policy on energy and climate targets.
- This has allowed Ministers to confirm a preferred policy position of no support for the exploration or development of onshore conventional oil and gas in Scotland.
- The preferred policy has been included in the draft ESJTP and related statutory assessments, and will be finalised on completion of this process.

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1.1.39 TRADE AND INVESTMENT

Scotland puts its values at the heart of its trade policy through the Vision for Trade, which stopped Scotland's economic development agencies supporting fossil fuel exports

- Through our National Strategy for Economic Transformation, we are focusing efforts to develop new markets for our renewable energy exports and expertise so that we support international Net Zero efforts.

Scotland published its Vision for Trade in January 2021 which sets out five core principles underpinning the trade relationships Scotland wants to have. These principles include Inclusive Growth; Well-being; Sustainability; Net Zero and Good Governance.

- Export and inward investment support is prioritised towards net zero sectors. Scotland ceased economic development agency support for fossil fuel exports at COP26.
- In March 2023, the Scottish Government published a framework to grow Scotland's renewable exports and an export plan for Hydrogen will be published Autumn 2024.
- We will support the new Green Industrial Strategy published in September 2024 by attracting investment into Scotland's Net Zero industries and supporting exports to international markets.

Trade and Investment Key points

- The latest HMRC regional trade in goods statistics that Scottish goods exports decreased by 7% to £22.5billion compared to Q2 2023, which was proportionately greater than the 2% decreased experienced by the UK. The largest drop in value over that period was exports of drink (down £938.5 million), likely due to a slowdown after a post-COVID restocking rush in 2022.
- Scotland remains the UK's most attractive investment destination outside London. 142 investment projects were landed in 2023 and we saw an 81.8% increase in utility supply investment driven by Scotland's energy transition, particularly in renewables and cleantech.
- The EU remains one of Scotland's most important international trading partners and largest international export market (39% of our goods exports valued at £8.8 billion), and we continue to support Scottish exporters to sell their goods and services across the EU.
- The United States remains Scotland's top export market accounting for 17% of the value of Scotland's total goods exports (£3.9 billion).

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1.1.40 TRANSPORT

Top Lines

- We have set ourselves stretching targets for the decarbonisation of transport, putting Scotland among the leading countries in terms of policy commitments.
- We reinforced those commitments at COP26, signing several international initiatives, committing Scotland to work with other countries to set and achieve high levels of ambition to decarbonise transport.
- Decarbonising transport is a global challenge that we cannot solve alone. We want to draw on other countries' global expertise, while sharing our own skills and experience.
- We are committed to a just transition to a zero emission transport system, where the costs and benefits are shared fairly across society, and we use the opportunity presented by the transition to address social and economic issues.
- Transport is Scotland's highest carbon emitting sector. The largest source of transport emissions is cars, which contribute almost 40% of transport emissions. This demonstrates the need to reduce car use to combat climate change.
- The draft route map to achieving a 20% reduction in car use by 2030, published January 2022, outlines over 30 interventions across all parts of government to make it easy for people to take action appropriate to their circumstances to support the reduction in car use. We are committed to finding ways to make sustainable travel modes more attractive and supporting people to take fewer journeys by car. **Improving active travel and public transport infrastructure** is key to this.
- Where powered vehicles are needed, we want them to be zero emission, and we want to make that switch as quickly as we can. **We are committed to phasing out the need for new petrol and diesel cars and light vans by 2030.**

Offers and Asks

Should the opportunity arise in bilateral and other meetings, general offers and asks in relation to decarbonisation of transport include:

- Offer: To share the evidence and analysis that we have gathered to support our own policy development on behaviour change and zero emission technology, including **lessons learned from pilot projects and data sets from our network.**
- Offer: To share outputs from programmes and projects designed to accelerate the transition to net zero, including for example guides produced in collaboration with industry on **how to transition vehicle fleets to zero emission** and tools for assessing future energy requirements.
- Ask: For examples of best practice and lessons learned in zero emission transition, particularly in relation to **behaviour change; promotion of active travel and public transport; decarbonisation of heavy-duty vehicles;**

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strategic approaches to energy infrastructure for transport; and financing of large-scale programmes.

- Ask: To collaborate on development of **global standards** and approaches to zero emission vehicle technologies

Sensitivities and defensive issues

- **Fuel Duty and Vehicle Excise Duty remain reserved to the UK Government.** Despite seeking engagement at both Ministerial and official level on the issue, the UK Government has yet to give the devolved nations clarity on whether, and if so when, it plans to reform motoring taxes. The Scottish Government wants a fair and progressive future transport tax system that reduces unnecessary journeys, raises revenues to fund policies to support a shift to more sustainable travel, and better incentivises the transition to zero-emission vehicles for those who need them.
- There are **limits to how much we can incentivise people to do things**. There comes a point where other measures are needed, given the urgency and scale of change required, and that may mean looking at measures to discourage unnecessary car travel. But we need to take an evidence-based approach to what might work to achieve change including learning from what others are doing across the UK and in other countries too.
- **The approach to decarbonisation taken by developed economies will not necessarily work in less developed parts of the world.** We must be careful not to lecture, or be perceived as lecturing, other countries whose conditions are very different from ours. We can offer to share lessons and expertise from our own experience but should remain open to fresh ideas from states and regions for whom issues like social inclusion, economic growth, and the potential for unintended consequences of the transition to zero emission technology have a different complexion.

Background

Public transport

- We invest £300 million annually to provide free bus travel for over two million people – up to 50% of the population – including all children and young people under 22, disabled people and everyone over 60.
- We set out a bold aspiration and since doing so, have we have supported operators acquire 548 new, zero emission buses with awards of £110 million.

Support for electric vehicles

- Since 2020 we have invested over £150 million to put 800 zero emission buses and coaches on the road and install supporting charging infrastructure.
- Our most recent £41.7 million investment in zero emission buses has leveraged 3.2 times the amount of private sector funding, moving the transition to a sustainable financial model that ends the need for continued public subsidy.

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- Our Truck Decarbonisation Pathway published in 2024 sets out a genuinely collaborative approach between government and the haulage, energy and finance sectors, mapping infrastructure requirements and establishing new business models to make the transition to zero emission HGVs a reality.
- On 19 June 2023 we published our Vision for Scotland's public charging network for cars and vans, setting out how we will expand charging provision to support the uptake of electric vehicles.
- The Scottish Government's current approach proposes a focus public funding on areas of the charging network where private investment alone is unviable.
- In 2022 we launched our EV Infrastructure Fund, which aims to provide £30 million of public funding to support local authorities to work with the private sector to leverage £30 million of additional private sector investment to continue to expand public charging across all of Scotland's communities over the next few years.
- We have committed to enabling the continued expansion of public EV charging infrastructure in Scotland with approximately 24,000 additional public EV charge points by 2030. By population, Scotland benefits from more public charging points than any other part of the UK apart from London, and the most rapid charge points of any part of the UK.
- Our investment in public EV charging is in addition to the 21,627 domestic and business charge points already funded by the Scottish Government as part of the wider charging mix.
- We have already provided over £223 million in interest free loan funding to support the transition to zero emission emissions, to further support a just transition to Net Zero, funding has now been prioritised to focus on lower income households as well as households in rural remote and Island locations in addition to the taxi sector.

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Shipping

- Due to the shared nature of maritime powers between UKG and SG, and the global nature of the shipping sector, any solution to reaching net zero will require cooperation across governments.
- There are technological and financial barriers to replacing ships with net zero vessels. Vessels have long lifespans (circa 25-35 years), and zero emission technology is not yet commercially viable.

Rail

- The SG's plan to decarbonise the rail network is set out in Transport Scotland's Rail Services Decarbonisation Action Plan published in 2020.

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- The Decarbonisation Action Plan commits to all passenger diesel trains being replaced; the order and programme in which that is done will depend on business cases and available budgets.
- We are building on our excellent recent record of delivering electrification on Scotland's rail network. Pre-pandemic, 75% of all passenger journeys and 45% of freight services in Scotland were made on electric services.

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1.1.41 NATURE

Top Lines

- Scotland's biodiversity has been declining for decades, like most other industrialised countries.
- It is essential we take urgent action to tackle the twin crises of biodiversity loss and climate change, to deliver a nature-positive, net zero world - and in a way that supports thriving communities.
- The way we manage our land has to change and our draft Scottish Biodiversity Delivery Plan sets out how key sectors will deliver for biodiversity - including planning, agriculture, forestry and water management.

Lines to take

- Following our successful leadership of the Edinburgh Process, we remain committed to playing our part internationally.
- The Edinburgh Declaration ensured that the voices of subnational governments were heard during COP15.
- We were delighted that a renewed Plan of Action on subnational governments was also agreed alongside the new Global Biodiversity Framework and we are continuing this legacy, working closely with key international partners.
- We will publish a final Delivery Plan later this year to help deliver the ambition set out in our Biodiversity Strategy to be nature-positive by 2030.
- Government cannot do this alone – we must work in partnership with, and use the expertise of, those who manage our land and who know it best, to help manage and restore our land for nature.
- The Scottish Government and NatureScot continues to support nature restoration projects through our £65 million Nature Restoration Fund, this year funding projects to restore woodland and rivers, as well as conserving some of our most iconic species such as the red squirrel.
- We are investing in nature-based solutions, like peatland restoration and tree planting, to tackle climate change and biodiversity loss and create green jobs.
- We are also considering how the very recently passed EU Nature Restoration Law intersects with existing Scottish Government policies and our future biodiversity strategy.
- I welcome the inscription of the Flow Country as a World Heritage Site – recognising the importance of this area of Scotland for its blanket bog, which is a huge carbon sink, as well as a haven for nature.

Scotland's Strategic Framework for Biodiversity

- Scotland's Strategic Framework includes:

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- The Biodiversity Strategy, which sets out our goal to be Nature Positive by 2030 and to have restored and regenerated biodiversity by 2045
- The first 5 year Delivery Plan which includes a comprehensive set of cross sectoral actions
- The proposed Natural Environment Bill, including the introduction of statutory nature recovery targets.
- The Framework will drive a step change to accelerate the pace and scale of our efforts to halt the loss of biodiversity. Business as usual will not be enough.
- The Framework also sets out the opportunities that reversing the loss of Biodiversity will generate – restoring nature will lead to a Greener, Fairer and more prosperous Scotland for all.
- A just transition lies at the heart of how we will tackle the crisis - our approach will generate opportunities for business, stimulate public and private investment and support thriving rural, urban and island communities.
- We need a partnership approach to delivery – government cannot do it alone. The whole of society has a role to play but especially the stewards of our land and seas such as farmers, gamekeepers, fishers who have the knowledge and skills to drive the transformation that is needed.
- Biodiversity supports these essential industries – food production needs pollinators and healthy soils whilst, fish and fish farming depend on healthy, thriving seas.
- We must protect and restore our precious natural environment for future generations to come, ensuring we have thriving, vibrant rural, island and urban communities, that are resistant to climate change.
- Following a period of consultation on the overall strategic framework the final Strategy and Delivery Plan will be published later this year.

Sensitivities and defensive lines

USA have not ratified the Convention on Biological Diversity; however, we work closely with California through collaborative networks of subnational governments, including the High Ambition Coalition for 30x30 Subnational Taskforce.

Background

New York City is a member of the ICLEI CitiesWithNature platform (a sister platform to RegionsWithNature of which SG are founding members), for cities with high ambition for biodiversity.

Edinburgh Process

In 2019, the Scottish Government was invited by the Convention on Biological Diversity to lead a consultation with sub-national bodies on their role in addressing the biodiversity crisis., This culminated in the Edinburgh Declaration which called for a

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dedicated decision and a renewed Plan of Action on Subnational Governments. Over 300 sub-national governments signed the Declaration, and it had a high profile at COP15 in 2022, where the final agreement of the Kunming-Montreal global biodiversity framework incorporated the text in the Declaration and adopted the renewed Plan of Action on Subnational Governments. We have since remained an active member of key international networks which are crucial to support and enhance our domestic work to mitigate the effects of biodiversity loss, and we will continue work to raise ambition for biodiversity internationally.

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1.1.42 WASTE AND RECYCLING

TOP LINES

We are in a climate emergency and must intensify our work to reduce emissions and waste.

- In 2022, the waste management sector emissions stood at 1.6 MTCO₂e, 75% lower than in 1990.
- Scotland has made good long-term progress towards reaching our sustainable resource and circular economy ambitions.
- The total amount of waste going to landfill in Scotland has nearly halved over the past decade.
- The overall recycling rate in Scotland is at its highest level since records began in 2011 (62.3%), and in the most recent official statistics Scotland met its 2025 target to reduce all waste by 15%.
- In January, we published our draft Circular Economy & Waste Route Map which sets out clear actions we need to take to deliver sustainable use of our resources and progress a circular economy in Scotland by 2030.
- A circular economy, in which resources are kept in use for as long as possible, is not just good for the environment, it will also create new economic opportunities and green jobs here in Scotland.
- Delivering a system-wide transformation to 2030 is a shared challenge and we will be working closely with local government and the business community to ensure the approach has collaboration and co-design at its heart.
- The Route Map's actions are complemented by provisions in the Circular Economy Act – together they will help us achieve our sustainable resource and climate goals.
- Independent analysis of the Route Map consultation was published in August 2024, and showed high levels of support for the proposed measures.
- We are reviewing the feedback to the draft Route Map consultation carefully and will publish the final Route Map later this year.

LANDFILL REDUCTION AND RECYCLING TARGETS

We are clear that we must take responsibility for our own waste, managing and processing as much as possible here in Scotland.

- We are taking action to boost Scotland's capacity to manage its own waste, and to strengthen public confidence in where recycling goes.
- Our £70m Recycling Improvement Fund is investing in recycling and reuse facilities across Scotland, and overall recycling rates are at their highest since 2011 (62.3%).
- We're also working with potential investors to expand reprocessing capacity.
- This will lead to better-quality recyclate collection, creating jobs and economic opportunities while benefiting the environment.
- Around 15% of waste generated in Scotland is currently managed out-with Scotland.

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- Our final Circular Economy & Waste Route Map, to be published later this year, will set out the steps we intend to take to move to a circular economy, boost waste reduction efforts and increase recycling, supporting Scotland's transition to a fully circular economy.
- The Circular Economy Act will also create new tools to tackle waste and increase reuse and recycling rates, including setting local recycling rates and statutory targets for delivery of a circular economy.

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1.1.43 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

Top Lines

- Scotland was one of the first countries to sign up to the UN SDGs in 2015. Although Scotland is not a UN member state it can engage on a 'regional' basis.
- Scotland's National Performance Framework (NPF) localises the SDGs and shares their commitment to economic, social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing.
- The Scottish Government reports on Scotland's progress towards the 11 National Outcomes through the National Indicators.
- Progress towards the National Outcomes is a proxy for progress towards the SDGs due to the close alignment between the two.
- Both the NPF and the SDGs capture the ambition of creating a better world and recognise the challenges involved. The SDGs set the deadline for a specific set of local and global improvements for 2030.
- As President of the Regions4 Sustainable Development Network, Scotland is committed to driving transformative climate action from all levels of government including non-party governments, states, and regions. 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.
- The NPF provides a platform for collaboration across Scotland's civic society, including public and private sectors, voluntary organisations, businesses, and communities.

Sensitivities and defensive lines

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Background

SDGs and NPF

- The SDG agenda provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and planet amongst UN nations.
- The SDGs set out 17 ambitious goals underpinned by 169 specific targets that all UN nations are expected to achieve by 2030.
- The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a duty on Scottish Ministers to consult on, develop and publish National Outcomes for Scotland and review them at least every five years. The next statutory review is underway and is expected to conclude by 2025.
- The previous Review of National Outcomes, in 2018, aligned the National Performance Framework with the Sustainable Development Goals.

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Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) and UK Government VNR

- The main mechanisms by which UN nations are expected to report on their performance towards the SDGs are “Voluntary National Reviews.”
- The UK Government VNR, with contributions from the Scottish Government and the other devolved administrations was presented to the UN by the UK Government in July 2019.
- Bringing data and narrative from Scotland into the UK Government VNR was challenging due to fundamental differences in approaches on some issues between governments (Goal 1 on “No Poverty” was a particular challenge given Scottish Government concerns over the UK Government’s welfare reforms).

Scotland’s approach to the VNR

- Given the limitations of the UK Government VNR, the Scottish Government worked with stakeholders to collaboratively develop content for our own specific Scottish review.
- The Scottish Government and COSLA, worked with SDG Scotland Network (an open coalition of over 300 people and organisations formed by the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations) to collectively assess performance and highlight challenges and opportunities in realising the SDGs.
- **Scotland and the sustainable development goals: a national review to drive action** was published on the Scottish Government website on 30 July 2020.
- This report brings together evidence, actions, and stories of how we are making progress to meet the SDGs in Scotland.

Scotland’s performance on the SDGs

- The Office for National Statistics (ONS) is responsible for reporting to the UN on the UK’s progress towards the SDGs.
- ONS list geographical coverage with their reporting towards the SDGs. Whilst the majority of data is at UK level, further disaggregation is provided where possible. The ability to report progress at Scotland level is being considered.
- Scotland’s International Outcome to be ‘open, connected and make a positive contribution internationally’ demonstrates our willingness to consider the effects of our decisions on other parts of the world, not only domestically.

1.1.44 INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Top Lines

- International development is a key part of Scotland’s global contribution within the international community. It encompasses our core values, historical and contemporary, of fairness and equality. It is about Scotland acting as a good global citizen.
- In addition to Scotland’s contribution to the UK aid budget, the Scottish Government further contributes internationally through its own international

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development programmes, and efforts to reduce the impact of climate change on the world's poorest communities.

- We have a distinctive development contribution to make, through focusing Scotland's expertise, being innovative and employing our unique partnership approach, for global good.
- Our Vision in our Strategy is to contribute to sustainable development and the fight against poverty, injustice, and inequality internationally.
- In light of the Covid-19 Pandemic we decided to carry out a Review of our approach to International Development in 2020, to focus our work on areas where we can make the biggest contribution and difference in our partner countries against the backdrop of the new reality of the Pandemic, and the Black Lives Matter movement
- Scotland can be a global leader in international development - being a global leader is not necessarily just about size in absolute monetary terms, but the impact that you can make - across Government policy and wider involvement outwith Government. Scotland can also be an ethical leader, internationally. We will continue to adopt progressive policies, including our commitment to a Feminist approach to International Relations (FAIR).

Geographic Focus

- SG remains committed to its existing partner countries, in line with its 2016 Strategy.
 - Malawi, Zambia, and Rwanda will form the Scottish Government's African partner countries, enabling the fostering of learning across borders by all involved and support for south-south cooperation and knowledge sharing; and
 - Pakistan: there will be a strong ongoing emphasis on education, through scholarships.

New International Development Programme

- Following discussion with our partner countries, we have refocused our work thematically, and further evolved our approach. We are clear that how we fund is equally as important as what we fund:
- How: in designing/implementing our new programmes, we're now guided by 3 underpinning approaches: our new International Development Principles; mainstreaming equality; pursuing an equalising power agenda.
- What: launching new international development programmes with our partner countries, where we are looking to collaborate on tackling non-communicable diseases, support inclusive education for those with additional support needs, and work together on advancing the rights of women and girls. We are also responding to our partner countries' asks on renewable energy.

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Health Programme

- In alignment with discussions with health leads from partners countries, and the emerging evidence on the impact of the pandemic on health in the global south, our new portfolio will support better health outcomes in Malawi, Zambia, and Rwanda through three core portfolio strands:
 - NCDs Health Stream 1 (HS1): Multi-level programming on non-communicable diseases (NCDs): multilateral; national; local;
 - NCDs Special status funding: supporting power equalisation through our direct funding of Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, KUHeS, to their priorities – our intention to award KUHeS special (non-competitive) status in our future programme in this way was announced in a March 2021 GIPQ; and
 - NHS Health Partnerships Programme (HPP): platform to facilitate partnership working between Scotland and our partner countries to respond to existing and emerging health challenges.
- Programme for Government commitment to: *“Be a global champion in tackling non-communicable diseases – the world’s leading cause of death – by developing new programmes with Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda to build stronger health systems for those in the Global South, developed by those in the Global South.”*

Education Programme

- In line with the discussions with our partner country governments during our review, and the emerging evidence on the impact of the pandemic on education in the global south during the review, our new programme will support inclusive education in Malawi, Zambia, and Rwanda through 2 key initiatives:
 - support for learners with additional support needs; and
 - support for girls/women’s education.
- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
- [redacted Reg.10(4)(e)]
- We have continued to fund our Scotland Pakistan Scholarships for Young Women and Girls since 2013 through an annual grant to the British Council Pakistan, currently of £400,000. We are currently in discuss with the British Council Pakistan on the future shaping of this Scholarships Programme beyond April 2024.
- Programme for Government commitment to: *“Together with our partner countries, become global leaders and champions for change by developing new programmes with Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda and Pakistan to support inclusive education, with a focus on improving access to education for the most marginalised – particularly girls and learners with additional support needs.”*

Equalities Programme

- In the March 2021 Ministerial GIPQ, we set out clearly that one of the key deliverables from our Review would be a new distinct equalities programme,

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with a particular focus on supporting the promotion of equality and empowerment of women and girls.

- Have are working to establish a new Women and Girls Empowerment Fund, funding local organisations in partner countries to ensure women and girls are safe, equal, and respected. The overall aim of this Fund is to empower women and girls in Malawi, Rwanda, and Zambia by supporting advocacy and/or capacity building of local women's organisations and movements.
- As a mechanism to track SG ODA-spend under the IDF in support of gender equality and women's rights, we will look to report against the OECD DAC Gender Equality Policy Marker.
- Programme for Government commitment to: *"Develop new programmes to support equalities, including codeveloping through a participatory approach a new Women and Girls Fund to provide funding to support women and girls in Malawi, Zambia and Rwanda, with the advancement of gender equality as a principal objective."*

Global Citizenship

- Our new Global Citizenship Programme is aimed at continuing to support and promoting global citizenship / solidarity more generally in Scotland.
- We core fund four international development networking organisations: the Alliance, Scotland Malawi Partnership (SMP), and the Scottish Fair Trade Forum in Scotland, and the Malawi Scotland Partnership (MaSP) in Malawi.
- In consultation with stakeholders, we have been considering how best we support small iNGOs/CSOs in terms of capacity strengthening (in particular governance) and smart/targeted advocacy. There will be no project funding within this Fund, as the rationale from our independent review of our former Small Grants Programme remains.
- We are also exploring how we would support medium sized NGOs in our new programme. We can reassure Scottish stakeholders that there will continue to be funding opportunities for them in relevant areas, with details forthcoming.

Global Renewables Centre

- The Scottish Global Renewables Centre (GRC), hosted by Strathclyde University will facilitate knowledge exchange between international development partner countries and the Scottish renewables sector.
- The GRC has a cross-cutting (nexus) themes of: leadership from the Global South, climate justice, and gender mainstreaming embedded in its strategy to help ensure that the Centre's initiatives are more equitable, inclusive, and effective in achieving the objective of increased deployment of renewable energy.

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Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
GILLIAN MARTIN, MSP



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NY Climate Week

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Climate Week NYC Hub Live event: Capital for Change: Tackling Accessibility in Climate Funding

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**Climate Week NYC Hub Live event: Capital for Change:
Tackling Accessibility in Climate Funding**

23 September – 11:00-11:50 [attending from 11:20] - The Glass House, 660 12th Ave, NY

Speaking Note - Question 1: As we work towards COP29 and a new collective climate finance goal (NCQG), how can we ensure that this finance reaches the most vulnerable and marginalised communities, while supporting subnational governments in their efforts to drive meaningful climate action?

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Introduction

Thank you Speaker for such a timely question as we set the pace here at New York Climate Week in anticipation for work on the NCQG at COP29.

Climate Justice Approach

I would like to begin by acknowledging that the NCQG presents an opportunity to rebuild trust and deliver justice to those experiencing the immediate impacts of the climate crisis in the Global South.

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Global North countries, like Scotland, have a moral responsibility to act.

The Scottish Government champions a climate justice approach and has demonstrated its commitment by trebling our world first Climate Justice Fund to £36 million over this parliamentary term.

Our work takes a human rights- based approach.

This aims to empower the most marginalised within communities, such as women, young people, people with disabilities, and indigenous people, to participate and take action in building resilience to the material and social impacts of climate change.

While our funding may be modest relative to global needs, we believe it is an important first step to scaling up and mobilising greater action.

Subnational Leadership

As we work towards a New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance, it is more important than ever that every level of government and society steps up to play its part.

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Devolved, state, and regional governments, along with civil society and non-state actors, must take an active role in driving the ambition of the NCQG.

One way we will seek to do this as a devolved government is through strengthening the collective voice of subnational governments.

This can be achieved by fostering closer cooperation within our existing networks: such as the Regions4 Network, the European Committee of the Regions, and C40 Cities.

Principles for the NCQG

It's not just that we need to work together. We also need to agree on some key principles to frame the approach. For Scotland, we know that climate finance needs to reach communities **urgently** – the need to act now has never been clearer.

Gender-responsive Climate Finance

We know too climate finance must account for the needs for the most vulnerable - the NCQG must recognise and address the existing inequalities at the heart of the climate crisis.

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In particular, there must be particular consideration to advancing gender equality in the deployment of any climate finance. It is women and girls then all too often bear the greater impacts of climate change.

This is the approach Scotland has taken through our Climate Justice Fund programming, supporting vulnerable communities around the world and vulnerable groups within communities in particular.

One way a gender-responsive approach to distributing climate finance can be achieved is through **increased accountability to track finance allocation and spend.**

Consistent with our own approach, **we urge funders to adopt and report against the OECD-DAC gender marker for their climate finance contributions.**

Doing so will help ensure that finance reaches and is responsive to the needs of women and girls across the Global South.

Sub-goal on Loss and Damage

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At COP26, we made the decision to become the first global north government to commit funding to explicitly address loss and damage.

Since then, we have continued to make the case for urgent, practical action on loss and damage, standing in solidarity with those in the Global South.

This is why the Scottish Government are calling for the NCQG to include a sub-goal on finance to address loss and damage.

This will ensure that Loss and Damage is treated **as the third pillar of international climate finance**: alongside adaptation and mitigation.

It is vital that the NCQG is established at COP29 as a framework for driving urgent, ambitious and community- led action on climate finance, incorporating the crucial role that everyone, including subnational governments and non-state actors, have in driving change.

Speaking Note - Question 2: From your perspective, how can governments at all levels collaborate to maximize investment in climate projects?

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Here in the Scottish Government, experience has shown us that **every piece of funding has the ability to make a real, tangible difference** to communities on the ground in the Global South.

In order to maximise international climate finance investment, I suggest that there are three key approaches needed to maximise investment –all centred on collaboration.

First, we need to **inspire one another to act**, not just talk. For Scotland, this has been about quickly mobilising our funding to address Loss and Damage primarily to ensure communities received support, but also to galvanise action from others, demonstrating that action to address loss and damage does not - and indeed cannot - wait. We were delighted that at COP27 and then at COP28 other governments also committed finance. I hope that this funding has already made a difference to communities.

We also need to **learn from one another**. As co-chair of the Under2 Coalition and President of Regions4, and working closely with others including C40, we know that all levels of government have important contributions to make.

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These networks allow us to share our learnings from programming, incorporate learnings from others to better our own work, and to leverage our role to encourage other actors to drive forward further and faster action on equitable, partner-country led financing.

Finally, **we need to be practical**. This means that need beyond learning lessons from one another, we need to set up programmes that foster collaboration. At COP28, we launched our £5m, Non- Economic Loss and Damage (NELD) programme, delivered through the Climate Justice Resilience Fund.

The programme is the **world's first dedicated funding for NELD** - at its core taking a participatory, gender- responsive approach.

Although in its infancy, this programme is an excellent example of programming that can be scaled up with others able to contribute through a pooled funding arrangement.

In essence, we know that we can achieve more when collaborate and work together.

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2. Saturday 21 September

3. Meeting with Elizabeth Wathuti	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Bilateral meeting
Date	21 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Wathuti, Kenyan youth climate activist and founder of the Green Generation Initiative
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meeting took place as part of the Cabinet Secretary's engagements for New York Climate Week. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(f)] • Cabinet Secretary expressed SG priorities for COP and discussed SG's objectives to use subnational governments' strength to amplify global south voices. • Cabinet Secretary highlighted that Elizabeth was a future leader and emphasised the importance of Elizabeth's commitment and her influence in making a difference. • Elizabeth spoke about the African Youth Assembly, Energy and Agriculture innovations, youth led engagement and working with AU and climate councils to mobilise and make engaging young people process easier. Elizabeth mentioned that Kenya has chairperson of African youth negotiators • Elizabeth gave an overview of some of the water scarcity challenges being faced by Kenyan regions and measures taken to tackle them. Elizabeth highlighted the green village initiative which is a result of the success of the measures taken to reverse a completely dry area into a thriving, green village. Elizabeth expressed how she would like scale up and demonstrate what small communities have done
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Meeting with Sheila Peters, Member of the Executive Committee for Environment, Gauteng Province	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Meeting
Date	21 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Peters, Member of the Executive Committee for Environment, Gauteng Province • [redacted EIRs reg 11(2)] • [redacted EIRs reg 11(2)] • [redacted EIRs reg 11(2)]
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheila Peters and has been recently appointed to her position and introduced and praised her team for the efforts undertaken on climate this far • Gauteng province priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)] • Cabinet Secretary expressed how the Scottish Government is eager to learn from other governments and her willingness to continue mutual learning, especially on waste management. Cabinet Secretary shared success stories from Scotland's carbon capture initiatives in the Shetland islands. • Cabinet Secretary shared Scotland's ambitions on heat in buildings and discussed peatland restoration • Cabinet Secretary promoted Scotland's National Adaptation Plan • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)]
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5. **Sunday 22 September 2024**

Meeting with Champa Patel the Executive Director for Governments and Policy, Climate Group	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Bilateral meeting
Date	22 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Champa Patel, Executive Director for Governments and Policy • [redacted 11(2)]
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This meeting took place as part of the Cabinet Secretary's engagements during New York Climate Week. • Cabinet Secretary expressed the need for action and how best to ensure the Under2 Coalition is more effective and moves further from ambition to implementation. • Champa highlighted the climate group's efforts and persistence over the last eighteen months in increasing the role of states and regions Internationally and ensuring they are at the centre of climate conversations. • Champa thanked Cabinet Secretary for Scotland's Support in working collaboratively towards objectives. • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)]
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Meeting with Huw Irranca-Davies and Andrew Muir	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Introductory meeting with Huw Irranca-Davies and Andrew Muir

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Date	22 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Wales • Andrew Muir, Minister for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)] • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)] • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)] • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)] • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)]
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Climate Week NYC 2024 Opening Ceremony	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Opening Ceremony with opportunity for brush-bys
Date	22 September 2024
Who	Featuring attendance from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Clarkson - Chief Executive Officer, Climate Group • The Right Honourable Philip E. Davis, Prime Minister of the Bahamas • Rt Hon Patricia Scotland, Commonwealth Secretary-General • Professor Celeste Saulo - Secretary General, World Meteorological Organization • Ezgi Barcenas - Chief Corporate Responsibility Officer, L'Oréal Groupe • Stephanie Abrams - Meteorologist, The Weather Channel

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Barranco - Executive Director – North America, Climate Group • Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing • Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening keynote: It’s Time to move past ‘business as usual’ • Speech: A planet in peril – the people at the frontline of the grim reality • Speech: A phase out for one, a phase out for all • Panel: 1.5 °C is near – what must the world do now? • In conversation with: Reimagine, reinvent, respond – incentivizing businesses to make climate actions count
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Meeting with Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Brush by meeting following Opening Ceremony
Date	22 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions focused on the strength of devolved states and regional governments and our similar interests in green economy, green industrial strategies and nature based solutions. • [redacted EIRs Reg 10(5)(e)] • [redacted EIRs Reg 10(5)(a)]
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Roundtable on Loss and Damage hosted by GiveDirectly	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Loss and damage Roundtable hosted by Give Directly (NGO SG funded), and loss and damage activists and researchers.
Date	22 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nick Allardice, CEO and President Give Directly • Yolande Wright, Vice President of Partnerships, GiveDirectly • Isabelle Pelly, Director, Partnerships, Give Directly • Emily Romano, Senior Policy Manager at J-PAL Global • Erin Roberts, Co-Founder L&D Collaboration • Ritu Bharadwaj, IEED, Director, Climate Resilience and Loss & Damage/ ALL ACT • Sarah Hunt, Irish Aid: Policy Director
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet Secretary gave some opening remarks and highlighted SG's key principles for funding on loss and damage followed by presentations from GiveDirectly on the positive impact of the direct cash transfers programme to survivors of cyclone Freddy in Malawi from a recipient's perspective as well as the ongoing learnings, high level principles and reflections. • Discussions focused on the importance of cash as a community-led approach to addressing Loss and Damage and offered an insight into the potential political challenges in advocating for direct cash transfers. • Discussions featured an update from the Loss and Damage Fund Board update on 21 September in Baku and an overview of next steps into direct access and community access. • Discussions also focused on the need to build shock-responsive social protection systems. • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(f)]

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6. Monday 23 September 2024

Parliamentary dialogue about finance for adaptation and loss and damage	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Roundtable discussion
Date	23 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mattias Söderberg (Host) - Global Climate Lead of DanChurchAid • Dr Maina Vakafua Talia, Minister for Home Affairs, Climate Change, and Environment, Tuvalu • Tetet Lauron (speaker) - Senior, policy advisor, UN program at Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung • Sarah Millar (speaker) - Programme director at Climate Emergency Collaboration Group • Jonas Nøddekær (speaker)- Secretary General of DanChurchAid
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions across the table and room revolved on the differences and how the three pillars of UNFCCC climate change – mitigation, adaptation and loss and damage – are treated in international processes. Discussions centred on mitigation receiving the lion’s share of funding and how the other two could stand out. A point on need to label or distinguish funds for adaptation and loss and damage was supported by both politician sand negotiators. • Additionally there was consensus that securing of funds especially for Global South should be simplified and strike a balance between verification/good governance and being burdensome.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CabSec spoke to SG position on climate finance in particular principles SG is advocating for as well as approach to loss and damage programmes. Participants showed interests in findings and the outcomes achieved.
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Comment	[redacted EIRs reg 10(4)(e)]
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Climate Week NYC Hub Live event: Capital for Change: Tackling Accessibility in Climate Funding	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	A panel event on climate finance, hosted by the Climate Group.
Date	23 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jebi Rahman, Head of Global Implementation, Government and Policy, Climate Group • Ricardo Torres, Undersecretary of Environment and Sustainable Development, Government of Querétaro, Mexico • Ambassador Kum- Sil Kang, Embassy of South Korea • Deputy Under Secretary Lesli Biddle, Department of Energy, Federal Government of the United States of America • Secretary Serena McIlwain, Secretary of Environment Government of the State of Maryland, U.S • Tom Peterson, CEO and Founder of Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) • Astrid De Reuver, Head of Capital Solutions, Anthesis Group
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The panel discussion was engaging with the Cabinet Secretary highlighting climate finance ambition with subnational and cross- sectoral stakeholders. • Cabinet Secretary was asked the question: As we work towards COP29 and a new collective climate finance goal (NCQG), how

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	can we ensure that this finance reaches the most vulnerable and marginalised communities, while supporting subnational governments in their efforts to drive meaningful climate action?
Attending Official	[redacted EIRs reg 11(2)]
Comment	[redacted EIRs reg 10(4)(e)] A recording of the session is found here: Capital for change: tackling accessibility in climate funding Climate Week (climateweeknyc.org)
Actions	N/A
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Under2 Global Ministerial Meeting	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Roundtable event
Date	23 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premier Alan Winde, Western Cape, South Africa • Governor Kim Tae-heum, Chungcheongnam-do • Governor Mauricio Kuri Gonzalez, Querétaro • Champa Patel – Under 2 Executive Director for Governments and Policy, The Climate Group • Nehmat Kaur – Director of the Under2 and Subnational Governments, The Climate Group • Governor Gavin Newsom, California • Governor Jay Inslee, Washington State • Climate Ambassador Kang Kumsil, Gyeonggi, South Korea • Giorgio Maione, Minister for the Environment and Climate, Lombardy, Italy • State Secretary of Environment, Marília Carvalho de Melo, Minas Gerais, Brazil • Deputy First Minister Huw Irrancca-Davies, Wales • Governor Raquel Lyra, Pernambuco, Brazil • Governor Dr. Agbu, Kefas Taraba State, Nigeria

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governor Helder Barbalho, Para, Brazil • Premier Panyaza Lesufi, Gauteng • Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec
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High Level Climate Leaders Reception	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Reception with opportunities for brush-bys.
Date	23 September 2024
Who	Attendance included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacinda Arden, former Prime Minister of New Zealand • Dan Jørgensen – EU Commissioner for Energy and Housing • Benoit Charette, Minister of the Environment, the Fight Against Climate Change, Wildlife and Parks, Quebec • Helen Clarkson, CEO of The Climate Group • Raquel Lyra, Governor, Pernambuco
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech from Helen Clarkson OBE • Networking opportunity to showcase Scotland's progress on climate ambition and action
Attending Official	[redacted EIRs reg 11(2)]
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7. Tuesday 24 September

Meeting with Anna Shpitsberg	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Type of engagement	Bilateral
Date	24 September 2024
Who	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Shpitsberg, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Transformation, US Dept. of State
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)] • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(e)]
Attending Official	[redacted EIRs reg 11(2)]
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Brush-by with Jay Inslee	
Minister	Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy

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Type of engagement	Brush-by meeting with Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington State
Date	24 September 2024
Who	Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions revolved on U2, Hydrogen and off-shore wind. The governor congratulated SG on both U2 and R4 roles offering support where possible. • [redacted EIRs reg 10(5)(a)] • CabSec offered SG expertise
Attending Official	[redacted EIRs reg 11(2)]
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Would've helped if I attached the photos. Wouldn't it?

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Subject: NYCW Day one recap

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Apologies for the time stamp on this. Currently experiencing what I think is jet lag.

Firstly, thank you so much to every one of you for the amazing work you have done in putting together such an incredible visit for Cab Sec. I know how difficult it was at times. It's surreal seeing it all come to fruition!

Here's a little update from 21 Sept.

Day one completed. Cab sec had some bilaterals with 1) Elizabeth Wathuti where they both shared ideas on how to bring young voices at the forefront of discussions especially ahead of COP. 2) Sheila Peters and representatives from Gauteng Province with a central focus on capacity building. Sheila and Cab Sec exchanged gifts. See attached, captured moment where Cab Sec is showing Sheila how to use a Quaich. Regions4 secretariat managed to join the end of the meeting with Gauteng.

Fun fact: Regions4 was established in Gauteng on the back of the World Summit on sustainable development in Jo burg in 2002. A nice photo with Natalie, [redacted EIRs 11(2)], Cab Sec and Sheila Peters showing the beginning and future of R4.

Day ended with the UN Summit of the Future Action Day closing ceremony featuring some empowering speeches including one from Mia Mottley where she ended the speech with a message on the importance of "Ubuntu". A personal favourite phrase of mine. We then headed to a rooftop bar with some impressive views chosen by [redacted EIRs 11(2)]. I think if he decides to give up being [redacted EIRs 11(2)], there's a calling for him in stand up. We laughed all night. Cab sec included.

Highlights- walking everywhere, food portions.

Lowlights- fatigue

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Tomorrow, we look forward to some under2 engagements and a very much anticipated roundtable with givedirectly!

Speak soon

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