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# Tackling Climate Change in Scotland:

*What you must do*

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**T**he Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change continues to warn that humans have caused most of the global warming in the past 50 years. This continues to shape global policy considerations on climate change. The Scottish Executive has announced its intention to tackle climate change by focusing on three main areas - forestry, transport and energy - and has set its own targets for renewable energy. Local councils are addressing their own carbon emissions, attempting to facilitate a shift in societal lifestyles and attitudes and reduce their carbon footprint. This conference asks how effective current policy is in Scotland and what the future holds.

How can climate change related policies be 'joined-up' among governmental departments and with the private sector to have the greatest impact? Should regulating big business and industrial carbon emissions be a key focus? What are the cutting-edge practices from Scotland and elsewhere for mitigating climate change? How tough should regulation be and how will it impact society's attitudes? Are we doing too little too late?

This conference will bring together key stakeholders from policy, energy, academia, transport, forestry and other fields to discuss what national and local government is and should be doing now for the future of our planet. It will be an opportunity to assess options and address challenges for Scottish business, government and society and should not be missed.

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# AGENDA

09:00-09:50 Registration

09:50-10:10 **Chair's Opening Remarks**  
**Evan Williams, Lecturer from Al Gore's "The Climate Project" and Economic and Sustainable Development Unit Manager, SEPA**

10:10-10:40 **Keynote Address**  
**David Martin MEP**  
*The European agenda for climate change*

- Targets, aims & enforcement
- The importance of meeting climate change goals on international & local levels

Q & A

10:40-11:15 **Keynote Address**  
**Stewart Stevenson MSP, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure & Climate Change**  
The Scottish Executive agenda

Q & A

11:15-11:25 Refreshments

## **A Joined-Up View On Climate Change**

11:25-11:40 **John Stocks, Director Carbon Trust**  
*Good carbon practice for councils*

- Leadership and infrastructure
- Energy efficiency

11:40-11:55 **Professor Greg Lloyd, Department of Civic Planning, University of Liverpool**  
*The role of planning in the climate change agenda*

- Building standards
- Planning, environmental & social issues

11:55-12:10 **John Cowan, Price Waterhouse Coopers**  
*Climate change: effective deal searches & financing*

- Deal structures
- Financing
- Public-private interface

12:10-12:25 **Donna Young, Head of Climate Change, BT**  
*Technology & climate change: minimising environmental impact*

- Cutting emissions
- Technology, lifestyles & climate change

12:25-12:45 **Question and Answer Session**

12:45-13:25 Lunch

## **Forestry & Climate Change**

13:25-13:45 **Roger Coppock, Policy Advisor, Forestry Commission Scotland**  
*Mitigating climate change: Scottish forestry*

- Low carbon energy
- Carbon sequestration
- The strategy in Scotland

13:45-14:05 **Clifton Bain, Climate Change Policy Officer, RSPB Scotland**  
*Land use and wildlife conservation in a changing climate*

- Strategies & policy to preserve Scotland's natural heritage
- Responsible land use for Scotland's future well-being

## **Transport & Climate Change**

14:05-14:25 **Iain Coupar, Marketing Director, Lothian Buses**  
*Green transport strategies*

- Buses as part of a green transport strategy
- Balancing service provision & environmental issues

14:25-14:45 **Question & Answer Session**

14:45-14:55 Refreshments

## **Energy & Climate Change**

14:55-15:15 **Nuclear Industry (tbc)**  
*Nuclear power as part of a sustainable energy mix*

- New developments in technology and management
- Sustainability

15:15-15:35 **AEA Technology (tbc)**  
*Renewable energy for the future*

- Resources in Scotland
- How renewables will impact the average person

15:35-15:55 **John Campbell, Director, Energy Wholesale, Scottish Power**  
*Energy provision & impacting climate change*

- Reducing carbon footprints
- Practical measures to address climate change

15:55-16:15 **Question and Answer Session**

16:15-16:25 **Chair's Closing Remarks**

# Who should Attend

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Political Researchers  
Procurement & Purchasing Professionals  
Public Affairs Consultants  
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Scientific Researchers  
Scottish Executive  
Scottish Renewables Forum  
The Automobile Industry  
The Fishing Industry  
The Forestry Commission  
The Nuclear Industry  
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# Topics to be Covered

Impacting climate change through local government

Planning and building as part of the climate change agenda

The role of environmental management in affecting climate change

Utilising technology to minimise environmental impact

Understanding the role of forestry in the Scottish Executive climate change strategy

Safeguarding the environment in a changing world

Greener transport strategies and delivery

Achieving a realistic, responsible energy mix for the future

Gaining an overall view of the key components of a climate change strategy



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