

# SSN CONFERENCE 2024

**Climate Change, Sustainability and the  
Public Sector: From Ambition to Action**

**22 MAY, 09:15 - 14:45, ONLINE**

**Register now!**

**We're thrilled to announce the return of SSN's Annual Conference on public sector climate action, taking place online on Wednesday 22 May 2024.**

This year's Conference will address the key challenges and opportunities facing the public sector as we move from ambition into action on climate change, resilience and sustainability.

The Conference will welcome public sector colleagues, SSN members, and industry professionals to one of Scotland's major public sector climate change events.

The Conference will present insights and initiatives designed to shift the dial on climate and sustainability action. It will draw on the work of SSN members and bring together leading advocates for transformational change within and across the public sector.

The event will focus on progressing integrated approaches designed to deliver multiple national performance outcomes across climate, wellbeing, nature, health, sustainability and prosperity.

**Màiri McAllan**, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy, Scottish Government will open the event, alongside **Cllr Gail Macgregor**, Environment and Economy Spokesperson, COSLA. We will also be joined by speakers who will share their own insights and lived experience of putting policy into practice. The event will also feature sessions on taking a holistic approach to mitigation, adaptation, resilience and well-being.



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## EVENT PROGRAMME

9.15 - 9.30	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Wincott, SSN Chair</li><li>• George Tarvit, SSN Director</li></ul>
9.30- 10.00	<b>Ministerial Address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Màiri McAllan MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Wellbeing Economy, Net Zero and Energy</li></ul>
10.00 - 10.15	<b>Local Government Address</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cllr Gail Macgregor, Environment and Economy Spokesperson, COSLA</li></ul>
10.15 - 10:30	<b>Scottish Government Policy Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Phil Raines, Director of Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government</li></ul>
10:30 - 10:35	<b>Break</b>
10:35 - 11:25	<b>Leadership, Governance and Alignment Panel session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Craig Hatton, Chief Executive, North Ayrshire Council &amp; SOLACE Lead on Climate Change</li><li>• Rebecca Seidel, Senior Manager, Audit Scotland</li><li>• Stephen Smellie, Just Transition Commission</li><li>• Phil Raines, Director of Domestic Climate Change, Scottish Government</li></ul>
11:25 - 11:35	<b>Break</b>
11:35 - 12:30	<b>Putting Policy into Practice: Practitioner Insights</b> <p>The lived experience of putting ambition into action through plans, projects and partnerships. Sharing practitioner insights and experience from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Claudia Cowie, Team Leader, Sustainability and Climate Change, Aberdeenshire Council</li><li>• Claire Ferguson, Team Leader, Climate Change Strategy, Shetland Islands Council</li><li>• Philip McLean, Head of NHS Facilities and Environmental Sustainability, Health Infrastructure and Sustainability Division, Scottish Government</li></ul>
12.30 - 13.00	<b>Lunch</b>

- 13.00 - 13:25**      **Afternoon Opening Address: Climate Action, the Scottish Economy and Public Sector Finance**
- Professor Graeme Roy, Scottish Fiscal Commission
- 13:25 - 13:50**      **Climate Change, Adaptation, Resilience and Collaboration**
- Richard Miller, Head of Adaptation, Climate Change Committee
- 13:50 - 14:40**      **Working Together to Take a Joined-up Approach to Climate Action**
- Mark Williams, SSN Vice Chair and the SSN Sub-Committee
- 14:40 - 14:45**      **Next Steps and Close of Conference**
- John Wincott, SSN Chair

*Programme subject to change.*