Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference: Next steps for UK critical minerals policy, supply and sector development

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 24th September 2025

Taking Place Online

Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Dr Sam Rushworth MP

9.05 <u>Critical minerals and key considerations for the UK - assessing the direction of government policy and priorities for stakeholders</u>

Dr Gavin Mudd, Director, UK Critical Minerals Intelligence Centre

Questions and comments from the floor

9.30 Policy priorities for building a resilient and sustainable UK critical minerals sector

priorities for the UK Critical Minerals Strategy | resilience, and long-term security | supply chain diversification alignment with ethical and environmental standards | coordination of policy and regulatory reform with net zero goals and the Industrial Strategy | regulation, streamlined planning and sustainability in domestic extraction | strengthening security of the UK's access to critical minerals | addressing reliance on imports | international partnerships and trade agreements | stockpiling or strategic reserves

Alex Minhinick, Partner, Burges Salmon

Luke Balleny, Manager, Energy Minerals and Circularity, World Resources Institute

Mike Blakeney, Head, Government and Public Affairs, Cobalt Institute

Questions and comments from the floor

10.15 <u>Scaling up UK critical minerals production</u>

James Taylor, Government International Relations Principal, Anglo American Questions and comments from the floor

10.40 Chair's closing remarks

Dr Sam Rushworth MP

10.45 Break

10.55 Chair's opening remarks

Perran Moon MP

11.00 Priorities for improving collaboration and investment in UK and international critical minerals markets

Kirsty Benham, Founder and CEO, Critical Minerals Association

Questions and comments from the floor

11.25 Aligning critical minerals with the UK's circular economy priorities, recycling and sustainability

options for scaling-up commercial recycling | feasibility of large-scale commercial recycling and integration with net zero strategy | incentivising creation of secondary supply chains and investment opportunities | embedding traceability, environmental, social, and governance compliance and international sustainability standards | reducing reliance on primary extraction, circular economy innovation and best practice

Gavin Harper, Critical Materials Research Fellow, University of Birmingham

Isabelle Linden, Senior Associate Director, Circular Economy Lead Europe, Jacobs

Dr Christian Marston, Co-Founder and Director, Altilium

Questions and comments from the floor

12.05 <u>Driving sustainable investment and funding, workforce development, industry collaboration and future strategic frameworks</u> for UK critical minerals

public and private investment | developing the skills pipeline | workforce planning, training and regional capacity-building | strategies for strengthening international partnerships amid geopolitical tensions and trade restrictions | developing frameworks for collaboration between government, industry and academia

Catriona Bell, Director, Metals and Mining Transition Finance, Standard Chartered Bank

Dr Marina Y. Zhang, Associate Professor, Australia-China Relations Institute, University of Technology Sydney

Dr Patrick Foster, Head, the Camborne School of Mines and Professor in Mine Safety, University of Exeter

Sevara Madgazieva, Deputy Head, Central Asia, UK Export Finance

Thomas Kelly, Director, Operations, Ionic Technologies

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks

Perran Moon MP

Jessica Lear, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum

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