

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Next steps for non-financial reporting in the UK

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Latest developments and next steps for non-financial reporting in the UK**
Professor Carol Adams, Emeritus Professor, Accounting, Durham University Business School
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Implementation of UK Sustainability Reporting Standards - priorities, coordination and early experience**
transitioning from voluntary to mandatory adoption | interaction with Companies Act 2006 reform and FCA Listing Rules | sequencing and timelines for listed and unlisted companies | materiality assessments and data readiness | comparability and consistency for investor decision-making | Scope 3 expectations and proportionality | interoperability with EU CSRD and global regimes | implications for SMEs and supply-chain data requests | guidance needs and areas of uncertainty
Sarah-Jane Denton, Director, Operational Risk and Environment, Travers Smith
Jessica Bingham, Head, Regional Policy Development and Global Strategic Sustainability Initiatives, Association of Chartered Certified Accountants
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, SME
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **'Progress in public sector climate-related reporting'**
Catherine Barber, Director, Environment and Climate Change Insights, National Audit Office
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.05 **The way forward for social and workforce-related reporting - ethnicity and disability pay gap reporting and organisational readiness**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Opportunities for building capacity and capability for sustainability assurance**
Senior representative, professional body
- 11.40 **Next steps for the UK sustainability assurance regime - assurance, oversight and market confidence**
design and operation of the voluntary FRC register | pathways toward future mandatory assurance | standards, competencies and multidisciplinary skills | addressing greenwashing and improving reliability of sustainability information | competition and market structure for assurance providers | interaction with ISSA (UK) 5000 and international assurance standards | digital tools, data analytics and innovation in assurance practice
Alan McGill, Global Sustainability Assurance Partner, PwC
Murray Sayce, Global Head, Sustainability Solutions, Assurance, BSI
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, ESG ratings
- 12.05 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities for the UK's sustainability and non-financial reporting framework**
Mike Ashby, Head, Sustainability Reporting and Assurance, Department for Business and Trade
Daniel Makevic, Policy Lead, International Sustainability Disclosure Standards, Department for Business and Trade
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Thomas Howard, Westminster Business Forum