

# Climate change to be hot topic at Scottish business workshop

Scottish businesses' vulnerability to climate change is to be highlighted at an event in Aberdeen.

Stuart Stevenson, Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change, will be one of the keynote speakers at the workshop at the Aberdeen Exhibition and Conference Centre on Friday 12 March.

The event, organised by the Business Environment Partnership (BEP), is aimed at identifying the potential impact of climate change on the private and public sectors in Scotland and how they can adapt to cope with it.

"Climate change risks will be linked to common business practices such as continuity, growth, marketing, logistics and building design as well as employees' lifestyles," said Aimee Weatherburn of BEP. "Opportunities as well as threats arise from these changes and participants will be shown a simple tool designed to help them assess their organisation's exposure to weather and climate."

The Minister will cover the Scottish Climate Change Act, which sets targets for reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and the aftermath of the United Nations Climate Change Conference held in Copenhagen last December. Participants there recognised that climate change is one of Earth's greatest challenges but the event did not produce legally binding commitments for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

The half-day event in Aberdeen will be chaired by Grant Keenan, Executive Director of New Deer-based Keenan Recycling which processes green waste from six councils at various sites in Scotland.

Other speakers will include representatives of the Met Office, Aberdeenshire Council and the Scottish Climate Change Impacts Partnership.

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