

Summary of events and opportunities for members

The CBI is planning a busy programme of events and opportunities for the COP26 summit in November. These are designed to highlight business' role in combatting global climate change, showcase the investment and innovation of our members and outline how companies can work with international governments to make a difference.

High-level networking events

1. COP26 International Business Dinner: 4 November 2021 (Hilton, Glasgow)

This will be the largest business audience at COP26, bringing together more than 600 global business leaders and political representatives and experts on climate change to discuss urgent priorities.

Unfortunately, due to security protocols, we are not able to announce our keynote speakers. However, similarly to other CBI events, guests will not be disappointed by the calibre of political speakers.

Members can purchase tickets to attend at [this link](#).

2. COP26 Drinks Reception: 11 November 2021 (Edrington HQ, Glasgow)

From the Sky Bar in Edrington's city-centre HQ, attendees will hear from Tony Danker, CBI Director-General, along with other high-profile political speakers, who will share their thoughts on what the outcomes from COP26 mean for business and the race to net-zero.

With stunning views across Glasgow's skyline, this is the perfect setting to mix with senior business leaders and meet climate change experts and influencers.

Members can register to attend for this invitation-only event [here](#).

Focused debates on key climate issues

We will host four separate panel debates to bring forward the business viewpoint on the key themes of the UK COP26 Presidency. These will be convened in the auditorium of Scottish Power's central Glasgow headquarters and broadcast live online.

1. Sustainable finance: 4 November 2021, 10am

An exploration of how increased private finance can be a key enabler towards achieving the global transition to net-zero and how we can achieve international alignment across policies like sustainable finance taxonomies and disclosures.

2. Energy transition: 4 November, 2pm

A discussion focused on how nations can reduce global reliance on fossil fuels and accelerate the rollout of renewables, taking in to account different stages of economic development and energy mixes across the world. It will also explore the role of business in attracting investment and driving behavioural change in the adoption of new products and services.

3. Clean transport: 11 November, 10am

With transport one of the major contributors to global emissions this discussion will focus on the investments required in multiple technologies and fuels to enable every mode of transport to embark on a decarbonisation journey. It will also seek to explore how businesses themselves, as transport users, can act as key vehicles for change in this agenda, such as in the shift towards electric vehicles.

4. Nature based solutions: 11 November 2021, 2pm

A discussion focused on climate adaptation and resilience, in particular on the interplay between climate and nature challenges in achieving net-zero as well as the role of business in protecting natural habitats including through their supply chains.

Members are invited to hold these dates in their diary. Further details on how to register to attend, either virtually or in person, will be advertised soon through the CBI website.

A regular broadcast from the heart of the Summit

We will provide up-to-date insights for businesses looking to hear the latest developments from Glasgow in a regular webinar broadcast. The webinar will convene guests from business, politics and civil society to review progress, explore the upcoming agenda and explain its relevance to business. It will also profile how our members are acting to reduce their own carbon footprints, particularly focusing on issues related to the [daily agenda for COP26](#).

Details of how to tune in to the webinar will be advertised nearer the time. If members would like to suggest a guest for the webinar please contact tom.thackray@cbi.org.uk or tania.kumar@cbi.org.uk with details.

Telling our members' climate change stories

We will use our significant broadcast, print and social media presence to highlight the activities of business in pursuit of climate change mitigation and broader sustainability. Members looking to share their story can do so by providing details at [this link](#).

Attendance at COP26

We are also keen to understand when senior business figures are likely to be present in Glasgow during the Summit so we can factor this in to our own plans and consider them for speaking opportunities at CBI or third party events. Please use the same form to share your plans with us.