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Riaghaltas na h-Alba
21st National
Procurement
Conference 2026

10.00 - Welcome Address
10.05 Rona Dougall, Broadcaster, STV

10.25 - Ministerial Address
10.35 Ivan McKee MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Public Service Reform,
Scottish Government

Panel - Stronger Together: Collaboration
Across the Scottish Public Sector
10.40 - Nick Ford, Director of Procurement and Property,
11.25 Scottish Government
Simon Brindle, Director Commercial and Procurement,
Welsh Government
Chris Sanderson, Director of National Procurement,
PSD Scotland

Panel - From Pilot to Practice:
Harnessing AI in Public Procurement
11.40 - Paul Kellett, Commercial Director, Department
12.25 for Business & Trade
Rhonda McKay, Head of Procurement, Abertay University
(Chair of the Digital, Data & AI Forum)

Panel - Procurement Capability:
Building the Procurement Workforce of the Future
12.30 - Nikki Archer, Deputy Director, Head of Procurement and
13.15 Commercial Policy and Strategy, Scottish Government
Valerie Bollinger, Director, Major Account Management,
New York, SOVRA
Kevin Mills, Director & Senior Procurement Consultant
Ian Schollar, Head of Teaching & Learning, CIPS

Scotland's Pipeline
Exchange Zone

11.00 - Making Major Investments Matter Locally
11.25 Margaret McSporran, Head of CWB,
Highlands & Islands Enterprise

Scotland's Local Government Pipeline:
The Development of the Fresh Produce
Framework
11.30 - Laura Muir, Strategic Procurement Manager,
11.55 Scotland Excel

Edinburgh's Housing & Regeneration Pipeline
12.00 - Bridget Lambert, Head of Commercial & Procurement
12.25 Services, City of Edinburgh Council
Laura Skinner, Senior Category Manager,
City of Edinburgh Council

National Procurement: Delivering for Scotland
13.00 - Kris Lindsay, Head of Strategic Sourcing & Initiative,
13.25 PSD Scotland
Simon Mollart, Head of Strategic Sourcing & Commercial,
PSD Scotland

The Road to 2030: Shaping Scotland's
Net Zero Pipeline Together
13.30 - George Tarvit, Director, Sustainable Scotland Network
13.25

Scot Gov Breakout Session:
The Supply25 Showcase
14.00 - Representative from the Scottish Government
14.25

Procurement
In Action Zone

11.10 - Delivering Major Infrastructure Through
11.35 Collaborative Procurement
Representative from Transport Scotland

GO Awards: From Challenge to Impact:
How CivTech & Scottish Government
Transformed an Idea into Supply25
11.40 - Barbara Mills, Deputy Programme Director, CivTech
12.15 Scotland, Representatives from the Scottish Government
& Supply25

Procurement in Action: Building a
Resilient Supply Chain
12.20 - Iain Main, PSD Scotland
12.45

The Single Procurement Document, by the SDP
13.20 - Gillian Cameron, Programme Manager, SDP Scotland
13.45 Kenneth Govan, Senior Procurement Officer,
Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

Bid-Rigging Risk in Public Procurement:
Protecting Public Value in Scotland
13.50 - Sarah Cawthorn, Assistant Director of Competition
14.15 Enforcement, Competition & Markets Authority
Adam Brill, Principal Case Officer in Competition
Enforcement, Competition & Markets Authority

Scot Gov Breakout Session:
AI Skills for the Future
14.20 - Rhonda McKay, Head of Procurement, Abertay University
14.45 (Chair of the Digital, Data & AI Forum)

Community Wealth
Building Hub

The Role of Social Enterprises & Anchor
Organisations In Delivering Community Wealth
10.50 - Jamie Lawson, Strategic Partnerships & Engagement
11.35 Lead, Social Enterprise Scotland
Leanne Lyons, National Procurement Manager,
PSD Scotland

Applying Government Guidance on
Community Benefit Pledges and Reported
Outcomes
11.40 - Margaret Riddell, Procurement & Commercial Portfolio
12.05 Manager, Social Security Scotland

Pathways Through Public Contracts:
Employability for Care-Experienced,
Disabled and Justice-Involved People
12.10 - Alistair Kerr, Head of Partnerships and Development
12.35 Scotland, PeoplePlus UK

Scot Gov Breakout Session:
Procurement Lessons from Construction
13.10 - Lisa Goldie, Head of Construction Procurement Policy Unit
13.35 Clare Paterson, Principal Construction Policy Adviser,
Scottish Government

Partnerships that Create Meaningful
Community Impact: Your Tender Differentiator
13.40 - Kirsty Lynch, Head of Young People Learning UK,
14.05 Social Enterprise Academy

Delivering Sustainability and Fair Work
in the Construction Sector
14.10 - Tom Paterson, Director of Product & Systems,
14.35 Considerate Constructors Scheme

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