

Economic Growth: Empowering Rural Scotland

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Agenda

9.00-10.00 Breakfast reception kindly sponsored by [Highland Carbon](#)

Registration, informal networking breakfast and exhibition

10.00-10.05 Introduction

Stephen Young, Director of Policy, Scottish Land & Estates

10.05-10.10 Welcome Address

Patrick Colquhoun, Chairman, Scottish Land & Estates

10.10-11.10 Finding Opportunities for Land Based Business?

- Assessing your Assets (Ian Hope, Galbraith)
- Land of Opportunity (Eleanor Kay, Scottish Land & Estates)
- Succession & Making Business fit for the future (Eilidh Adams, Gillespie Macandrew)
- Opportunities for Rural Tourism (Caroline Millar, Scottish Agritourism)

11.10-11.45 Refreshments, networking and exhibition

11.45-12.15 Keynote Address and Q&A

The Economics of Climate Change

Emily Norton, Chair, Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB)

12.15-12.45 Keynote Address and Q&A

Entrepreneurship in Rural Business

Rachel Ross, CEO, Elevator UK

12.45-13.55 Lunch, networking and exhibition

14.00-14.30 Keynote Address and Q&A

Macro Economics View

Dr Savvas Savouri, Managing Director, Quantmetriks Research

14.30-15.20 Delivering for Scotland

Case study presentations and panel Q&A: Lessons from the Ground

Yester Farm Dairies – Exporting dairy products

Peter Landale, Dalswinton Estate – Renewables & Farming

Zara Gordon Lennox, Gordon Castle – Tourism

15.20-15.50 Refreshments, networking and exhibition**15.50-16.35 Final Debate. Expectation to deliver; can we have it all?**

Jeremy Leggett (Highlands Rewilding)

Lauren Houston (Glenkilrie Larder)

Xander Mahony (Tilhill Forestry)

16:35-16.50 Summing Up & Concluding remarks

Sarah- Jane Laing, SLE

16.50-17.30 Networking drinks reception kindly sponsored by [MAKAR Ltd](#)