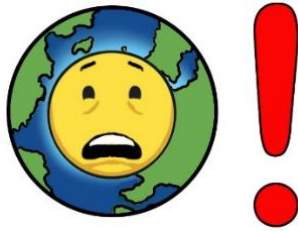


Climate Change: Adaptation Plan 2024-29

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Introduction



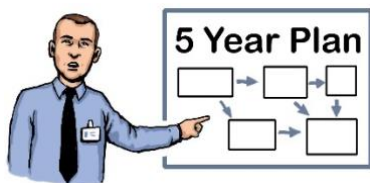
The climate is the weather we expect to have. Climate change means we will have warmer temperatures, more heavy rain and drier summers. Sea levels are also rising.



This change in normal weather is bad for the environment and harms people. We are all living with climate change, now and in the future.



This can change depending on where you live. An island community will have different climate change to a city community.

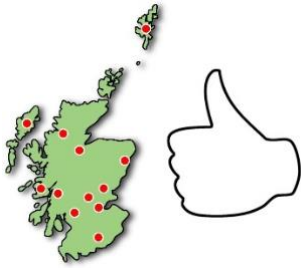


The Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3 (SNAP3) is a 5 year plan covering 2024 to 2029. This plan will help Scotland adapt to climate change.



Our plan has 5 outcomes. Outcomes are the goals we have in our plan.

Key Actions in the Plan



Make sure all parts of Scotland are working together to be more prepared for climate change, including supporting vulnerable communities.



Give better flood warnings for communities and businesses across Scotland. Build better drainage for rain in towns and cities to reduce flooding.



Help households and communities cope with both too much and too little water.



Make sure at least half of all funding for farming is for projects that are good for the climate and nature.



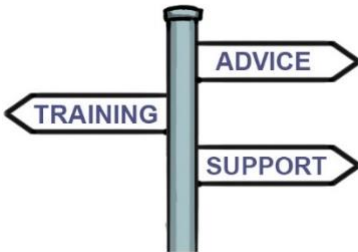
Spend £400 million over the next 5 years to make Scotland's railway system better.



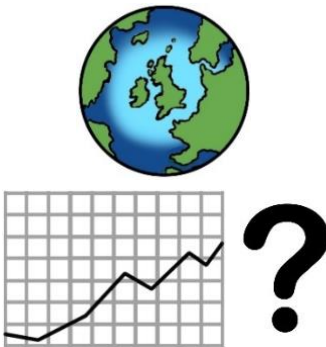
Help businesses, communities and organisations improve their skills and adapt.



Set up a new website to give people tools, resources and advice on adaptation.



Make new tools and advice to help businesses. This will include a guide to help them understand what action they can take.



Set up a new system to help us know where we are adapting well and where we need to improve. Report yearly to the Scottish Parliament. Share the best ways of working with partners around the world.



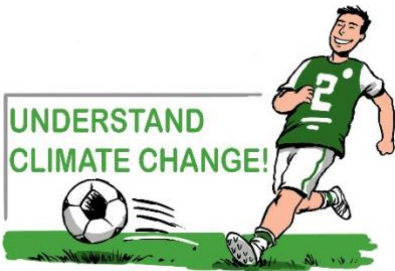
Support our island communities through new and better ferry services. Make sure the ferry service is not affected by weather.



Help communities around the world that have been impacted by climate change through our Climate Justice Fund.



Work to improve everyone's long-term health, including during floods, heatwaves and other severe weather. Deliver climate actions across NHS Scotland.



Help people understand climate change through art and culture, and looking after our traditional buildings, libraries and historic sites.



Set up the Public Sector Climate Adaptation Network. This will give training and share the best ways of working.

The 5 Outcomes

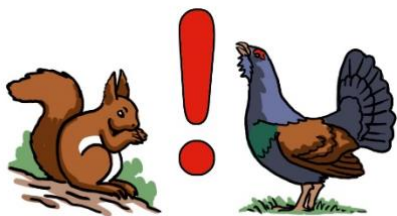
Outcome 1: Nature connects across land, coast, and sea



Nature must be our priority when we tackle climate change. We must protect and fix the damage that has been done to our environment.



Nature is not only found in the countryside. Nature is part of our towns, cities, and villages too. Being in nature is good for our physical and mental health and wellbeing.



Climate change is the biggest threat to Scotland's wildlife. Changing weather, extreme heat, wildfires and new pests and diseases are putting animals and plants in danger.

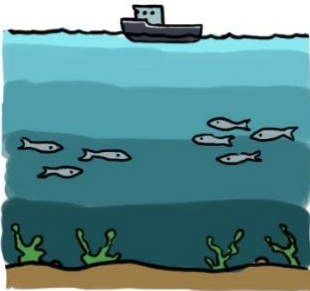


Strong, healthy environments can help deal with climate change. Nature supports communities to adapt to climate emergencies like floods, higher sea-levels, heatwaves, and wildfires.



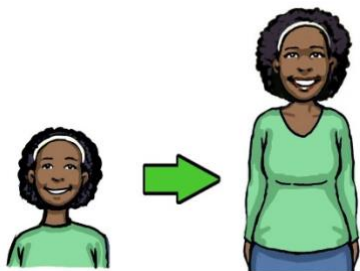
We need to join up green areas in the countryside, towns and cities. We call these nature networks.

Making cities and towns greener by planting grass, trees and other plants is an important part of tackling climate change.

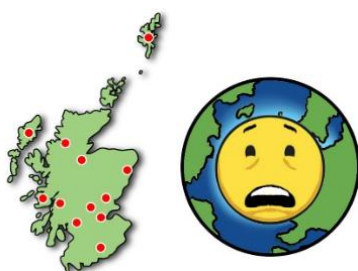


Our oceans are important in dealing with climate change. Coastal communities need healthy fish stocks for local businesses. The sea helps store greenhouse gases.

Outcome 2: Communities are climate friendly, healthy, and fair



Where we are born, grow, live and work has a big impact on our health, wellbeing, opportunities, and experiences.



The climate emergency will change Scotland's places. Challenges like heatwaves, flooding, and rising sea level are affecting our countryside, towns, and cities. We know these changes will get worse in the future.



To protect our communities, places will need to adapt to cope with climate change. This needs to happen while we reduce greenhouse gases.



Our places have always changed over time. We can find solutions to problems that meet each community's needs. These solutions will be fair and make the most of what each community has.



Scotland's most disadvantaged people and communities will be affected worst by climate change. How we deal with climate change can improve everyone's health and wellbeing.



Government, communities, businesses, and other organisations need to work together to tackle climate change and improve people's wellbeing. We need to imagine, learn, and adapt together.

Outcome 3: Public services are working together to adapt



We need to work together to tackle climate change.
We need to do this fairly and include everyone.



Public services are an important part of this.
Organisations can work better and save money when
adapting to climate change becomes a part of
everyday life.



The law says public sector organisations must work
with the Adaptation Plan and report progress every
year.

Outcome 4: Businesses and industries are making changes to manage the impacts of climate change. They are exploring new opportunities



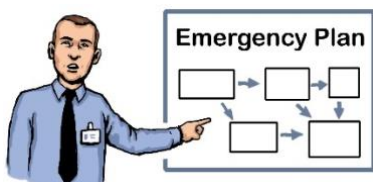
Scotland's economy needs to adapt to climate change. We know the cost of climate change is high. It already costs our economy billions of pounds a year and these costs will continue to grow.



We must act now and keep working on this in the future. The Scottish Government and Scotland's private businesses can work together to make our economy ready for climate change.



Businesses across all sectors are being impacted by extreme weather, which is becoming more common. This affects workers, services, the supply of products, workplaces and daily operations.



Businesses must be supported by the Scottish Government and partners to understand the risks from climate change. Then they must make their own plans and put them in action.



Climate change can also bring opportunities. We will need new businesses, jobs, and products and services to help us adapt to climate change and extreme weather.



There are already examples of companies in Scotland creating new products and services to help but we can do more.

Outcome 5: Scotland supports global action on climate adaptation.



Climate change affects the whole world. Every community will feel its effects. Some communities will be affected more than others. We are supporting communities most affected.



Scotland is a small country, but we want to take an active part in global climate action. We can share knowledge and support other countries. We can put pressure on national governments.



Some of what we can do about climate change is the responsibility of the UK Government. But the Scottish Government will do all it can around the world and at home.

Working Together



Different parts of the Scottish Government need to work together to reach our goals for climate change.



We need to make sure all our staff have the right knowledge and skills. We need to make sure we get the proper funding from different sources, including private businesses.



Adapting to climate change will mean that all of us need to make small changes in our everyday lives. This might mean capturing rainwater at home or shading our windows when it is very hot.



Measuring how we are doing is important. We need to make sure we are helping people to live well in the changing climate.



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