

US-UK Strategic Energy Dialogue Launch: partnering to accelerate global clean energy transition at COP26

UK Business and Energy Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng met with US Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm today (4 November 2021) at the UN COP26 summit in Glasgow, where they discussed strengthening cooperation to accelerate the global transition to clean energy and build back better ambitions.

The meeting marked the launch of the US-UK Strategic Energy Dialogue, a commitment made by Prime Minister Johnson and President Biden in June 2021, to deepen collaboration in areas such as clean energy technologies, industrial decarbonisation, nuclear energy, and energy security, as well as science and innovation.

Secretary Granholm and Secretary of State Kwarteng set out their visions for how the Strategic Energy Dialogue will steer collaboration and global leadership in the coming years – recognising the critical role energy will play for both nations' shared climate objectives, national and economic security, and the foundation for a robust clean energy economy.

The co-chairs announced that the next Strategic Energy Dialogue ministerial meeting will be held in Spring 2022, and that future meetings would continue to prioritise the global transition to net zero emissions, while facilitating public-private sector engagement.

Both ministers emphasised that sustaining the momentum achieved at COP26, and implementing its objectives is a bilateral priority.

The co-chairs agreed to leverage the strong bilateral relationship between the US and UK, to help drive more ambitious action at fora like the G7, G20, International Energy Agency, Clean Energy Ministerial, and Mission Innovation. The co-chairs recommitted to the success of the G7 Industrial Decarbonisation Agenda which they led in creating this year. The ministers highlighted the vital role that international organisations fulfil through their convening power, analytical expertise, and capacity to drive public attention towards these critical issues.

The co-chairs reiterated that all of these arenas must advance global clean energy objectives while working towards a swift and inclusive transition that creates sustained, lasting prosperity for generations to come in a new energy economy that leaves no community behind.

UK Business and Energy Secretary Kwasi Kwarteng said:

The United Kingdom and United States are showing how the world can

reap the benefits of this global green industrial revolution – from unlocking well paid jobs to creating thriving new green industries that will help secure a cleaner and more prosperous future for the global economy.

Drawing on this unique partnership with our closest ally will enable both nations to chart the course to net zero emissions by 2050 while supporting countries across the world in this global clean energy transition as we build back better.

US Secretary of Energy Jennifer M. Granholm said:

The United States and the United Kingdom are committed to working towards a net-zero economy by 2050. This is the opportunity out of the crisis: to create more sustainable, more resilient economies, while creating millions of good paying jobs. We will leave no community behind as we build a better future.