

Start time	End time	SESSION		
		OPENING PLENARY KEYNOTES		
09:30	09:55	Welcome & housekeeping: Nina Foster , Senior Communications and Research Manager for the Net Zero Intelligence Unit at the Carbon Trust, welcomes you to the organisation’s annual event series, Accelerate to Net Zero. Official opening: Chris Stark , CEO of the Carbon Trust will officially open the event. Keynote address: Laura Clarke OBE , CEO of ClientEarth joins us as a keynote speaker calling for collaboration, urgency and action in the face of climate adversity.		
09:55	10:25	OPENING PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION		
		<p>Panel: Breaking barriers — how can transition planning align the Net Zero journey with other organisational priorities?</p> <p>Despite the critical need to drive progress towards Net Zero, businesses face many competing priorities when setting their level of climate ambition internally. Various factors influence professionals’ decision making process, including pressure from shareholders, investors, customers, governments and regulators, as well as financial and economic considerations. The panel will focus on how transition planning relates to one of the key findings from the Carbon Trust’s recent report into the barriers corporate sustainability decision makers face on the journey to Net Zero; making the internal business case. This panel discussion aims to cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Practical steps organisations have taken to drive forward the business case for Net Zero• How transition planning can help organisations from different sectors to place Net Zero at the heart of the future business model, and corporates’ experience of building a transition plan• The role of climate-related financial risk and opportunity analysis in making the internal business case, aligning Net Zero with other organisational priorities, and attracting transition finance <p><i>Speakers: Danielle Mulder, Sustainability Director, BBC Group / Benj Sykes, Vice President, Head of Environment, Orsted / Tilman Silber, Head of Net Zero, Barry Callebaut Group</i></p> <p>Opening Plenary closing reflections: Hugh Jones, Managing Director, Business services at the Carbon Trust offers his closing reflections on the opening plenary.</p>		
10:25	11:45	AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND DRINK STAGE	MANUFACTURING STAGE	INFRASTRUCTURE STAGE
		<p>The Carbon Trust’s Director of Business Services, Tom Cumberlege, will welcome delegates to the Agri, Food and Drink stage. Before a deep dive into transition planning, Tom will reflect on the opening plenary discussions.</p> <p>Panel: How is the Agri, Food and Drink sector embracing new regulatory changes and seizing opportunities for climate action in 2024?</p> <p>This panel discussion will explore the impact of CSRD, TCFD and reporting frameworks on the sectors’ climate action plans. Hear from experts from businesses accelerating to Net Zero and leading their supply chains and customers in the process.</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Joanne Grace, Head of ESG Governance and Reporting, Glanbia plc Paul Irwin-Rhodes, Head of Sustainability, Greggs Nicholas Mazzei, Vice President Sustainability - Europe, DP World</p>	<p>The Carbon Trust’s, Associate, Pharma and Chemicals Sector Lead, Christine Davies will welcome delegates to the Manufacturing stage (covering retail, beauty, pharma and chemicals). Christine will start the sector deep dive with a reflection on the opening plenary discussions.</p> <p>Panel: Getting started on Scope 3 footprinting and decarbonisation — navigating the complexities of your value chain.</p> <p>Our panellists from across Pharma, Chemical, and Apparel will explore the complexities of decarbonising the value chain. The discussion will journey through transition planning covering topics to include: defining scope and boundaries, data collection priorities, methodology and tools, communication and improvement, all with a focus on action!</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i> Richard Henderson, Director Sustainability - Reporting and Assurance, GSK Jose Arguedas, Head of Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability, River Island Laerke Kristensen, Sustainability and ESG Manager, LEO Pharma</p>	<p>The Carbon Trust’s, Associate Director of Business Services, Bob Burgoyne, will welcome delegates to the Infrastructure stage. Bob will start the sector deep dive with a reflection on the opening plenary discussions.</p> <p>Panel: Gearing up for change — effective transition planning and collaboration to achieve Net Zero</p> <p>Guest speakers from three key sectors — Energy, ICT, and Construction — will share front-line experience and insights on issues covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Key elements of corporate transition planning and strategy – assessing risks/ opportunities, roadmaps, and creating the case for change• Factors critical to successful implementation — from financing to engagement• Value chain and sectoral collaboration — from data to innovation <p><i>Speakers:</i> Pia Tanskanen, Head of Environment, ESG, Nokia Ian Heasman, Director of Sustainability, Taylor Wimpey Christie Paterson, Senior Sustainability Manager, Iberdrola Offshore Renewables</p>