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The Summit will assess how far along parties are to meeting the initial Paris Agreement emission targets, and to set new targets for the next five year cycle. It is an opportunity to reflect on achievements, but also areas where more improvement is required. The UK, as hosts, are going to be under particular scrutiny. The Summit is likely to lead to commitments being made which will directly impact the UK economy now, and set the direction of travel over the next 5 years. It is also an opportunity for business to showcase their innovations which have allowed them to prepare for the decarbonisation challenge.

The UK, as host nation, also has significant influence in the proceedings and aims to push a number of areas such as:

- Greener transport,
- Nature-based solutions,
- Sustainable finance and
- Adaption and resilience

In this on-demand webinar we examined the key areas which will be discussed, and what announcements can be expected, and what these mean.

This is the first of three seminars, with the final two examining what is agreed, and how this impacts both large and small businesses, public bodies and consumers.

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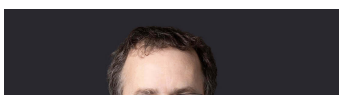


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