

Prime Minister convening first Council of the Nations and Regions in Scotland this week

The first Council of the Nations and Regions will meet in Scotland on Friday, convened by the Prime Minister.

The meeting takes place three days before the International Investment Summit in central London, and the first Council will focus on investment and growth. The government says this is a key moment to “ensure everyone is collectively playing their part to maximise the opportunity the Summit presents for the whole of the UK”.

The First Ministers of Scotland and Wales, Northern Ireland’s First Minister and Deputy First Minister and regional Mayors from England, will meet together in Scotland on Friday. As announced by the Deputy Prime Minister, Angela Rayner, in the summer, the UK Government aims to forge new partnerships, resets relationships and seizes the opportunity to secure long term investment with the aim of boosting growth and living standards in every part of the country.

Prime Minister, Keir Starmer, said: “I’m determined to bring forward a new era of stability, trust, and partnership with businesses, investors, Devolved Governments, and local leaders to boost the economy and restore the UK’s reputation one of the best places in the world to do business.

“I’ve set out that we will be doing things differently, and that’s exactly why we are delivering our promise to convene the first Council of the Nations and Regions as we work as one team to maximise opportunities ahead of the Investment Summit.

“No more talking shops of the past. Genuine, meaningful, and focused partnership to change the way we do business, redefine our position on the world’s stage, and unlock the whole of the UK’s untapped potential to make everyone, everywhere better off.”

Local leaders as well as Heads of the Devolved Governments have also been invited to attend the International Investment Summit to forge new partnerships with businesses to unlock growth in every corner and every community across the UK.

The UK Government led inaugural International Investment Summit is expected to be opened by the Prime Minister where he will take part in an in conversation event with Eric Schmidt – the pioneer behind Google’s transformation from start up to one of the world’s most powerful companies.



Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer met with First Minister of Scotland, John Swinney in July 2024 at Bute House. Photo

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