# **Policy Committee Meeting Wednesday 12th May 2021 2pm-4pm**

Venue: Online. Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84703390863?pwd=UGdvQys0R1l6S1hmc2lhVGZaWmFrdz09>

**Agenda**

1. **Review** [**last meeting notes**](https://www.intdevalliance.scot/download_file/2159/909)**, action points and subgroup meetings update** (5 mins)
2. **Chair’s recognition** of the effectiveness of the Alliance’s policy work leading up to the election. Lessons for the short-term policy work horizon in advance of new CEO starting.
3. **2021 Scottish Election results – what now?** (10 mins)

* Update – what manifesto commitments mean to us. See this [summary of who promised what](https://www.intdevalliance.scot/news/what-are-political-parties-promising-international-development-ahead-2021-scottish-election).

1. **What is the best modus operandi for the Alliance’s policy influencing role?** (25 mins)

* Discussion on signing up to campaigns or the like – is campaigning part of the policy & advocacy role of the Alliance? As a networked organisation across an increasingly diverse memberships, how does the Alliance decide when & where to advocate? Should the Alliance develop and take organisational positions? Recent examples – Crack the Crises, Glasgow Action Plan & open letter on vaccine patents
* *Lewis to put the case for an organisational policy & advocacy voice. Committee to discuss*.

1. **Policy approach on emerging issues** (30 mins)

* Discussion – how do we best influence a future Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill?
* Discussion – What is the Alliance role in a future Indy Ref debate – do we put forward a vision we did as NIDOS in 2014?
* Discussion – how, if at all should the Alliance engage with advocacy at UK level going forward? Should it coordinate a response to the current IDC inquiry into cut impacts? [See details here](https://committees.parliament.uk/work/940/future-of-uk-aid/).

1. **COP26 and climate – update and info sharing** (10 mins)
2. **AOB** (10 mins)

**Next Meeting:** August 2021, Doodle poll will be sent out