

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Next steps for UK industrial policy

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Industrial policy and priorities for future development**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Stakeholder priorities for the UK's industrial policy**
assessing the Government's current approach | issues for key industries moving forward | devolved responsibilities and localised strategies | talent pipelines and fostering innovation | sponsorships and funding | supporting the UK's long-term interests
Seamus Nevin, Interim Policy Director, Make UK
Hilary Chipping, Chief Executive, South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership
Giles Wilkes, Specialist Partner, Flint Global; and Senior Fellow, Institute for Government
Senior representative, university
Senior representative, SME
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.25 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.30 Break
- 10.40 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.45 **Alternative approaches to industrial policy**
Benedict Macon-Cooney, Chief Policy Strategist, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **Supporting R&D, innovation and investment within key sectors**
Senior representative, innovation
- 11.20 **Putting in place enablers for UK industrial development and growth**
supporting innovation | R&D | effective partnerships | economic growth and job security | skills development
Sharon Todd, CEO, Society of Chemical Industry
Professor Luke Georghiou, Deputy President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Manchester
Louise Hellem, Chief Economist, Confederation of British Industry
Senior representative, local authority
- 11.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 **Learning from international industrial strategy**
Senior representative, policy
- 12.15 **Channelling industrial strategy to support key national policy goals**
sustainable growth | achieving net zero targets | levelling up | economic growth and job security
Dr Anna Valero, Director of Growth Programme, Centre for Economic Performance, London School of Economics
Aimie Stone, Chief Economist, ADS Group
Anna Markova, Senior Policy Officer, Industry and Climate, Trades Union Congress
Senior commentator
- 12.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Business Forum