

Westminster Business Forum policy conference

Next steps for UK corporate governance

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 9th September 2021

Taking Place Online



WESTMINSTER
BUSINESS
FORUM

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Kirsty Blackman MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Corporate Governance Group and Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Economy)
- 9.05 **The UK's corporate governance regime, business confidence, and supporting economic recovery in the wake of the pandemic**
Sir Donald Brydon, Chairman, The Sage Group and Tide Holdings and Author, The Brydon Review, Independent Review into the Quality and Effectiveness of Audit (2019)
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **Priorities for ARGA - powers, scope and establishing its role in promoting quality, competition, and good corporate governance, and protecting investors and the wider public interest**
Professor Prem Sikka, Emeritus Professor of Accounting, University of Essex
Joanna Valentine, Special Counsel, Corporate Group, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft
Dr Roger Barker, Director of Policy and Corporate Governance, Institute of Directors
Sotiris Kroustis, Partner, PwC
Senior representative, business
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Chair's closing remarks**
Kirsty Blackman MP, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Corporate Governance Group and Shadow SNP Spokesperson (Economy)
- 10.35 Break
- 10.45 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Bowles, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Corporate Governance
- 10.50 **Scrutiny of large businesses, bonus reforms, and the role of directors in driving change**
Dermot Hanley, INED and Board Member, Private Equity Specialty Financing Co
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.10 **The role of corporate governance in driving investor confidence and maintaining the UK as an attractive investment destination**
Catherine Howarth, Chief Executive, ShareAction
- 11.20 **Next steps for the audit profession - the way forward for driving competition and quality, increasing choice for customers, and improving public confidence**
Alison Horrocks, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer and Company Secretary, Inmarsat
Shreya Nanda, Economist, Centre for Economic Justice, Institute for Public Policy Research
Professor Karthik Ramanna, Professor of Business and Public Policy and Director, Master of Public Policy Programme, Blavatnik School of Government, University of Oxford
Iain Wright, Head of Reputation and Influence, Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales
Senior representative, audit
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.15 Break
- 12.20 **Key priorities for policy**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Bowles, Officer, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Corporate Governance
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Business Forum