

Westminster eForum policy conference

Delivering 5G in the UK - progress and lessons so far, market development, supply chain diversification, innovation, partnerships, infrastructure and coverage

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Priorities for delivering 5G in the UK and taking forward lessons from the 5G Testbeds and Trials Programme**
Ian Smith, Programme Director, 5G Testbeds and Trials, DCMS
- 9.20 **Developing the ecosystem to support 5G development and innovation in the UK**
Robert Driver, Head, UK5G
- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Assessing the 5G Supply Chain Diversification Strategy - Open RAN adoption, resilience and security, and addressing issues around supply chain accessibility for new market entrants**
Dr Dritan Kaleshi, Director of 5G Technology, Digital Catapult
Dr Howard Benn, VP Communications Research, Samsung Electronics UK
Senior representative, mobile operator
Senior analyst
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.25 **Priorities for facilitating R&D in the sector, developing industry partnerships, and fostering innovation**
Regius Professor Rahim Tafazolli, Director and Founder, Institute of Communication Systems and 5G Innovation Centre, University of Surrey
- 11.35 **An update on the international uptake of 5G and the potential for growth and collaboration for the UK**
Dr Mike Short, Chief Scientific Adviser, Department for International Trade
- 11.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.00 Break
- 12.05 **Next steps for infrastructure development and broadening coverage across the UK - tackling the key challenges for rolling out 5G across the UK and enhancing consumer experience**
Paul Morris, Head of Government Affairs, Vodafone
Senior representative, infrastructure
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, legal
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster eForum