

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, Chief Executive Officer, 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
Senior representative, workforce
Senior representative, industry
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