

## Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

### Next steps for UK industrial policy

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> June 2024

\*\*\*Taking place online\*\*\*



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Dr Sana Zakaria, Research Leader, RAND Europe
- 9.05 **'What's new in new approaches to industrial strategy?'**  
Dr Nick O'Donovan, Senior Lecturer, Political Economy and Public Policy, Keele University
- 9.15 **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*  
Giles Wilkes, Specialist Partner, Flint Global; and Senior Fellow, Institute for Government  
Seamus Nevin, Interim Policy Director, Make UK  
Hilary Chipping, Economy and Innovation, Strategy Advisor, Oxford to Cambridge Partnership  
Greg Wade, Head, Innovation Policy, UK Universities  
Chris Russell, Senior Policy Manager, Federation of Small Businesses
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.10 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Dr Sana Zakaria, Research Leader, RAND Europe
- 10.15 Break
- 10.25 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Sara Stefanini, EMEA Climate Policy Editor, Carbon Pulse
- 10.30 **Alternative approaches to industrial policy**  
Benedict Macon-Cooney, Chief Policy Strategist, Tony Blair Institute for Global Change  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Supporting R&D, innovation and investment within key sectors**  
Dr Jeremy Silver, Director, Media Clarity
- 11.00 **Putting in place enablers for UK industrial development and growth**  
*supporting innovation | R&D | effective partnerships | economic growth and job security | skills development*  
Dr Sana Zakaria, Research Leader, RAND Europe  
Sharon Todd, CEO, SCI (Society of Chemical Industry)  
Professor Luke Georghiou, Deputy President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Manchester  
Louise Hellem, Chief Economist, Confederation of British Industry  
Jonathan Skinner, Head, Economic Policy and Partnerships, West Midlands Combined Authority
- 11.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 **Learning from international industrial strategy**  
Sir Philip Lowe, Partner, Oxera
- 12.05 **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, 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  
Andrew Leicester, Associate Director, Frontier Economics
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**  
Sara Stefanini, EMEA Climate Policy Editor, Carbon Pulse  
Amy Wassif, Westminster Business Forum