

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference:

The future for UK international research partnerships

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Earl of Kinnoull, Chair, House of Lords European Union Select Committee
- 9.05 **The future of the UK's international research strategy - priorities for developing effective relationships and identifying research areas in which the UK can play a global role**
Professor Christopher Smith, Executive Chair, Arts and Humanities Research Council; and International Champion, UK Research and Innovation
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 Break
- 9.40 **UK international research partnerships moving forward - re-establishing partnerships with Horizon members, realising the full potential of re-joining the Horizon programme, priorities for research partnerships outside the EU**
Shane McHugh, Interim Associate Director, International, Royal Academy of Engineering
Louise Heery, Associate Director for Global Research Partnerships, Research & Innovation Services, University of Leeds
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, international agency
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 11.00 **Attracting EU and global research talent to the UK - entry routes, and retaining and supporting international researchers**
Professor Colin Bain, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Durham University
Russell Hodges, Manager (Solicitor), Fragomen
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, funder
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Opportunities within university-led international research - tackling global challenges, supporting impact and research capacity with emerging partners, and future relationships with the Global South**
Andrea Ordóñez, Director, Southern Voice
Eileen Linklater, External Relationship Manager, European Marine Energy Centre
Dr Mia Perry, Professor of Arts and Literacies in Education, School of Education, University of Glasgow; and Co-Director, Sustainable Futures Global Network
Senior representative, international university
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 Break
- 12.35 **Strategic priorities for UK universities to maximise international research opportunities**
Senior representative, HE sector
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum