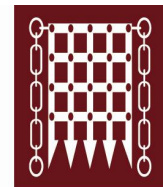


## Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

### Priorities for international research partnerships

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- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Chi Onwurah MP**, Shadow Minister for Industrial Strategy, Science & Innovation
- 9.05 - 9.30 **Future frameworks for international collaboration on research and innovation in the UK - outcomes from the Smith-Reid Review**  
**Professor Graeme Reid**, Chair of Science and Research Policy, University College London and co-author of the Smith-Reid Review  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 - 10.15 **Retaining research talent within the UK - developing a 'Global Talent Strategy', improving accessibility to the UK for researchers, and developing funding streams from within and outside of academia**  
Senior representative, business  
Senior representative, law firm  
Senior representative, university  
Senior representative, research charity  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 - 10.20 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Chi Onwurah MP**, Shadow Minister for Industrial Strategy, Science & Innovation
- 10.20 - 10.30 Break
- 10.30 - 10.35 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lord Bilimoria**, President, UK Council for International Student Affairs; Chancellor, University of Birmingham and Vice-President, CBI
- 10.35 - 11.00 **Conclusions from the UKRI review into international research**  
**Kate Hamer**, Associate Director of European Partnerships, UKRI  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.00 - 11.35 **The future for UK partnerships with EU higher education institutions**  
**Professor Andrew Thompson**, UKRI Champion, Global Challenges Research Fund and the Newton Fund; International Champion, UKRI and Executive Chair, Arts and Humanities Research Council  
Senior representative, EU research funder  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 - 11.45 Break
- 11.45 - 12.30 **The future for the UK's role in global research - building on current funding streams and new partnerships, developing a unique offer, and ensuring compliance with international standards**  
**Jiang Sunan**, Minister Counsellor for Science and Technology, Embassy of the People's Republic of China in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland  
**Beth Thompson**, Head of Policy and Advocacy, UK and EU, Wellcome Trust  
**Caroline Baylon**, Director, International Relations, University of Bristol  
**Shane McHugh**, Head of International Activities, Royal Academy of Engineering  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 - 12.55 **Policy priorities for supporting the development of the UK's participation in the international research community**  
Senior speaker to be confirmed  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**  
**Lord Bilimoria**, President, UK Council for International Student Affairs; Chancellor, University of Birmingham and Vice-President, CBI  
**Sean Cudmore**, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum