

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Priorities for the UK Semiconductor Industry

Timing: Morning, Friday 16th February 2023

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Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord John Walney, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Semiconductors
- 9.05 **'Update on the National Semiconductor Strategy - implementation and priorities'**
Dr Dave Smith, National Technology Adviser, Department for Science, Innovation, and Technology
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Key issues for stakeholders and the role of the National Semiconductor Strategy - supporting innovation, investor confidence and growth, and keeping pace with sector developments**
Dr Drew Nelson OBE, President and Non-Executive Director, IQE
- 9.50 **Examining key sector challenges and the way forward for establishing a collaborative risk, resilience and manufacturing support strategy**
Hiroyuki Okabe, Senior Manager, Technology, EY Japan
Sean Redmond, Managing Partner, Silicon Catalyst
Dr Simon Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Paragraf
Chris Meadows, Director, CSconnected
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord John Walney, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Semiconductors
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Brown of Cambridge, Chair, House of Lords Science and Technology Committee
- 11.00 **Linking the UK's semiconductor strategy with wider national priorities, including levelling up and net zero**
Scott White, Founder and Executive Director, Pragmatic Semiconductor
Jessica Leigh Jones, Vice Chair, WJEC Eduqas
Steffan Edwards, Business Development Director, WJEC Eduqas
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.35 **Priorities for building on UK semiconductor sector strengths - key areas for R&D, attracting inward investment, support for competition and new entrants, skills and talent, and opportunities in emerging markets such as AI**
Dr Nikoletta Athanassopoulou, Head of Solutions Development, IfM Engage
Noel Hurley, Chief Executive Officer, Mignon AI
Russ Shaw CBE, Founder, Tech London Advocates and Global Tech Advocates
Andrew Tyrer, Industrial Strategy Challenge Director, Innovate UK
Andy Sellars, Strategic Development Director, CSA Catapult
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.25 **International standing of the UK semiconductor industry - strategies for developing international commercial and research partnerships**
Dr Jalal Bagherli, Chairman, Probe Test Solutions; and Co-chair, UK Semiconductor Advisory Panel
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Baroness Brown of Cambridge, Chair, House of Lords Science and Technology Committee
Alice Burgess, Senior Researcher, Westminster Business Forum