

Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Priorities and next steps for the UK space sector

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14th December 2023

Taking place online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Lord David Willetts, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Space
- 9.10 **Assessing National Space Strategy in Action - space sector plan implementation, what it means for key stakeholders, and outlining priorities moving forward**
Dr Kathy Bass, Deputy Director, Space Strategy, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology
Craig Brown, Investment Director, UK Space Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.45 Break
- 9.50 **Delivering a skilled and diverse space sector - key roles, education, training and careers guidance, building the talent pipeline, and developing a coordinated approach**
Dr Heidi Thiemann, Co-Founder and Director, Space Skills Alliance
- 10.00 Break
- 10.05 **Priorities for supporting sector growth - application of government investment, attracting private finance and developing investor confidence, support for innovation and collaborative research frameworks**
Keval Dattani, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, Space Power
Joanne Wheeler, Chair, Satellite Finance Network
Professor Leslie Budd, Professor of Regional Economy, The Open University
Hira Virdee, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Lumi Space
John Hanley, Chair, UKspace
- 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**
Lord David Willetts, Vice-Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Space
- 10.55 Break
- 11.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Chi Onwurah MP, Shadow Minister, Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- 11.15 **Regulatory priorities for the UK space sector**
Colin MacLeod, Head of UK Spaceflight Regulation, Civil Aviation Authority
Elizabeth Quintana, Head of Space and Science, Ofcom
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.55 Break
- 12.00 **Priorities for space regulation and sector growth in an international context**
Neil Rae, Head of UK Space, KPMG
- 12.10 **International positioning of the UK space sector - next steps for developing international research, and commercial and governmental partnerships**
Andrew Stanniland, UK Chief Executive Officer, Thales Alenia Space
Katherine Courtney, Chair, Global Network on Sustainability in Space
John Worthy, Head of Satellite and Space Projects, Fieldfisher
Stuart Naylor, Director of International Engagement, Satellite Applications Catapult
- 12.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.50 **International competitiveness - reviewing the UK's global position, potential for international leadership and the UK's competitive advantages**
Pam Underwood, Director, Office of Spaceports, Federal Aviation Administration
James Cemmell, Vice President of Government Relations, Inmarsat
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.20 **Westminster Business Forum closing remarks**
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Business Forum