

**Westminster eForum policy conference**  
**Next steps for supporting trade and investment for the UK tech sector**

*Timing: Morning, Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021*

**\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\***



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Chi Onwurah MP**, Shadow Minister for Science, Research and Digital
- 9.05 **'What's next for UK tech: trends and patterns for 2021 and beyond'**  
**Gerard Grech**, CEO, Tech Nation  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Tackling the challenges facing the UK tech sector - supporting UK-based tech startups, attracting investment, adapting to new ways of working, and the impact of the pandemic**  
**Simon Staffell**, UK Government Affairs Manager, Microsoft  
**Dr Leslie Kanthan**, Chief Executive Officer, TurinTech, and Managing Director, DataSpartan  
**Parker Webb-Mitchell**, Manager of Technical Delivery, nCino  
**Steven Revill**, Chief Executive Officer, UrbanTide  
**Jeff Lynn**, Executive Chairman and Co-Founder, Seedrs  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Chi Onwurah MP**, Shadow Minister for Science, Research and Digital
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Baroness Ritchie**, Vice Chair, APPG on Trade and Export Promotion
- 10.55 **Putting in place the skills needed to drive sector growth - education and professional development, diversity, and attracting talent**  
**Johanna Beresford**, Chief Executive Officer, In Diverse Company  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.20 **Developing a future trade strategy for the UK tech industry - exploiting key opportunities in international trade and export markets, and linking with local industrial strategies**  
**Alison Webster**, Chief Executive Officer, Thames Valley Berkshire LEP  
**Sabina Ciofu**, Head of EU and Trade Policy, techUK  
**Paul O'Donnell**, Public Affairs Director, The Institute of Export and International Trade  
**Maya Pindeus**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Humanising Autonomy  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Future trade and wider opportunities for the UK tech sector**  
**Oriel Petry**, Director, Technology and Advanced Manufacturing, Department for International Trade  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster eForum closing remarks**  
**Baroness Ritchie**, Vice Chair, APPG on Trade and Export Promotion  
**Peter van Gelder**, Director, Westminster eForum