

Westminster Higher Education Forum policy conference

Priorities for international research partnerships

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Sally Morgan of Huyton
- 9.05 **International research collaboration moving forward**
Professor Christopher Smith, Executive Chair, Arts and Humanities Research Council, and International Champion, UKRI
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **The impact of COVID-19 on international research co-operation and lessons learned for international partnerships, knowledge exchange and allocation of funding moving forward**
- Improving international sharing of research data for streamlined research collaboration*
Professor Elena Simperl, Professor of Computer Science, King's College London
- Facilitating cross-UK and global research on COVID-19 knowledge gaps*
Professor Trudie Lang, Director, The Global Health Network, Nuffield Department of Medicine, University of Oxford
- The UK's future role in European research connectivity*
Matthew Dovey, Head of e-infrastructure strategy, JISC
- Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.15 Break
- 10.20 **Encouraging international students to embark on research careers in the UK**
Dr Janet Ilieva, Director and Founder, Education Insight
- 10.30 **Attracting and retaining overseas research talent in the UK - the visa and immigration system, support and mentorship for prospective and early career researchers, and fostering diverse and supportive research cultures**
Martin Smith, Policy and Advocacy Manager, Wellcome Trust
Jacqueline Moore, Head of Immigration, Shepherd and Wedderburn LLP
Professor Keith Jones, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Research, University of Sussex
- 10.45 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.05 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Sally Morgan of Huyton
- 11.10 Break
- 11.20 **Chair's opening remarks**
James Sunderland MP
- 11.25 **Next steps for global research and development partnerships**
Professor Sir Richard Catlow, Foreign Secretary and Vice President, Royal Society
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Facilitating development and recovery post-pandemic through global research co-operation - key focus areas, funding and next steps for effective collaboration**
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
Dr Lesley Thompson, Vice President, Academic and Government Strategic Alliance, Elsevier
Dr Niki Vermeulen, Senior Lecturer, History and Sociology of Science, University of Edinburgh
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 Break
- 12.25 **Horizon Europe and priorities for future research partnerships between the UK and the EU**
Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General, Directorate-General Research and Innovation, and Chief Negotiator, Horizon Europe, European Commission
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Higher Education Forum closing remarks**
James Sunderland MP
Sean Cudmore, Deputy Editor, Westminster Higher Education Forum