Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the UK space industry

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 30th March 2023

Taking Place Online

Agenda subject to change

8.30 Registration

9.00 Chair's opening remarks

Mark Garnier MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Space

9.05 The National Space Strategy and the Defence Space Strategy - priorities and next steps for implementation

Rebecca Evernden, Director for Space, Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

Group Captain Dave Keighley, Assistant Head, Space Strategy & Operations, Space Policy Team, Ministry of Defence

9.25 Aligning national strategy and sector development

Andrew Stanniland, CEO, Thales Alenia Space UK

- 9.35 Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.55 Break

10.00 Strategic priorities for the space sector - policy guidance, support for growth and attracting investment, building UK competitive advantages, and opportunities in contributing to national priorities through space

Professor Joanne Wheeler, Co-Founder & Chair, Satellite Finance Network

Katherine Courtney, Chair, Steering Board, Global Network on Sustainability in Space

Robin Huber, Business Development Manager, SaxaVord Spaceport

Sam Adlen, Co-CEO, Space Solar; and Chief Strategy Officer, Satellite Applications Catapult

Professor Sa'id Mosteshar, Director, London Institute of Space Policy and Law

Questions and comments from the floor

10.55 Chair's closing remarks

Mark Garnier MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Space

11.00 Break

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Professor Joanne Wheeler, Co-Founder & Chair, Satellite Finance Network

11.10 Regulatory priorities for UK spaceflight - enabling programmes, infrastructure and key capabilities

Darryl Abelscroft, Deputy Director - Future of Aviation, Department for Transport

Tim Johnson, Director of Policy, Civil Aviation Authority

Questions and comments from the floor

11.55 Skills and expertise - next steps for clusters, innovation hubs, and the role of space development in levelling up

Dr Barbara Ghinelli, Director, Harwell Campus and Innovation Clusters

Dr Heidi Thiemann, Co-Founder & Director, Space Skills Alliance

Maya Ghazal, Graduate Research Engineer, The Manufacturing Technology Centre

Questions and comments from the floor

12.25 Break

12.30 The way forward for international cooperation and partnerships

Pam Underwood, Director, Office of Spaceports, Federal Aviation Administration

Questions and comments from the floor

12.55 Chair's and Westminster Business Forum closing remarks

Professor Joanne Wheeler, Co-Founder & Chair, Satellite Finance Network

Patrick Owen, Senior Researcher, Westminster Business Forum

