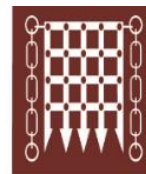


## Westminster Business Forum policy conference:

### Priorities and next steps for the UK space sector

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Lucy Mason**, Director, Cag Gemini Invent; and Member, Regulatory Horizons Council
- 9.10 **Assessing National Space Strategy in Action - space sector plan implementation, what it means for key stakeholders, and outlining priorities moving forward**  
**Samuel Whelan**, Senior Advisor, 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
- 10.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.50 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Lucy Mason**, Director, Cag Gemini Invent; and Member, Regulatory Horizons Council
- 10.55 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Chi Onwurah MP**, Shadow Minister, Science, Research, and Innovation
- 11.05 **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
- 11.45 Break
- 11.50 **Priorities for space regulation and sector growth in an international context**  
**Neil Rae**, Head of UK Space, KPMG
- 12.00 **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
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
**Chi Onwurah MP**, Shadow Minister, Science, Research, and Innovation
- 12.45 **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**  
**Jessica Lear**, Associate Editor, Westminster Business Forum