

Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum policy conference:

Next steps for the UK Space Industry

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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 9.05 **Issues, opportunities and strategic planning for the future of the UK space sector**
Senior commentator
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Assessing the National Space Strategy and challenges facing the sector**
Rebecca Jones, Senior Audit Manager, National Audit Office
- 9.40 **Priorities for space sector development and key considerations for policy going forward**
assessing government policy and implications for the space industry of plans for innovation and economic growth | sector role in economic development in the UK nations and regions | funding priorities and growing investment | collaboration with the infrastructure and energy sectors | space and the wider industrial strategy | improving co-ordination both within the sector and with industry partners | cross-sector engagement on space investment and joint opportunities for growth
Stephanie Ayres, Head of Policy, UKspace
Nik Smith, Regional Director UK and Europe, Lockheed Martin
Debbie Strang, Chief Operating Officer, SaxaVord Spaceport
Rob Desborough, General Partner, Seraphim Space; Co-Founder and Chair, Seraphim Space Accelerator
Senior representative, innovation
- 10.15 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.35 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.40 Break
- 10.50 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
- 10.55 **The UK's position in the global space industry**
Geraldine Naja, Director of Commercialisation, Industry and Competitiveness, European Space Agency
- 11.05 **Workforce development and support for SMEs - next steps for growing and diversifying the space workforce**
developing a workplace action plan | addressing skills shortages | improving mid-level recruitment | potential for developing a STEM workplace action plan | driving diversity | improving space career pathways | assessing government priorities for supporting SMEs | opportunities through the National Wealth Fund
Dr Heidi Thiemann, Co-Founder and Director, Space Skills Alliance
Dr Hina Khan, Executive Director, Space Scotland
Senior representative, legal
Senior representative, SME
- 11.30 Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.45 **Developing a framework to support sustainable space innovation and development**
Dr Hira Virdee, Founder and CEO, Lumi Space
- 11.55 **Next steps for harnessing innovation to grow space enterprise and achieve green growth**
developing a framework to support sustainable space innovation and grow space enterprise | tax system reform | role of the proposed Regulatory Innovation Office | next steps for role of space in tackling climate change | the way forward for sustainable space practice
Martin Soltau, Founder and Co-CEO, Space Solar
Senior representative, advisory
Senior representative, environment
- 12.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Policy priorities and next steps for the UK space sector**
Ian Bishop, Deputy Director, Space Strategy, DSIT
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum closing remarks**
Senior Parliamentarian
Sean Cudmore, Westminster Energy, Environment & Transport Forum