

DRAFT PROGRAMME SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION AND CHANGE at SHORT NOTICE*

Times	Topic	Speakers
08:00 - 13:30	Networking/Exhibition	
08:45	Opening Video	Resilience and support at the heart of the BCC Chamber Network
	Opening Keynote	Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith , President, British Chambers of Commerce
	Government Keynote	Baroness Ruby McGregor-Smith and Kwasi Kwarteng MP , Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy will discuss how we can break through the difficult legacy left by the pandemic and move to a brighter future for the UK economy, leading to growth, resilient businesses, creating jobs and fostering innovation and enterprise.
	Session break	
09:15	Global Insights Leader A global Insights session discussing recapitalisation and access to finance for businesses as drivers for global economic recovery.	Stuart Patrick CBE , CEO, Glasgow Chamber of Commerce and BCC Board Member in conversation with Paul Thwaite , CEO Commercial Banking, NatWest
	Session break	
09:40	Panel Discussion Business resilience at the heart of recovery How SMEs are adapting and transforming operations in response to new global demands. Supply chain diversification and restructure for long term resilience and sustainability. Accessing finance to recover and grow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rob Love, Chief Executive, Crowdfunder ▪ Karen Beardsley, Managing Director, Unipart Rail ▪ Andrew Mitchell CMG– Director General Exports & UK Trade, DIT
	Session break	

10:10

Panel Discussion

Technology & Innovation as drivers for economic recovery and growth, and our increasing dependence on them.

We aim to delve deeper into specific sectors that have been both disrupted and are disrupting traditional industries and discuss the challenges and opportunities in, for example, fintech, medtech, agritech, energytech, tradetech, to name just a few.

- **Karima Catherine Goundiam**, CEO, Red Dot Digital & Head of Tech Advocates Canada
- **Ioana Surpateanu**, Chief Strategy Officer, DIA Association
- **Helen Mitchell**, Director, Innovation Strategy and Corporate Transformation Specialist BMI Group

Session break

10:40

Keynote Discussion

Exploring London's continued global positioning and competitiveness as a driver for economic recovery and growth.

The Lord Mayor of the City of London will share his thoughts and insights with James Ramsbotham CBE DL, CEO of North East England Chamber of Commerce in respect of the City's continued position as a world financial centre. Providing access to global markets, a developed highly regarded legal framework for investment and a world-renowned hub for attracting and growing global talent.

James Ramsbotham CBE DL, CEO North East England Chamber of Commerce with **Alderman William Russell**, Lord Mayor of the City of London

Session break

11:00

Global Insights Leader

Global Insights leader discussion with Miriam González Durántez, Advisor on European Trade Law and Regulation.

Claire Walker, Co-Executive Director, British Chambers of Commerce in conversation with **Miriam González Durántez**, Advisor on European Trade Law and regulation. Former trade negotiator & foreign policy adviser

11:20

Networking/Exhibition

11:50

Keynote Discussion

The future of UK-global Trade & Investment

Jonathan Guthrie, Associate Editor & Head of LEX, FT and **Graham Stuart MP**, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State -Minister for Exports

Session break

12:20 **Global Insights Leader**
Levelling the playing field, making trade work for all

Join **Chris Dottie MBE**, Managing Director, Hayes Spain, President British Chambers of Commerce in Spain, Vice Chair British Chambers of Commerce as he explores together with **Hamad Buamim**, the Chair of the World Chambers Federation, how making global trade work for all nations is key to driving economic recovery across the world.

Session break

12:40 **Inspiring BlueSky sessions**

The big interview with

Anne-Marie Martin, our Director of Global Business Networks and **Ben Francis** the founder and CEO of GymShark explore how businesses can help to reshape the world into a more sustainable environment, grasping opportunities for growth and future resilience by creating and employing enduring solutions that consumers expect.

Session break

13:00 **Special closing video**

A Behind the Scenes look into Israel's Vaccination Project

Anita Leviant, LAGC Ltd Managing Director, introducing **Uri Gat-Palash**, CEO of TEVA Pharmaceuticals SLE presenting the case study of a first-time large scale and complex vaccines distribution operation.

13:30 **Networking/Exhibition**

14:00 **CLOSE DAY 1**

12:00-12:40 **WORKSHOPS**

RUNNING CONCURRENTLY

CISCO - The Future of Work Starts Now

Áine Rogers, UKI Small Business Leader, Cisco Systems Ltd

Work is no longer a place you go, it's something that you can do from anywhere. There are more employees than ever before working remotely permanently, or in a hybrid model.

Instead of going back to the way things were, many businesses are moving forward, combining the new practices they've implemented with the old ones they still like. Many are adopting a hybrid model that can fundamentally change and improve their business—improving employee productivity, cutting costs, and delivering an end-to-end personalised experience for their customers.

Working from home isn't going away. Every meeting will now be a hybrid meeting. Video conferencing, collaboration, and secure calling has become an IT requirement for businesses of all sizes, especially small businesses.

NATWEST – Identifying & Reaching New Markets

Debbie Lewis, Local Enterprise Manager,
NatWest Enterprise

As the world slowly emerges once again, there are a myriad of new markets and opportunities to consider that flow from the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst it's important to re-engage with customers we've served previously, it's also important to consider where behaviours and trends have changed in previously unexplored areas that may now be a lucrative area of focus.

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12:00 – 17:30 Networking/Exhibition		
12:45	Opening Video	The future of opportunity in the BCC Chamber Network
	Opening Keynote	Shevaun Haviland , BCC Director General
12:55	Political Keynote	Special conference message from The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer MP, Leader of the Opposition
		Followed by: Shevaun Haviland in conversation with The Rt Hon Ed Miliband MP , Shadow Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Session break		
13:20	Leader to Leader in conversation Innovation & new skills	Hannah Essex , BCC Co-Executive Director in conversation with Katherine Bennett CBE , Senior Vice President, Airbus, CEO Designate, High Value Manufacturing Catapult
	Innovation and tech-driven industries leading to new skills and jobs. Addressing the long-running weaknesses in our skills base while preparing for new ways of working	
Session break		
13:50	BlueSky conversation Young people as a force for change	Henrietta Brealey , CEO, Greater Birmingham Chambers of Commerce, in conversation with Lewis IWU , CEO & Founding Partner, Purpose Union
	Millennial and Generation Z consumers, employees and activists driving change from the bottom up.	
Session break		
14:10	BlueSky Session Keynote address	HRH The Earl of Wessex KG GCVO , Chair of the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award
	Panel Discussion The infinite potential of young people across the world and the power of a diverse global force for change.	Sarah Howard MBE , Chair British Chambers of Commerce with John May OBE DL , Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Secretary General, Shajjad Rizvi MBE , Chairman of The

Video – Life & Legacy

Celebrating the life and legacy of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and founder of the Duke of Edinburgh Awards

14:40 **Networking/Exhibition**

15:10 **Welcome Back Video**

Leader to Leader in conversation

Investing in our local communities

Speaker TBC

Session break

15:30 **Panel Discussion**

Building Resilience for Business Leaders and the pursuit of a more fulfilled, balanced and self-improved life.

- **Liz Willingham**, Founder Liz Lean PR/ Immediate-Past President Dorset Chamber of Commerce & BCC Board Member
- **Lord Mark Price**, Founder WorkL & President CMI
- **Paul Farmer**, CEO of Mind

Session break

16:00 **Keynote Address & Panel Discussion**

Keynote: by Alok Sharma, President COP26

Meeting our net zero/ climate change commitments to ensure a sustainable future.

- How do we meaningfully engage SMEs and what skills do they need to meet their net zero targets by 2050?
- What barriers does business face in practice and how can large, better resourced companies help?
- Exploring innovative new products and services that companies are developing to solve some of the world's biggest challenges

- **Miranda Barker**, CEO, East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce & Chair of Chamber Climate Group
- **Eithne George**, Programme Director, Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership, University of Cambridge
- **TBC**

Session break

16:30 **Inspiring BlueSky sessions**

Diversity in leadership representation across all sectors of the economy

Shevaun Haviland, Director General of British Chambers of Commerce in conversation with **Alison Rose**, Chief Executive of NatWest Group

Session break

16:45 **The big interview with**

Shevaun Haviland, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce and **Lisa Witter**, Co-Founder and Executive Chair of Apolitical will explore how the Covid-19 experience has accelerated people's demand that companies redress the balance between a volume and a value-driven economy, where profits are the primary ultimate goal. How businesses are adapting to radical changes in consumer behaviour that impacting the way we shop, connect, socialise and work.

Closing remarks

17:10 **Networking/Exhibition**

17:45 **CLOSE**

15:30-16:10 **WORKSHOPS**

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NATWEST – Responding to Change

Change is often something we're reluctant to do, especially when forced by circumstances beyond our control. However, facing up to change and examining both the pitfalls and opportunities it presents is crucial for emerging into a post-COVID world in good shape.

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