



Germany-UK Business-Government Forum

Partners for Growth, Competitiveness & Resilience

Monday, 27th April 2026

Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft in Berlin, Breite Straße 29 (Mendelssohn Saal), 10178 Berlin

Master of Ceremonies/Chair: **Dr Ulrich Hoppe**, Director General, German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce

13:45 – 14:30	Registration
14:30 – 15:15	<p>Welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Helena Melnikov, Chief Executive of the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK) • Tanja Gönner, Chief Executive of the Federation of German Industries (BDI) • Sir Michael Arthur KCMG, President of the German-British Chamber of Industry & Commerce <p>Opening Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katherina Reiche, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy of Germany • The Right Hon Peter Kyle MP, Secretary of State for Business and Trade
15:15 – 16:30	<p>Panel 1: UK and Germany: Driving European Security and Resilience</p> <p>Introductory remarks to the panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HE Susanne Baumann, German Ambassador to the United Kingdom <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Ben Schreer, Executive Director, IISS-Europe; Director, Defence, Technology and Future Conflict

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	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carolyn Esser, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Darktrace - Thomas Gottschild, Executive Vice President Strategy & Future Growth, Managing Director MBDA Germany - Lauren Kjeldsen, Chief Operating Officer Custom Solutions, Evonik Industries - Bernhard Kluttig, Director-General for Security, Gas and Hydrogen, Federal Holdings, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy - Richard Price, Chief Legal & Corporate Affairs Officer, Anglo American Plc
16:30 – 17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
17:00 – 18:30	<p>Panel 2: UK and Germany: Generating growth and innovation through industrial cooperation</p> <p>Introductory remarks to the panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HE Andrew Mitchell CMG, British Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Germany <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rain Newton-Smith, Director General of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amanda Brooks CBE, Interim Permanent Secretary, Department for Business and Trade - Dr Frederik Doyé, Senior Vice President & Head of Europe, Siemens Energy - Marcel de Groot, CEO, Vodafone Germany - Dr Markus Grüneis, CEO BMW (UK) Manufacturing Ltd and CEO Swindon Pressings Ltd - Médard Schoenmaeckers, Country Managing Director Germany, Boehringer Ingelheim - Alexander Zino, EVP Business Development & Future Programmes UK and International, Defence, Rolls-Royce
18:30 – 18.45	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shevaun Haviland CBE, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) • Dr Volker Treier, Chief Executive of Foreign Trade, Member of the Executive Board of the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK)

Reception

19:00 – 21:00	Reception in the Foyer & Atrium of the Haus der Deutschen Wirtschaft
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