

International Trade Conference: Driving International Trade

26 March 2026
Queen Elisabeth II Center
Broad Sanctuary, London SW1P 3EE

In light of strengthening cooperation between Slovenia and Great Britain, **the SPIRIT Slovenia, Public Agency for Investment, Entrepreneurship and Internationalization**, under the support of **the Ministry of the Economy, Tourism and Sport**, is actively participating at the International Trade Conference entitled **'Driving International Trade Conference 2026.'**

The business event will take place in the presence of the Minister of State, Department for Business and Trade, **Lord Stockwood**.

We are kindly inviting the Slovenian Business community to attend the:

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONFERENCE: DRIVING INTERNATIONAL TRADE

26 March 2026,
between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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The international conference is an excellent opportunity for strengthening the economic relations between Slovenia and UK.

A presentation of the Slovenian Business Environment will take place during the event.

We kindly ask the guests to **RSVP by the 23rd of March** to ana.svab@spiritslovenia.si.

Admission tickets are limited.



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9:00 Registration

10:00 *Welcome Address:* Conference host, **Lizzy Burden**, Bloomberg

10:05 *Speech:* **Andy Haldane**, CBE, President of the British Chamber of Commerce
Britain's Place in the Global order

10:20 In-conversation with **Lord Stockwood**, Minister of the State, Department for Business and Trade.

10:50 In-conversation with **a leading global business**
A fireside chat offering a complete market perspective from a leading global business.

11:00 Panel Discussion: **Britain's Global Positioning**

The panellists:

- **Lizzy Burden** – Anchor, Bloomberg TV
- **Sir Crawford Falconer KCMG** – Senior Advisor, Bradshaw Advisory
- **Rachana Shanbhogue** – Business Affairs Editor, The Economist
- **Professor Jun Du** – Professor of Economics, Aston Business School
- **Trever Charsley** – Market Strategist, Corplay

11:40 *Networking break*

12:10 In-conversation with **Navigator Global by Santander**
Discover how to turn global ambition into real-world outcomes with this dynamic conversation between Navigator Global CEO, **John Carroll**, and BCC Director General, **Shevaun Haviland CBE**.

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12:25 **The UK-US economic relationship**

A strategic forward look at the UK-US trade and investment relationship, examining how power, policy and partnership will shape growth opportunities for British business in a rapidly shifting global order.

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 **BREAKOUT SERIES A: A GLOBAL GROWTH CORRIDORS**

Option 1: India Turning the FTA into Growth

Participants include:

- **Rashmi Singh** – Representative for Europe Region, FICCI
- **Iain Walker** – Industry Engagement Director, GS1 UK
- **HE Vikram Doraiswami** – High Commissioner of India to the United Kingdom
- **Aileen Keyes** – Director of International Tax & Trade, Diageo

Option 2: Southeast Asia Southeast Asia: The UK's Indo-Pacific Growth Engine

Participants include:

- **David Kelly** – Executive Director, BritCham Singapore
- **George Freeman MP** – UK Trade Envoy to Malaysia, Phillipines, Singapore and Brunai
- **Winnie Seow** – Ecosystem Development Director, Navigator Global
- **Dario Acconci** – Head of Middle East and Asia, Hawksford
- **Nagma Ebanks Beni MBE** – Co-CEO, Prima Cheese

Option 3: The US Outlook: Tariffs, Trump & the 'Special Relationship'

Participants include:

- **Lizzy Burden** – Anchor, Bloomberg TV
- **Oliver Christian** – HM Trade Commissioner for North America
- **Paul Lindley OBE** – Founder, Ella's Kitchen
- **Duncan Edwards** – Chief Executive, BritishAmerican Business

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14:50 *Afternoon Networking Brake*

15:15 **Breakout Series B: Rules, Regions & Resets**

Europe Rewired: Trading with the EU Again

What the UK-EU reset really means for exporters, cutting friction, rebuilding confidence and navigating regulatory change.

Slovenia Showcase: Join this session to also hear a presentation from Mrs. **Tamara Zajec Balazič**, director of SPIRIT Slovenia, Business Development Agency, highlighting investment and partnership opportunities in markets.

Participants include:

- **William Bain** - Head of Trade Policy, British Chambers of Commerce
- **HE Ambassador Emma Aparici Vazquez de Parga** - Ambassador of Spain to the United Kingdom
- **Christian Doktor** - Deputy Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the United Kingdom
- **Ceri Morgan** - His Majesty's Trade Commissioner for Europe

16:10 **Keynote: Economic Diplomacy in Action**

How diplomacy, trade and business networks are being integrated to unlock growth, manage risk, and deliver commercial outcomes for UK companies overseas.

16:30 **Launch of the Diplomatic Advisory Hub**

16:40 Fireside Chat: Hear from a globally recognised business entrepreneur, **Simon Woodroffe OBE**, Founder of Yo! Sushi.

16:50 Closing remarks: **Shevaun Haviland**, CBE, Director General BCC

Please note that the agenda is subject to change. **The latest programme is available here:** www.britishchambers.org.uk/events/driving-international-trade-conference-2026-2/