

ARMENIA-UK

BUSINESS FORUM 2026



Oxford Alumni
Business Club
of Armenia

OCTOBER 6

MORNING SESSION

08:30 – 09:30 | Registration & Networking

09:30 – 10:00 | Opening Remarks



Aleksandr Shaghikyan

Chairman, Oxford Alumni Business
Club of Armenia
Regional Partner and Head of Advisory,
BDO Caucasus & Central Asia (CCA)



Alexandra Cole

British Ambassador to
the Republic of Armenia

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NIKOL PASHINYAN

Prime Minister
of the Republic of Armenia



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

10:00 – 10:25 | Keynote Presentation: UK-Armenia Financial and Investment Cooperation: Opportunities and Perspectives



Sir Howard Davies

Chairman, Inigo Insurance Ltd
Former Chairman, NatWest Group (2015–2024)
Former Director, London School of Economics
First Chairman, Financial Services Authority
Former Deputy Governor, Bank of England

10:25 – 11:10 | The Capital Bridge: Banking, Markets and Fintech



Marianna Amirbekyan
MODERATOR

Founding Board Member, Oxford
Alumni Business Club of Armenia
Director of Financial Control, EBRD



Martin Galstyan

Governor of the Central
Bank of Armenia



Vahe Hovhannisyan

Minister of Finance of the
Republic of Armenia



Sir Howard Davies

Chairman, Inigo Insurance Ltd



Vladimir Guber

Managing Director,
ICBC Standard Bank Plc

11:10 – 11:55 | Connectivity and Infrastructure: Building Armenia's Next Decade



Viktorya Aydinyan
MODERATOR

Head of Deputy Prime Minister's
Office of the Republic of Armenia



Vahan Kostanyan

Deputy Minister of Foreign
Affairs and International Trade
of the Republic of Armenia



Armen Grigoryan

Former Secretary of the
Security Council of the
Republic of Armenia
Senior Advisor at PMCG



Rolande Pryce

Regional Director, South
Caucasus, World Bank



Vardan Jhanyan

First Deputy General Director,
Zangezur Copper Molybdenum
Combine



Sean Burchell

Development and Export
Director, J&D Pierce



Takehiko Iseki

Associate, Lead Architect,
Zaha Hadid Architects
(ZHA)

11:55 – 12:10 | New Horizons for Business and Investment



Lilit Haroyan

Head of Investment Promotion and Foreign
Relations Department
Enterprise Armenia

12:10 – 12:25 | UKEF - A competitive financing offer for Armenia



Christopher Allum

Regional Head of Business Development EECAN
(Emerging Europe&Central Asia)
UK Export Finance (UKEF)

12:25 – 12:40 | Yerevan Urban Development: Investment Opportunities



Aneta Babayan

Director, Yerevan Urban Development PIU

12:40 – 13:25 | Lunch Break

AFTERNOON SESSION

13:25 – 14:10 | Trade & Investment: Market Access, Export Finance and Strategic Growth



Haig Armaghanean

MODERATOR

CEO, Haig Barrett Partners



Tigran Gasparyan

Deputy Minister of Economy
of the Republic of Armenia



Alexandra Cole

British Ambassador to
the Republic of Armenia



Gohar Abajyan

CEO, Enterprise Armenia



Yuka Masumizu

Associate Banker, Trade
Facilitation Programme,
EBRD



Vomic Nur Shah

Global Head of Origination &
Client Coverage, UK Export
Finance (UKEF)



McKinley Richards

Head of Impact, Sturgeon
Capital

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

14:10 – 14:35 | Keynote: Impact of Agentic AI on the Media Business and Marketing



Alex Connock

Senior Fellow in Management
Practice, Saïd Business School,
University of Oxford

14:35 – 15:20 | AI & Deep Tech: Turning Research into Innovation at Scale



Arina Arustamyan
MODERATOR
Founding Board Member, Oxford
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Chief Commercial Officer, Ucom



Davit Tadevosyan
Minister of High-Tech Industry
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James Fleming
Client Services Director,
Toro Solutions



Yervand Sarkisian
Founding Partner,
DeepTechx Ventures



Davit Baghdasaryan
CEO, KRISP



Hayk Martirosyan
Co-Founder and CTO,
DeepSat Inc.

15:20 – 15:35 | Keynote: Human Intelligence in the Age of AI: What Education Must Do Differently



Rose Luckin
Founder & CEO, Educate Ventures
Research; Professor Emerita, University
College London (UCL)

15:35 – 15:55 | Coffee Break

15:55 – 16:40 | Shaping Future Leaders: UK Education & Talent Excellence



Tigran Mikayelyan
MODERATOR

Dean of the Faculty of Foreign Languages, Khachatur Abovian Armenian State Pedagogical University (ASPU)



Zhanna Andreasyan

Minister of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of the Republic of Armenia



Rose Luckin

Founder & CEO, Educate Ventures Research; Professor Emerita, University College London (UCL)



Steve King

Head of Europe, Central Asia and the Americas – Education Reform, Cambridge University Press & Assessment



Addeh Hovassapian

British Council Armenia Country Director



Helen McVey

Director of Business Development, Royal Conservatoire of Scotland (RCS)

16:40 – 16:55 | Keynote: Global Perspectives on Education Reform: Observations From Cambridge



Steve King

Head of Europe, Central Asia and the Americas – Education Reform, Cambridge University Press & Assessment

16:55 – 17:40 | The Cultural Bridge: Heritage, Music and Cultural Diplomacy



Vanane Ararktsyan

MODERATOR

Executive Director, Keron
Development Foundation



Syuzanna Khojamiryan

Director, Museum of
Literature and Arts



Marios Papadopoulos MBE

Founder and Music Director,
Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra
Conductor and Pianist



Thomas Harrison

Institute of Classical Studies,
Keeper of the Department of
Greece and Rome, The British
Museum



Edward Gibbs

Chairman, Middle East and
India, Sotheby's



Michael Erdman

Head of Asian and African
Collections, The British Library



Davit Poghosyan

Director, History Museum
of Armenia

17:40 – 17:50 | Armenian–British Bridge Builder Award