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Governance and Integration through Free Trade Agreements (GIFTA)

Programme

IMPLICATIONS OF BREXIT: NAVIGATING THE EVOLVING FREE TRADE AGREEMENT LANDSCAPE

*A Technical Consultation Workshop of Independent Experts
February 6 & 7, 2017*

Organised by **Professor Sangeeta Khorana** and **Dr Maria Garcia** as part of the ESRC seminar series '*Transformations in Global Governance: Integration via Free Trade Agreements*' (GIFTA) in collaboration with Commonwealth Secretariat





DAY 1: Monday, 6th February 2017

9:00-9:30: Registration

9:30-10:00 Introductory Remarks

Professor Sangeeta Khorana, Bournemouth University

Welcome Remarks

Paulo Kautoke, Director: Trade Division, Commonwealth Secretariat

10:00-10:30 Keynote Address

Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP,
Co-Chair of International Trade and Investment All Party Parliamentary Group
UK's Trade Priorities in 2017

Q&A, Discussion

10:30-11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:30 Session 1. ROUNDTABLE 1 – UK's Priorities after Brexit

Moderator: Dr Brendan Vickers, Commonwealth Secretariat

Speakers: Dr Angus Armstrong, National Institute of Economic and Social Research
UK's Trade Priorities after Brexit

Dr Peter Holmes, University of Sussex
UK Trade Landscape after Brexit

Dr Swati Dhingra, London School of Economics
Impact of Brexit on Foreign Investment in the UK

Q&A, Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch and Photo Session

13:30-14:45 Session 2. ROUNDTABLE 2 – Brexit and Developing Countries

Moderator: Edwin Laurent, Ramphal Institute

Speakers: Dr Mohammad A. Razzaque, Commonwealth Secretariat, London
Post-Brexit UK-ACP Trading Arrangements: Issues and Perspectives

Dr Christopher Stevens, Overseas Development Institute, London
Brexit: Mapping the Research Agenda

Dr Emily Jones, Oxford University
Brexit and making UK trade work for Development

Q&A, Discussion



14:45-15:45 - Session 3. ROUNDTABLE 3 - Brexit and Public Policy

Moderator: João de Almeida, GovPro

Speakers: Dr Kamala Dawar, University of Sussex
Procurement after Brexit: the case of SME promotion

Professor Sangeeta Khorana, Bournemouth University
What does Brexit mean for Public Procurement in the UK?

Louise Thomas, Department for International Trade
Research Priorities for the UK Post

Q&A, Discussion

15:45-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-17:30 - Session 4. PANEL 1 – Brexit and Consequences for Global Trade Relations

Moderator: Dr Maria Garcia, Bath University

Speakers: Dr Clair Gammage, University of Bristol
Ill-founded arguments and muddled thinking?: Constructing the UK's post-Brexit negotiating strategy

Dr Magdalena Larsen, University of Westminster
Challenges of Negotiating a Post-Brexit FTA with the EU

Dr Tereza Novotna, Université libre de Bruxelles
Any Future for a Transatlantic Free Trade Deal? Implications of Brexit for TTIP under Trump's Presidency

Q&A, Discussion



DAY 2: Tuesday, 7th February 2017

9:30-11:00 Session 5. ROUNDTABLE 4 - Brexit and the Perspectives of Business

Moderator: Professor Sangeeta Khorana, Bournemouth University

Speakers: Professor Jonathan Portes, King's College London
What next for Immigration to the UK following Brexit?

Peter Bishop, Deputy Chief Executive, London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Trade Challenges for UK Businesses

Nick Gregory, Dorset Growth Hub
Brexit and SME Access to Finance

Q&A, Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:30 Session 6. Panel 2 – Brexit and Global Governance

Moderator: Professor Immaculada Martinez-Zarzoso, Georg-August Universitaet

Speakers: Dr Maria Garcia, Bath University
Post Brexit UK: What makes a desirable FTA partner?

Dr Louise Curran, Toulouse Business School
The Impact of Brexit on Global Value Chains and Trade Governance

Professor Syed Mansoob Murshed, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague & Coventry University
The Liberal Peace and Brexit

Q&A, Discussion

12:30-14:00 Lunch and Photo Session

14:00-15:30 Session 7. Panel 3: Brexit AND FTAs

Moderator: Professor Nicholas Perdikis, Aberystwyth University

Speakers: Professor Dionisis Philippas and Konstantinos Konstantaras, ESSCA, Paris, France and University of Gloucestershire
Do FTAs promote long run trade openness? Evidence from the UK post Brexit

Elitsa Garnizova, London School of Economics
Whatever works: Negotiating Non-Tariff Measures in EU Trade Policy

Q&A, Discussion



15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

16:00-16:30 Summary and future plans for the GIFTA network



PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR VISIT TO UK

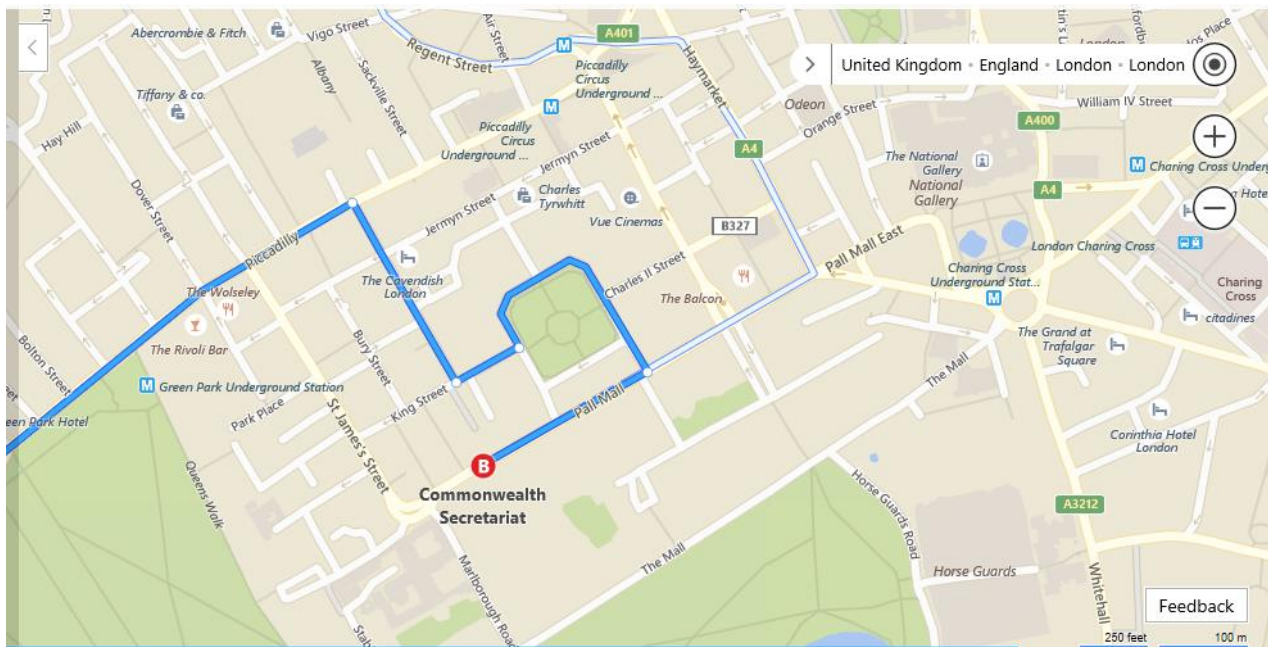
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CURRENCY

Britain's currency is the pound sterling (£), which is divided into 100 pence (p).

Scotland has its own pound sterling notes. These represent the same value as an English note and can be used elsewhere in Britain. The Scottish £1 note is not accepted outside Scotland.

There are lots of bureaux de change in Britain – often located inside:

- Banks
- travel agents
- post offices
- airports
- major train stations.



It's worth shopping around to get the best deal and remember to ask how much commission is charged.

Credit cards, debit cards and contactless payment types are widely used throughout Britain and are the easiest way to pay for things. Visa and Mastercard are the most common type of cards, while American Express and Diners Club cards are less commonly accepted but still facilitated.

TIME

During the winter months, Britain is on Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), which is 5 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time and 10 hours behind Sydney.

From late March until late October, the clocks go forward one hour to British Summer Time (BST).

To check the correct time, contact the Speaking Clock service by dialing 123.

MOBILE PHONES

The UK network uses the 900 or 1800 GSM system, so visitors from other countries (where the system is 800 or 1900 MHz band) will need to acquire a tri- or quad-band set. Contact your service provider for specific details.

INTERNET

Most towns and cities in the UK offer some form of public access to the Internet (link is external). If you're staying in a hotel they may include Internet facilities as part of their service, and free Internet access is often available at libraries. Many pubs (link is external), cafés and museums also offer free Wi-Fi Internet access, so you can sit down and use your laptop, tablet or phone.

Internet cafés usually charge for computer use by the minute. Internet access is generally very cheap, but it is most reasonable during off-peak times.

VoIP (Voice over Internet Protocol) is a way of communicating via your computer and most Internet cafés will have at least one such system installed.

ELECTRICITY

The voltage in Britain is 220/240 AC, 50 Hz. Electrical plugs have three rectangular pins and take fuses of 3, 5 and 13 amps.



Visitors from abroad will need an adaptor for appliances that have been brought from home, such as laptops, hairdryers and phone chargers.

Most hotels will have two-pronged European-style sockets for shavers only.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

British airports

Heathrow has four terminals some other airports often have more than one. Before you fly, check which terminal your flight arrives at or leaves from. The four Heathrow terminals and two at Gatwick are connected by free transfer services. To transfer between Heathrow and Gatwick, frequent buses with National Express take about 75 minutes. Buses between Heathrow and Stansted or Luton Airports allow up to 90 minutes so remember this when planning flight connections.

Transport from the airport

Heathrow and Newcastle airports are linked to the city centres by the Underground, which is efficient, quick and cheap! Visitors to London arriving at Heathrow can also take the Heathrow Express, the fast train to Paddington Station (www.heathrowexpress.com (link is external) or 0845 600 1515). Trains run every 15 minutes from 05.00 until around midnight - the journey takes approximately 15 minutes from Terminals 1, 2 and 3, and 21 minutes from Terminal 5. Terminal 4 requires a change of train and takes a total of 23 minutes. Those arriving at Gatwick can take the Gatwick Express to London Victoria (www.gatwickexpress.com (link is external) or 0845 850 15 30). Trains run every 15 minutes and take 30 minutes. Stansted and Manchester also have regular express trains that are reliable.

National Express (link is external) coaches provide direct connections from major airports (London's Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted, Luton, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Coventry, East Midlands and Bristol) to many British destinations. They also have a regular service between Gatwick and Heathrow and are usually a cheaper option.



Travelling to the Commonwealth Secretariat

From London Heathrow

Take the Heathrow Express to London Paddington
Take the eastbound Circle Line underground train to Baker Street
Alight from the train at Baker Street and take the Southbound Jubilee Line underground train to Green Park
Alight from the train at Green Park
Turn left after the ticket barriers and exit the station
Turn right and walk along Piccadilly towards Queen's Walk
Turn right to stay on A4/St James's Street
Arrive at A4 – Pall Mall on your right.
The Commonwealth Secretariat is straight ahead.

From London Gatwick

Take the Gatwick Express to Victoria
Take the Victoria Line underground train, northbound
Alight from the train at Green Park
Turn left after the ticket barriers and exit the station
Turn right and walk along Piccadilly towards Queen's Walk
Turn right to stay on A4/St James's Street
Arrive at A4 – Pall Mall on your right.
The Commonwealth Secretariat is straight ahead.

From London Saint Pancras International Railway Station

Walk to King's Cross Saint Pancras station
At King's Cross Saint Pancras Underground Station, take the Picadilly Line towards Heathrow Terminal 5
Alight from the train at Green Park
Turn left after the ticket barriers and exit the station
Turn right and walk along Piccadilly towards Queen's Walk
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Local transport facilities near the Commonwealth Secretariat:

Underground Stations

Green Park Tube Station Piccadilly, London, St James's W1J 9DZ

Piccadilly Circus Tube Station Piccadilly Circus, London, St James's W1J 0DA

St James's Park Tube Station Petty France, London, Westminster, SW1H 0QW

Mainline Stations

Charing Cross Railway Station The Strand, London, Covent Garden, WC2 5HS

Underground Lines Bakerloo, Northern

Victoria Railway Station Terminus Place, London, Victoria, SW1V 1JU,

Underground Lines: District Circle, Victoria

Marylebone Railway Station Melcombe Place, London, Marylebone, NW1 6JJ

Underground Lines: Bakerloo

Docklands Light Railway

Bank Cornhill, London, City, EC3V 3LA

Underground Lines: Waterloo & City, Northern, Central, DLR, Bank Branch

Tower Gateway Minories, London, City EC3N 1JL,

Underground Lines: DLR (Tower Gateway Branch)

Shadwell DLR Station Cable Street, London, Tower Hamlets, E1 2QF *Underground Lines:*
DLR (Bank Branch)

What to do in an emergency

You can dial free 999 to reach either the police, fire and ambulance departments.



Local Attractions

The Royal Green Park – Behind the venue
Clarence House – 6 minute walk
Horse Guards Parade – 7 minute walk
Piccadilly Circus – 8 minute walk
Bond Street & Oxford Street – 8 minute walk
Buckingham Palace & the Royal St James's Park – 8 minute walk
West End Theatres – 9 minute walk
Hamleys – 10 minute walk
Trafalgar Square – 13 minute walk
The Royal Hyde Park – 13 minute walk
Westminster Abbey – 15 minute walk
Leicester Square – 15 minute walk
National Gallery – 15 minute walk

The Royal Parks

The Commonwealth Secretariat is walking distance from five royal parks; Green Park, St James's Park, Hyde Park, Regents Park and Kensington Gardens.

London has some of the largest and the most beautiful parks in the world. They are the perfect place to relax and enjoy the beautiful surroundings with horticulture, excellent wildlife and some of the country's most important buildings, statues and memorials. They are also great venues for leading sporting and cultural events.

The Diana Princess of Wales Memorial Walk takes you through four of these parks. The seven-mile walk, allows you to view the sights of famous buildings associated with the Princess during her life including Kensington Palace, Buckingham Palace, Clarence House and St James's Palace.

Cycling in London

Santander Cycles is London's self-service bike sharing scheme for short journeys. You can hire a bike from £2 for 30 minutes at any Santander cycle docking station with your bank card. Green Park station has 17 bikes available and there are a number of other docking stations within walking distance.

Walking Tours of Westminster

If you feeling adventurous you can go on a walking tour of Westminster and view some of London's most popular attractions including Big Ben, Westminster Abbey, the changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Downing street and the London Eye.



Websites you may find helpful while planning your visit

www.visitbritain.com

www.visitlondon.com

www.londonpass.com

www.nationalrail.co.uk

www.nationalexpress.com

www.tfl.gov.uk

www.timeout.com/london