



Agenda



London, UK



October 4 - 6, 2026

2026 AUTUMN MEMBERS' MEETING

Welcome

Tracy and I are looking forward to welcoming you to London for our Autumn Members' Meeting from October 4-6.

It is happening at a pivotal time for both Canada and the UK as our countries respond to geopolitical churn and, in the case of the UK, adjust to a recent change in leadership.

Our busy program will delve into the political and economic realities in the UK and Europe, and how Canada can better partner and collaborate as our government pursues its goal of greater diversification.



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Mobile ready schedule of events
Speaker biographies



📍 JW Marriott Grosvenor House

86-90 Park Lane, London, W1K 7TN

5:15 pm

NETWORKING

📍 Court Suite

Reception

6:00 pm

FROM THE PODIUM

📍 Court Suite

Introductory Remarks



Tracy Robinson

Chair

Business Council of Canada

6:05 pm

MEAL

📍 Court Suite

Dinner

7:00 pm

DISCUSSION

📍 Court Suite

Setting the scene

Two respected and connected senior journalists discuss the political climate in the UK and Europe and challenges facing business leaders.



Zanny Minton Beddoes

Editor-in-Chief

The Economist



Gideon Rachman

Chief Foreign Affairs Commentator

Financial Times

MODERATOR

8:00 pm

Evening concludes

Monday

OCTOBER 5, 2026

📍 JW Marriott Grosvenor House

86-90 Park Lane, London, W1K 7TN

10:00 am

NETWORKING

📍 Outside of The Ballroom

Registration

10:25 am

FROM THE PODIUM

📍 The Ballroom

Introductory Remarks



Tracy Robinson

Chair

Business Council of Canada

10:30 am

FIRESIDE CHAT

📍 The Ballroom

Adverse events, AI and adjusting to change

The Governor of the Bank of England discusses the challenges of overseeing the UK economy in tumultuous times.



Andrew Bailey

Governor

Bank of England



Goldy Hyder

President and Chief Executive Officer

Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

11:15 am

FROM THE PODIUM

📍 The Ballroom

Message from the Chair



Tracy Robinson

Chair

Business Council of Canada

11:20 am

UPDATE

The Ballroom

Strengthening Canada

An update on the Council's national consultation on Canada's economic future.



Goldy Hyder
Co-chair
Strengthening Canada Project



Theo Argitis
Senior Vice President, Policy
Business Council of Canada



Jean-François Perrault
Co-chair
Strengthening Canada Project



Tracy Robinson
Chair
Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

11:45 am

MEAL

The Ballroom

Networking lunch

12:30 pm

FIRESIDE CHAT

The Ballroom

Leadership in a fractious world

Influential leader and former Prime Minister Tony Blair discusses geopolitics and emerging technologies in a changing global environment.



Rt. Hon. Tony Blair
Prime Minister, Great Britain and
Northern Ireland (1997-2007)



Tracy Robinson
Chair
Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

1:45 pm

PANEL

The Ballroom

The investment landscape

One month after the Government of Canada's international investment summit, three UK investors discuss investment decisions and how Canada can become a more attractive destination for capital.



Liv Garfield
Former Chief Executive Officer
Severn Trent



C. S. Venkatakrishnan
Group Chief Executive
Barclays



Ben Levenstein
Head of private markets
USS (Universities Superannuation Scheme)



Bruce Flatt
Chief Executive Officer
Brookfield Corporation

MODERATOR

● 2:45 pm

📍 The Ballroom

Break

📌 Extended Break

We will return at 4:30pm to board coaches to Canada House.

○ 4:30 pm

TRAVEL

📍 Outside of The Ballroom

Board coaches to Canada House

We will board the coaches at the street entrance to The Ballroom.

🚌 Travel to Canada House

We will board BCC-provided coaches for an approximate 20min drive to Canada House.

📌 ID Required

Please ensure you bring along government issued ID, as it will be required for entry at Canada House. There will be security and bag screening upon arrival.

📍 Canada House

Trafalgar Square, London, SW1Y 5BJ

○ 5:00 pm

NETWORKING

📍 Lobby, Ground Floor

Reception

○ 6:00 pm

FROM THE PODIUM

📍 Mackenzie-King & Borden, Ground Floor

Welcoming remarks



Hon. Bill Blair

High Commissioner to the UK
Government of Canada

6:05 pm

MEAL

📍 Mackenzie-King & Borden, Ground Floor

Dinner

7:00 pm

FIRESIDE CHAT

📍 Mackenzie-King & Borden, Ground Floor

Everything's changed

What comes next for the global economy?



Gita Gopinath

Gregory and Ania Coffey Professor of Economics at Harvard University. Former First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (2022-2025)



Goldy Hyder

President and Chief Executive Officer Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

8:15 pm

TRAVEL

📍 Outside of Canada House

Board coaches to Hotel

We will board the coaches for the JW Marriot Grosvenor House at the street entrance to Canada House.

🚌 **Travel to Hotel**

We will board BCC-provided coaches for an approximate 20min drive to JW Marriott Grosvenor House.

8:30 pm

Evening concludes

📍 JW Marriott Grosvenor House

86-90 Park Lane, London, W1K 7TN

7:30 am

MEAL

📍 The Ballroom

Networking breakfast

We will be joined by UK Business leaders who will also be attending our first session of the day.

8:25 am

FROM THE PODIUM

📍 The Ballroom

Introductory remarks



Tracy Robinson

Chair

Business Council of Canada

8:30 am

JOINT SESSION

📍 The Ballroom

Security and Canada-UK cooperation

The leaders of Canada's and the UK's national security services discuss the evolving security landscape and implications for business leaders.



Sir Ken McCallum

Director General

MI5



Hon. Bill Blair

High Commissioner to the UK

Government of Canada

MODERATOR



Daniel Rogers

Director

Canadian Security Intelligence Service

9:30 am

📍 The Ballroom

Break

9:45 am

FIRESIDE CHAT

The Ballroom

The “growth delivery test.”

The former chief economist of the Bank of England offers his diagnosis and prescription for the UK economy.



Andy Haldane
President
British Chambers of Commerce



Darryl White
Chief Executive Officer
BMO

MODERATOR

10:30 am

The Ballroom

Canada and Europe

Canadian Ambassador-designate to the EU looks ahead to the Canada-EU Summit happening in a few weeks.



Hon. Jonathan Wilkinson
Ambassador-designate of
Canada to the European
Union



Tracy Robinson
Chair
Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

11:15 am

The Ballroom

Break

11:30 am

The Ballroom

Business conditions in the UK

What's keeping UK business leaders up at night? The Director of the Confederation of British Industry shares insights into current incentives and barriers to doing business in the UK.



Rain Newton-Smith
Chief Executive
CBI



Goldy Hyder
President and Chief Executive Officer
Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

12:00 pm

FIRESIDE CHAT

The Ballroom

Burnham Pre-Budget

The Minister responsible for financial services discusses the government's economic direction.



Rt. Hon. Lucy Rigby KC MP
Economic Secretary to the Treasury
HM Treasury



Goldy Hyder
President and Chief Executive Officer
Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

12:30 am

MEAL

The Ballroom

Lunch

1:15 pm

PANEL

The Ballroom

Canada-U.S. trade: how do we get back on track?

Until June 2026 Daniel Watson was at the forefront of the Canada-U.S. trade file. He offers insight into what's next for the relationship.



Daniel Watson

Former assistant U.S. Trade Representative for the western hemisphere (February 2020-June 2026)



Jack Hughes

Senior Vice President, Planning and Operations
Business Council of Canada

MODERATOR

2:00 pm

Break

Extended Break

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5:45 pm

TRAVEL

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Travel to Sky Garden

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Security Screening

Please note there will be security and bag screening upon arrival at Sky Garden.

Sky Garden

1, Sky Garden Walk, London EC3M 8AF, United Kingdom

 **6:30 pm**

NETWORKING

 City Garden, Level 36

Reception & standing dinner

 **8:30 pm**

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 **9:00 pm**

Meeting concludes

