BEDFORDSHIRE GLOBAL BUSINESS & INVESTMENT CONNECT

BGBIC 2026 AGENDA

Connecting Local Enterprise with UK & International Opportunities

THURSDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2026 **KING'S HOUSE, BEDFORD** **10:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

9:00 - 10:00	**REGISTRATION, REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION VIEWING** Arrival, introductions and early networking
10:00 - 10:10	**WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING** Opening welcome and orientation
10:10 - 10:25	**FOUNDER'S OPENING ADDRESS** From Bedfordshire to the World
10:25 - 10:45	**OPENING KEYNOTE** Bedfordshire's Business and Investment Opportunity
10:45 - 11:30	**PANEL 1: ACCESS TO FINANCE** Funding, investment and routes to business growth
11:30 - 11:50	**REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION VIEWING** Networking break
11:50 - 12:10	**BUSINESS & INVESTMENT KEYNOTE** Practical insight from business and investment leaders
12:10 - 12:55	**PANEL 2: GROWING & SCALING SMEs** Building resilient and internationally competitive businesses
12:55 - 1:55	**LUNCH, EXHIBITIONS & STRUCTURED NETWORKING** Meet exhibitors, speakers and fellow delegates
1:55 - 2:10	**INTERNATIONAL MARKET SPOTLIGHT** UK-Africa and wider global business opportunities
2:10 - 2:50	**PANEL 3: INTERNATIONAL TRADE & MARKET ACCESS** Export, partnerships and entering new markets
2:50 - 3:50	**STRUCTURED B2B & INVESTMENT MATCHMAKING** Pre-matched conversations focused on practical opportunities
3:50 - 4:05	**REFRESHMENTS & EXHIBITION VIEWING** Networking break
4:05 - 4:35	**PANEL 4: INNOVATION & THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS** Technology, collaboration and future-ready enterprise
4:35 - 4:50	**OPPORTUNITY SHOWCASE** Selected business and international opportunity highlights
4:50 - 5:00	**NEXT STEPS & CLOSING REMARKS** Key takeaways, appreciation and future engagement

FREE ATTENDANCE - REGISTRATION REQUIRED

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Programme timings and speakers may be subject to final confirmation.