

BCC congratulates Nora Senior on CBE

BCC's immediate past-President, Nora Senior, awarded CBE for services to business.

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The British Chambers of Commerce (BCC) is delighted that its immediate past-president, Nora Senior, has been recognised with a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

The honour is being awarded for services to British and Scottish businesses during her term as President of the British Chambers of Commerce and Chair of Scottish Chambers of Commerce.

Nora held the voluntary post of President of the British Chambers of Commerce for three years between July 2013 and July 2016 and the office of Chair of Scottish Chambers between January 2013 and April 2017. She is the first woman to have held the honorary position in SCC in its history and the only person to have held the two national Presidents' offices simultaneously since the Chamber movement was formed over 300 years ago.

Adam Marshall, Director General of the British Chambers of Commerce said:

"All of us at the British Chambers of Commerce are delighted to see Nora Senior's many years of dedicated service to business communities across the UK recognised.

"First as a Board member and then as President of the British Chambers of Commerce, Nora gave hugely of her time and talent to support and champion Chamber business communities. She is the embodiment of what I like to call a civic business leader – for whom business success and community go hand-in-hand."

Nora Senior said:

"I am immensely proud and humbled. It is a huge honour to receive such recognition; a tremendous tribute to the Chamber Network who work tirelessly to promote business interests and great recognition for the important role communications has in driving business growth and success. I am very proud to have had the opportunity to contribute to and influence policy in key areas such as international trade, education and women in business."

During her tenure Nora launched a British Chambers International Trade Advisory Council, comprising over 20 Chairmen and CEOs of major UK companies who operate in global markets, including Diageo; Land Rover; Wrightbus and IAG. They act as ambassadors to champion the work of overseas Chambers and encourage companies to enter into exporting and new overseas markets.

Liz Cameron OBE, Director & CEO of Scottish Chambers of Commerce, added:

“Nora is one of the most influential and respected figures in the business community and a most deserving recipient of this prestigious honour. We are delighted that this has been recognised. She has worked tirelessly to promote and represent the Scottish Chambers Network and Scotland as a great place to do business, whilst establishing a strong legacy of enabling business growth. Practically, she has led an expansion of our international trade support by establishing partnerships with our Global Chamber Network, helped create and promote more opportunities for our young people, and has fostered stronger collaboration between business and Government. Nora has been a trailblazer for the business community.

“I have no doubt that she will continue to act as a source of inspiration to business people from all walks of life as she continues her business journey.”

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Notes to editors:

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