

# Conference Agenda

Step toe LLP: 1330 Connecticut Ave NW, Washington, DC & Virtual via Zoom

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**12 – 1 PM**

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**1 – 1:55 PM**

**1:55 – 2:50 PM**

**2:50 – 3 PM**

**3 – 3:55 PM**

## **Registration & Networking Luncheon**

### **Welcome Remarks by USCBC President Sean Stein**

### **China's Economic Outlook for 2026**

A deep dive into the latest economic indicators and what they suggest about China's growth outlook heading into 2026.

- **Joyce Chang**, Chair of Global Research, JP Morgan (*participating virtually*)
- **Moderated by Rachel Farmer**, Manager, Business Advisory Services, USCBC

### **China's Domestic Politics in 2026**

An in-depth look at the political forces and policy priorities shaping China's domestic landscape.

- **Yuen Yuen Ang**, Alfred Chandler Chair Professor of Political Economy, Johns Hopkins University
- **Dennis Wilder**, Senior Fellow, Initiative for US-China Dialogue on Global Issues, Georgetown University
- **Moderated by Kyle Sullivan**, Vice President, Business Advisory Services, USCBC

## **Coffee Break**

### **Navigating Interdependence and Independence in US-China Technology**

A discussion on the fast-evolving balance between competition and independence in US-China technology and what it means for business strategy.

**3:55 – 4:50 PM**

- **Samm Sacks**, Senior Fellow, Yale Law School Paul Tsai Center & New America (*participating virtually*)
- **Kendra Schaefer**, Partner, Trivium China (*participating virtually*)
- **Moderated by AJ Cortese**, Senior Manager, Business Advisory Services, USCBC

### **US-China Relations in an Election Year: What to Expect from Congress and the Administration**

Amid a consequential midterm election year, Congress is poised to take a more assertive oversight role in US-China relations, particularly on trade negotiations. This panel examines how congressional priorities are shaping US-China strategy, how the Trump administration is responding to this engagement, and what these dynamics mean for businesses and their commercial priorities in China.

- **Mayur Patel**, Partner, Global Regulatory, Hogan Lovells
- **Brian Pomper**, Partner, Akin
- **Neena Shenai**, Partner, WilmerHale
- **Moderated by Richard Harper**, Vice President, Government Affairs, USCBC

**4:50 – 4:55 PM**

### **Closing Remarks by USCBC Senior Vice President David Thomas**

**5 PM**

### **Adjournment**

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