

## Future Devices & Technologies SIG webinar 'Digital transformation: the what, where and why'

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The Future Devices & Technologies SIG is championed by Graham Anderson of **Beko**, Nadia Aziz of **Unbounded Future**, Esther Ford of **Marks & Clerk**, Zahid Ghadialy of **Parallel Wireless UK & EMEA**, David Roberts of **Jabooh Software**, Charles Sturman of **Huawei Technologies Research & Development (UK)**

### AGENDA

**14:00** CW welcome, **Abhi Naha, CCO, CW (Cambridge Wireless)**

**14:05** Introduction & scene-setting by roundtable members:  
**Graham Anderson** - Team Lead UK R&D, Beko • **Nadia Aziz** - Innovation Consultant, Unbounded Future • **Zahid Ghadialy** - Snr Director Technology & Innovation Strategy, Parallel Wireless • **Charles Sturman** - Snr Director International Marketing, HiSilicon (Huawei Technologies Ltd)

**14:15** **Roundtable discussion chaired by Charles Sturman, Future Devices & Technologies SIG Champion**

The discussion will take part in three sections, as follows:

1. The technology landscape – Enablers, convergence & disruption
2. Why now? – Market drivers and societal trends
3. How will businesses innovate and re-invent for the future?

Note, the discussion will be interactive and free-flowing, so audience members are encouraged to react in real-time, asking questions or posting comments in Slido, which will be visible to all panel members.

**15:00** Closing remarks

**15:05** **End of session followed by networking**

**15:30** **Event closes**

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### Profile of organisers

#### Cambridge Wireless (CW)

CW is the leading international community for companies involved in the research, development and application of wireless and mobile, internet, semiconductor and software technologies. With over 400 members from major network operators and device manufacturers to innovative start-ups and universities, CW stimulates debate and collaboration, harnesses and shares knowledge, and helps to build connections between academia and industry. CW's 19 Special Interest Groups (SIGs) provide its members with a dynamic forum where they can network with their peers, track the latest technology trends and business developments and position their organisations in key market sectors. CW also organises major conferences and start-up competitions along with other high-quality industry networking events and dinners. With headquarters at the heart of Cambridge, UK, CW partners with other international industry clusters and organisations to extend its reach and remain at the forefront of global developments and business opportunities. [www.cambridgewireless.co.uk](http://www.cambridgewireless.co.uk)

### Profile of SIG champions

#### Graham Anderson, Beko

Graham Anderson is Senior Specialist at Beko R&D, with research interests focused around novel sensors, data analytics, and energy storage/harvesting. Previously he worked as a Senior Scientist at Cambridge Display Technology working on the development of ink jet printed OLED displays and organic thermoelectric generators. Graham has a PhD from Leeds University in spintronics. [www.beko.co.uk](http://www.beko.co.uk)

### **Nadia Aziz, Unbounded Future**

Nadia is an emerging technology consultant with heavy focus on AR/VR & new technology areas. She has a broad experience over 12 years as an engineer, programmer, consultant, advisor, speaker, IP scouting and has a passion for emerging technologies and its impact on business transformation. She has also helped in mergers & acquisition programmes in France specifically in the engineering areas. Nadia Aziz was recently an Innovation leader for Emerging Technologies at NTT DATA where she led the development of innovation applications in Augmented (AR) & Virtual Reality (VR) technologies, AI, sensors and wearables. She is active in the Digital Health community and was a co-producer for the GIANT Health Event in 2018.

### **Esther Ford, Marks & Clerk**

Esther obtained an MEng in Electronic Engineering after studying at the University of Kent and the Technische Hochschule Darmstadt. Having been awarded an Engineering Prize from the Royal Academy of Engineering, she went on to obtain a PhD in Microelectronics from the University of Cambridge. During her research, Esther developed a nanodot array single electron device with controlled threshold voltage at high temperatures. She also presented the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) Faraday Lecture "The Digital World", which was delivered to live audiences throughout the UK and broadcast over Europe and North America, reaching an audience of 20,000. After completing her PhD, Esther worked as a research engineer in Nortel Networks and subsequently in a telecommunications design consultancy. She joined the patent profession in 2004 and has extensive experience in managing international patent portfolios. She also has significant experience representing clients at the EPO in oppositions and appeals. Esther joined Marks & Clerk in 2008, and in 2011 enjoyed a secondment as an in-house attorney for a valued client in the Oil/Gas industry. Her recent focus has been in the fields of Internet Service Provision, Oil/Gas recovery, Power Electronics, and the Internet of Things. Esther has been recognised as a rising star by Managing Intellectual Property, IP Stars, 2017. [www.marks-clerk.com](http://www.marks-clerk.com)

### **Zahid Ghadialy, Parallel Wireless UK & EMEA @zahidtg**

Zahid Ghadialy is a Senior Director with a fast-moving and innovative US-based young company called Parallel Wireless (PW) that is on a mission to make deployment of any cellular infrastructure as easy and as cost-effective as Wi-Fi. With an extensive experience of over 20 years in the telecom industry as an engineer, programmer, analyst, researcher, architect, trainer, product manager and technical marketer, he is a technologist with a deep understanding of architecting world-class mobile products and solutions. Zahid is currently 'Future Devices & Technologies' SIG champion. He has also previously been a 'Small Cell SIG' and 'Smart & Intelligent Cities SIG' champion. He is also a Non-Executive Director of eXplanoTech. In his spare time he blogs at 3G4G and you can also catch him on Twitter at [@zahidtg](https://twitter.com/zahidtg) [www.parallelwireless.com](http://www.parallelwireless.com)

### **Dave Roberts, Jaboo Software**

David is a technology leader with over 25 years' experience working in the hi-tech arena. He has recently completed a successful project for ghd in conjunction with CW where he carried out the role of System Architect and facilitator. Prior to this he worked in in the C-IoT space where he ran a multi-national R&D department that developed silicon and software designed for the burgeoning IoT market. He was also responsible for driving an agile transformation programme and assisting the organisation with their integration into a large Chinese multi-national telecoms company. Having started his career as a software developer working for BT and Acorn Computers, he went on to hold senior roles in a number of world-class organisations such as Symbian, Cambridge University and Citrix in the areas of Software Development, Project Management, Product Management, Research, Consultancy and Architecture. His background includes leading and developing teams involved in the creation of large-scale integrated hardware and software products, web-based services and CE devices. He is also highly experienced in large-scale agile development practices, agile coaching/transformation and creating and executing strategies for increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of organisations.

### **Charles Sturman, HiSilicon (Huawei Technologies Ltd)**

Charles is responsible for International Marketing for HiSilicon (Huawei's chipset business). Based in Cambridge UK, with responsibility for product strategy, go-to-market and business development in IoT, edge and smart devices fields. Prior to this he lead u-blox' activities in the fast moving consumer IoT segment (wearables, smart-home and entertainment) following the acquisition of the ARM Software Radio spin-out Cognovo, where we has founder and executive VP Sales & Marketing. Charles has held various positions in system design, business development and product marketing within Acorn Computers, TTPCom, Motorola and ARM. [www.hisilicon.com](http://www.hisilicon.com) [www.huawei.com](http://www.huawei.com)