



Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Europe

COBCOE Gala Dinner and Chamber of the Year Awards Tuesday, 23rd March 2010 at 7 pm

**The Royal Automobile Club
89 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HS**

COBCOE's Annual Gala Dinner and Chamber of the Year Awards will take place on Tuesday, 23rd March 2010, concluding our Annual Conference 2010.

Please join us for the reception at 7 pm, followed by the COBCOE Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony. Our guest speaker will be **Lord Michael Hastings CBE**



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Michael Hastings is KPMG's Global Head of Citizenship and Diversity. He was previously the BBC's first Head of Corporate Social Responsibility. Michael is a non-executive Director of British Telecom (on the Board for Responsible and Sustainable Business) and a Trustee of the Vodafone Group Foundation. He represents KPMG International on the Global Corporate Citizenship International Committee of the World Economic Forum and the World Business Council on Sustainable Development. In 2009 he became a Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Council on Diversity and Talent.

In January 2003, Michael was awarded a CBE in recognition of his services to crime reduction, including 15 years as Chairman of Crime Concern.

In 2005, Michael was awarded the honour of an independent peerage to the House of Lords by Her Majesty The Queen and now Michael serves as a member of the Communications Select Committee. Again in 2005, he received the *UNICEF award* for his 'outstanding contribution to understanding and effecting solutions for Africa's children'.

Who will attend:

- **Leaders of the British and European business community**
- **Officers and members of chambers of commerce and other business organisations**
- **Business people conducting international trade or investment in Europe**
- **Legal, tax and other service providers supporting clients engaged in international business in Europe**
- **Professional organisations working in or with the UK**
- **Members of Parliament and senior government officials**

The dress code is lounge suits for gentlemen; cocktail dresses for ladies.

If you need further information or assistance about the Annual Conference, please contact **Anne-Marie Martin** at anne-marie.martin@cobcoe.eu, or visit our website at www.cobcoe.eu

We reserve the right to make changes to the programme due to unforeseen circumstances.

COBCOE is an independent non-profit organisation representing 32 British Chambers of Commerce in 29 countries across Europe. Acting as an umbrella organisation, we work with our member Chambers to advance international trade and business with the United Kingdom. As such, we give a voice to about 10,000 businesses, mainly located outside of the UK, from all sectors of trade and industry involved in business with the UK.

COBCOE represents British Chambers of Commerce in Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, FYR Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

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