

## Harshbir Sangha MBE FRSA



Harshbir joined the UK Space Agency from BEIS in December 2018 to lead the Copernicus (EU Earth Observation) Programme. Through the UK-EU Trade Negotiations, Harshbir negotiated an agreement in principle for the UK to continue its participation in the programme.

As Director for Growth, Harshbir leads the development of new uses, new users, new applications, new technologies and a new attitude to the use of space in order to grow the space sector. Harshbir and his team are responsible for delivering and coordinating the government input to the development of Earth observation, telecommunications and standards working through ESA, nationally and internationally. Harshbir is also responsible for providing the conditions to enable the development of regional / local clusters including the UK Space Gateway at Harwell Oxford, and incubation and technology transfer opportunities for new companies.

Prior to joining UKSA, Harshbir was Head of the International Research and Innovation Strategy at BEIS. Over his career, Harshbir has worked across Whitehall leading a range of social, science, research and innovation policies and programmes. For his services to promoting diversity and inclusion in the Civil Service, Harshbir was honoured with an MBE in 2016 and won the British Community Honours Award in 2017. He is also a fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA).