

## Professor Sir Geoff Palmer OBE

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**Speaker Bio:** Professor Sir Geoff (Godfrey) Palmer was born in Jamaica in 1940. He migrated to London in 1955. He gained an Honours Degree in Botany in 1964, a PhD Degree in 1967 and completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in grain science at Edinburgh University and Heriot-Watt College in 1968. At the Brewing Research Foundation (1968 to 1977) he developed the industrial process of Barley Abrasion. In 1977, he returned to the Heriot-Watt University as a staff member, gained a DSc in 1985, retired in 2005 and is now Chancellor. His distinguished awards include an OBE (2003) and Knighthood (2014) for his scientific research, charity and human rights work. He has published books on race relations and cereal science and technology. He is the first Honorary Consul for Jamaica in Scotland and the Freeman of Midlothian.

