

ATLANTIC FUTURE FORUM TO HOST MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT IN LONDON

PRESS RELEASE

- On 26 November, the sixth Atlantic Future Forum (*'AFF24'*) will take place at the historic Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich, London. One of the UK's flagship leadership events, AFF aims to inform debate and shape responses to the geopolitical trends and strategic challenges confronting the UK, US and our allies.
- AFF'24 will address the 'The New World of Geopolitics: New Alliances, New Capabilities, New Challenges'. Following elections in France, Britain, and the US, the Forum will provide a platform for leading democratic nations to reassess their strategic priorities and increase collaboration in defence of the global rules-based order.
- The Atlantic Future Forum is chaired by former Cabinet Secretary and National Security Advisor Lord Sedwill GCMG FRGS and will be hosted at Greenwich's Old Royal Naval College, a World Heritage Site, by special permission of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Ben Key KCB CBE ADC.
- AFF'24 will serve as a staging post for next year's Pacific Future Forum (PFF'25), which is planned to take place onboard the aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales as part of the UK-led multi-national Carrier Strike Group deployment to the Indo-Pacific.
- AFF'24 will address the pressing need to renew transatlantic alliances and develop multi-domain capabilities at a time of shifting global alliances and disruptive technologies which present threats to the security of Europe's near East and beyond. The Forum will also examine looming threats in the Indo-Pacific and consider how democratic allies preserve a global rules-based order at a time of increasing geopolitical turbulence.

On 26 November, the AFF will bring together senior leaders across government, military and business. This year's AFF will be hosted in London at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich, by special permission of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Ben Key. In a year marked by major international elections, the Forum will provide an opportunity to strengthen alliances between democratic nations.

The Forum is being staged in close collaboration with the United States, Europe, and other international partners. Senior politicians, policymakers and military chiefs will convene with business leaders, entrepreneurs and academia to reassess strategic priorities, lay the foundations for increased collaboration and discuss difficult choices that must be made on investment and capabilities.

Admiral Sir Ben Key said;

‘In 2018 the Royal Navy staged the first Atlantic Future Forum during the maiden visit of HMS Queen Elizabeth to the United States. Now in 2024, we are delighted to host the sixth Forum at the Old Royal Naval College in London, bringing together key allies, industry partners and policy makers from the UK, the US and from our major allies. As we confront the immense challenges being posed to our collective security and prosperity, this Forum will help convene the insights, views and ideas that will shape our futures.’

Lord Sedwill, chair, Atlantic Future Forum, said;

‘As one of the UK’s flagship security events, the AFF will inform, debate and shape responses to the geopolitical trends and strategic challenges confronting the UK, US and our allies. With the ever-present risk of disruption to the democratic, rules-based order, the Forum will discuss ways in which we can collectively strengthen resilience at a time of geopolitical turbulence, and I am delighted to be hosting it with Admiral Sir Ben Key at The Old Royal Naval College this year’.

The Atlantic Future Forum is dedicated to strengthening the defence, security, technology, and trading relationships between democratic nations. This year’s event will focus on the ‘New World of Geopolitics’ as international risks to security grow at Europe’s near East, in Ukraine, as well as in the Middle East and further afield in the Indo-Pacific. Democratic allies will discuss strengthening transatlantic alliances and developing capabilities in response to these emerging threats.

The Forum is unique amongst international summits in bringing together the world of business, government and the military. AFF’24 will promote the importance of the UK, US, Europe and other democracies as trade and economic partners and explore ways to boost capabilities to defend the international rules-based order. The Forum will include keynote contributions from political, military and business leaders as well as specialist panels and group discussions with policy and subject matter experts. The Forum is supported by leading private-sector companies who help to shape and co-curate the content agenda, including **Microsoft, Northrop Grumman, Anduril, BAE Systems, Boka Capital, Ierus, KPMG, Lockheed Martin, MBDA** and others. They will continue to play a critical role as partners in the evolution and development of the Atlantic Future Forum.

This will be the sixth AFF, during which, a series of ‘Policy Advisory Groups’ will be initiated. These will be carried forward to next year’s Pacific Future Forum (PFF’25), which is planned to take place onboard the aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales as part of the UK-led multi-national Carrier Strike Group deployment to the Indo-Pacific.

These Policy Advisory Groups will develop a series of white papers with the help of subject matter experts, policy specialists and business leaders. The groups will be supported by sherpas from AFF and facilitated by private sector partners.

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Notes to Editors

The Atlantic Future Forum is an International Summit dedicated to strengthening the defence, security, technology and trading relationship between democratic nations. The Forum convenes senior decision-makers, thought leaders, military and government officials as well as high-level industry representatives, providing a unique platform to debate and discuss the most pressing global challenges.

This year is the sixth Atlantic Future Forum, following successful events in New York (2018 & 2022), Annapolis (2019), and Portsmouth (2020 & 2021). Past contributors have included UK Ministers and Secretaries of State for Foreign Affairs, Defence and International Trade, UK and US National Security Advisors, GCHQ, UK Chief of Defence Staff and Service Chiefs with US counterparts, NATO Secretary-General and the UK Prime Minister. Industry leaders from global companies such as BP, Barclays, Amazon, Microsoft and Lockheed Martin have also taken part.

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