

ATLANTIC FUTURE FORUM TO HOST MAJOR INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT IN OSLO

- On 11-12 November, the eighth Atlantic Future Forum ('AFF26') will take place on board HMS PRINCE OF WALES, alongside in Oslo, Norway. Led by the UK Government in partnership with Norway as co-hosts, AFF aims to inform debate and shape responses to the geopolitical trends and strategic challenges confronting the UK and our allies.
- The theme of AFF26 will be 'The New Security Paradigm', with the summit providing a platform for key Allies and partners in the Euro-Atlantic to 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 on board the carrier by special permission of the First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, General Sir Gwyn Jenkins.

From 11-12 November 2026, the Forum will convene in mainland Europe for the first time, onboard one of the UK's flagship aircraft carriers, HMS Prince of Wales, in Oslo, Norway. A crucial component of NATO's northern flank and gateway to the High North, Norway provides a fitting setting for senior leaders and thinkers from across government, military, industry, and academic spheres to engage at a critical juncture for Atlantic security. Across a broad range of plenary and sidebar content, participants will explore both the defining challenges of the present and how the core foundations of collective defence, economic interdependence and democratic alliances can be sustained into the future.

Lord Sedwill, Chair, Atlantic Future Forum, said:

"Atlantic Future Forum 2026 will be our eighth Forum and the first to be held in Europe. This year's summit will be of special significance to the UK and our partners in the North Atlantic at a time when the importance of alliances, closer ties and strategic interoperability cannot be overstated.

Our nations face complex, interconnected challenges that require united action. The Forum provides a unique environment for addressing these challenges by bringing together public and private sector leaders, alongside colleagues from academia, think tanks and SMEs."

The Forum will include keynote contributions from political, military and business leaders alongside a series of 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, **KPMG, Airbus, Arondite, Barclays, Helsing,**

Kongsberg, Leonardo, PA Consulting, Tekever, BOKA, EY, MBDA, Mott MacDonald, Thales, Aecom, Analysys Mason, Anduril, Bremont, BT, Chemring Countermeasures, Frazer Nash, Hawkeye 360, Ierus Technologies, Oceanfinity, Oorbital, Plexal, Roland Berger, Second Front and others. They will continue to play a critical role as partners in the evolution and development of the Atlantic Future Forum.

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Notes to Editors

The Atlantic Future Forum is an International Summit dedicated to strengthening the defence, security, technology and trading relationships 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.

AFF, which was first staged in 2018, is delivered at the behest of the UK Government, co-hosted with Norway, and co-curated with industry. It is an invitation-only event, with high-level attendance expected from several key international allies. Hosted in Oslo, Norway, AFF26 will be the first iteration of the Forum to be hosted in Europe.

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