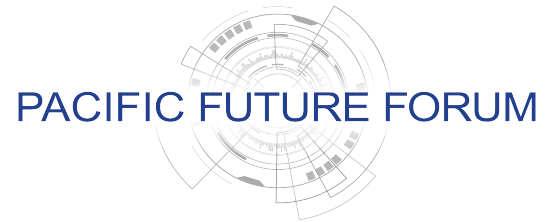




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## **Pacific Future Forum 2021**

20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> October

Programme V1 / August 2021

### **Reimagining Multilateralism in a Changing World**

*Please note all timings are in British Summer Time (BST) unless specified otherwise.*

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Pacific Future Forum 2021 [PFF'21] is an international summit dedicated to strengthening the defence, security, technology and trading relationships between democratic nations. It is one of the UK Government's keynote international events for 2021.

The Forum is an opportunity to hear directly from the preeminent thinkers of the day in defence, security, trade and technology, across both the public and private sectors, as they explore how to reinvigorate our economies, address the problem of climate change and harness new technologies to build back a better world.

*"The Forum will be a seminal moment to bring our nations together, strengthen our alliances and explore how we build the stronger, more united world we need."*

**Lord Sedwill, Chairman, Pacific Future Forum**

## **PROGRAMME**

### **Day 1: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **0730          Advisory Group Breakfast**

Invitation only event hosted onboard HMS Prince of Wales

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*The programme for virtual delegates attending via the PFF digital platform will commence at 0700. Interactivity throughout the day will be facilitated using the platform's Q & A function.*

#### **0700          PFF Today**

#### **0715          Spotlight Sessions**

Block 1: 0715-0745

Block 2: 0745-0815

Block 3: 0815-0845

#### **0845          Break**

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#### **0900          Welcome**

**Captain Steve Higham OBE**, Commanding Officer of HMS Prince of Wales

#### **0905          Opening Remarks**

**Admiral Sir Tony Radakin KCB ADC**, First Sea Lord, Royal Navy

#### **0910          Welcome Address**

#### **0920          Opening Address**

**Lord Sedwill**, Chairman, Pacific Future Forum

#### **0940          Plenary Session 1: Asia first? The Global Order in the 21st Century (with 15-min Q&A)**

Guest Moderator: **Professor Chung Min Lee**, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Chairman, IISS Advisory Council

Five billion people, a third of the global economy, and on track to top 50 percent of global GDP by 2040. With the days of a unipolar Western order behind us, this opening panel will focus on Asia's role in shaping geopolitics in the next thirty years, and the opportunities for Trans Pacific cooperation and collaboration. As the centre of economic gravity shifts from West to East, from advanced economies to emerging markets, our panellists will look at the potential impact on the balance of global power in the next decade and beyond. It will further explore how we advance the defence, security, technology and trading relationships to address global crises, and how we can work together to build a safer, more prosperous world.

**1030      Break**

**1100      Keynote Address/Fireside Chat**

**1120      Plenary Session 2: The future of global trade: balancing self-sufficiency and collaboration (with 15-min Q&A)**

2020 was a turbulent year for trade, with unprecedented shocks to supply chains and global trade flows. In its early days, the pandemic demonstrated the fragility of these supply chains, with the economic forces of the East shifting major trade routes. In many cases this prompted national responses rather than international ones, with some countries adopting isolationist stances. We have learnt from the crisis that whilst self-sufficiency is important, it is equally critical that we have diverse and resilient global supply chains coupled with strong trade partnerships. This panel will explore how our nations can break down the barriers to free trade, strengthen relations and supply chains, and build firmer foundations for innovation, investment, and cross-border activity to flourish. This panel will also focus on how we build a new model of trade for a post-COVID world that is free and fair, and balances the need for self-sufficiency with the need to turbocharge trade and build back our economies.

**1210      Keynote Address/Fireside Chat**

**1230      Delegate Lunch**

**1330      Plenary Session 3: Future disrupted? The emerging technologies of tomorrow (with 15-min Q&A)**

We face a moment of technological reckoning. Emerging technologies like Quantum and AI are advancing at a rapid speed and could resolve

some of the most significant global challenges. If it is developed responsibly, they have the potential to help cure diseases, improve global financial markets and combat climate change. However, in the wrong hands and if deployed irresponsibly, these technologies could disrupt current security protocols and render today's sophisticated encryption systems inoperable. This session will seek to address how we harness their potential and whilst mitigating against their impacts on data privacy and national security. It will explore how we manage the transition to a quantum-safe cryptography world and if a collaborative approach to the use of these disruptive technologies can be realised.

**1415      Keynote Address/Fireside Chat**

**1445      Break**

The programme for **virtual delegates**  
will continue as follows:

**1515      Spotlight Sessions**

Block 4: 1515-1545

Block 5: 1545-1615

Block 6: 1615-1645

**1645      Look ahead to tomorrow**

**1650      Ends**

The programme for **onboard**  
**delegates** will continue as follows:

**1515      Closed Sessions**

**1715      Closing Remarks**

**1725      Look ahead to tomorrow**

**1730      Drinks Reception and  
Sunset Ceremony**

Hosted by Admiral Sir Tony  
Radakin KCB ADC, First Sea  
Lord and Lord Sedwill,  
Chairman, PFF

**1930      VIP Dinner**

Invitation only event

## **Day 2: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

### **0900 Welcome Remarks**

**Lord Sedwill**, Chairman, Pacific Future Forum

### **0915 Keynote Address/Fireside Chat**

### **0945 Plenary Session 4: Enhancing intelligence cooperation in the Pacific Region (with 15-min Q&A)**

The security challenges in Indo-Pacific are evolving, with terrorism, cybersecurity, foreign interference and serious organised crime posing a great threat to global security and democracy. These threats also pose a significant risk to our economies, with hostile actors increasingly looking to steal, misuse and exploit intellectual property. This session will focus on how we strengthen and deepen cooperation in the region, and build a more multilateral, cooperative security architecture to counter these threats. It will address the current bottlenecks and how we develop a framework for information and intelligence sharing to defend our shared values to ensure peace and stability in the region.

### **1030 Break**

### **1100 The Indo-Pacific and space: building a collaborative future**

The number of countries in the Indo-Pacific actively pursuing space programs continues to grow, and the role of space in communications, earth observation and navigation in support of a sustainable environment and the economy has never mattered more, particularly when considered as critical national infrastructure and a military capability. This conversation will look at how we build an integrated framework for collaboration in space to tackle some of the regional challenges facing the Indo-Pacific. It will also explore how likeminded nations can deepen their engagement in the region, maintain their competitive edge, and leverage space to deliver real change for our planet and its people.

### **1130 Plenary Session 5: Indo-Pacific defence and trade in a competitive age (with 15-min Q&A)**

Against the backdrop of rising authoritarianism and a fragmented international order, democratic and technologically advanced nations are seeking to deepen their engagement in the Pacific. This panel will explore what the global reposturing of defence assets and fiscal resources could look like in the years to come, and whether such continuous commitment can help maintain the balance of power, peace and stability in the region.

It will consider full spectrum of a broad-based deterrence approach, the potential of technology to facilitate ways to combine presence and credible combat power, and the challenge of matching resources to strategic ambition.

**1215      Keynote Address/Fireside Chat**

**1245      Delegate Lunch**

**VIP Networking Lunch** (Invitation only)

**1345      Plenary Session 6: Transforming our world: a secure, sustainable and prosperous future (with 15-min Q&A)**

The Munich Security Conference described the global pandemic as a 'polypandemic' - a multifaceted crisis, which has brought to light a wide spectrum of security threats such as health, energy and climate. Increasingly climate change and the associated increase in extreme weather events such as floods, droughts and rising sea level are being recognised not only for their humanitarian impacts, but their political, economic and security risks. In particular, Asian economies are forecast to be hardest hit, with the region's megacities at particular risk from high temperatures and sea levels rising. Increasingly, our nations need to pull together to create a resilient and sustainable future, and to also provide new economic opportunities from creating a growing, green economy. In an unpredictable and globalised world, this panel will discuss how we can build resilience against these new threats, expand the definition of National Security to meet these conditions and build a more sustainable world.

**1430      Keynote Address/Fireside Chat**

**1500      Closing Remarks**

**Lord Sedwill**, Chairman, Pacific Future Forum

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**1515      Break** (for virtual participants only)

*The programme for virtual delegates attending via the PFF digital platform will continue as follows:*

**1530      Lab Sessions Block 1** (VIRTUAL - two sessions running concurrently)

**1615      Lab Sessions Block 2** (VIRTUAL - two sessions running concurrently)

**1700      Lab Sessions Block 3** (VIRTUAL - two sessions running concurrently)

**1745      Closing Video**

**1750      Ends**