

UK Space Power Conference 2026

23-24 September 2026
Venue: IET, Savoy Place, London and Online

DAY ONE

0800	Conference registration opens	
0830	Coffee & Networking	
0900	Welcome & Conference Introductions	Air Commodore (Ret'd) Mark Roberts Chair, The Air & Space Power Association Professor Anu Ojha Space Chief Technology Officer (CTO), UK Space Agency
0915	Opening Keynote	Air Chief Marshal Sir Harv Smyth Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force
0935	THEME 1: Panel 1: UK Space Power in 2026 Space within Defence has undergone numerous changes in 2025 and 2026, with the Strategic Defence Review, Defence Investment Plan and several reform programmes. How did these changes affect UK Space Power in 2026 and how will it continue to develop in 2027 and beyond?	Air Marshal Al Marshall Air & Space Commander Royal Air Force
1050	Morning Coffee & Networking	
1120	THEME 2: Keynote 2: The Future Defence Space Portfolio	Tbc
1145	Theme 2 Panel 2: The Future Defence Space Portfolio	
1245	Lunch	
1400	THEME 2: Panel 3: Is 'The City' asleep on Defence/Space/Innovation? This session will explore why UK finance has struggled to understand, value and support sovereign capability in Defence, Space and dual-use technologies, despite their growing geopolitical and economic importance. The session will ask what must change to unlock meaningful collaboration, attract patient capital and ensure the UK can finance the strategic technologies essential to national security, resilience and economic growth. The session will also consider the City of London's growing dependence on resilient space-enabled infrastructure.	

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1500	Afternoon Tea & Networking	
1530	THEME 3 Panel 4: An integrated space enterprise for competitive space power This session explores how the UK can build an integrated space enterprise that unites government, industry, and allies to generate competitive space power. It will examine how coherent architectures, shared data, industry cooperation can strengthen resilience and accelerate capability delivery. Speakers will highlight how an integrated enterprise can give the UK and its partners a decisive advantage in an increasingly contested space domain.	Industry Panel (tbc)
1630	Day One Closing Keynote address	
1650	Closing Remarks	Professor Anu Ojha Space Chief Technology Officer (CTO), UK Space Agency Air Commodore (Ret'd) Mark Roberts Chair, The Air & Space Power Association
1710	VIP Drinks Reception in the Riverside Room & Johnson Rood Terrace	

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0950	Theme 3 Keynote 5: One Space	Matt Collins Executive Deputy National Security Adviser (Intelligence, Defence and Security)
1010	Morning Coffee & Networking	
1040	Theme 3 Panel 5: One Space The future of UK operations in space is cross-government. How does UK Space Command intend to collaborate cross government to become a competitive space power? How does space achieve unified messaging and objectives across government?	UK Government Panel (tbc)
1145	THEME 4: Keynote 6: Space and Global Joint Operations	
1200	Lunch	
1300	THEME 4 Panel 6: The Allied space effort Space is now essential to how the UK and its allies deter threats and conduct joint operations. This panel explores how key space capabilities, enable integrated domain activity across the UK and OOD. Speakers will highlight the challenges of a contested space environment and the opportunities for greater resilience, interoperability, and allied advantage. How can we further integrate allies into orbital operations?	Air Vice-Marshal Jamie Thompson Commander, UK Space Command Lieutenant General Dennis O. Bythewood Commander US Space Forces Major General Vincent Chusseau Commander, French Space Command
1400	Afternoon Tea & Networking	

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1430	Closing Keynote: Becoming a Competitive Space Power	Air Vice-Marshal Jamie Thompson Commander, UK Space Command
1450	Q&A	
1510	Closing Remarks	Professor Anu Ojha Space Chief Technology Officer (CTO), UK Space Agency Air Commodore (Ret'd) Mark Roberts Chair, The Air & Space Power Association
1530	Conference closes	