

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: Space and Allied Global Joint Operations Keynote Speaker	
1140	THEME 2 Panel 2: 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 multi-domain operations across the UK and other nations within Operation Olympic Defender. 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?	International Space Commander Panel (tbc)
1240	Lunch	

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1340	THEME 3: Keynote 3: The Future Defence Space Portfolio Keynote Speaker	
1400	THEME 3 Panel 3: The Future Defence Space Portfolio Becoming a competitive space power will require an enhanced space portfolio. What capabilities may make up this portfolio? What procurement and commercial rules need to be in place to enable this?	Panel tbc
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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0945	Opening Ministerial Keynote	
1005	THEME 4: Keynote 5: One Space	
1025	Morning Coffee & Networking	
1055	THEME 4 Panel 5: One Space The future of defence 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)
1230	Lunch	
1330	Closing Keynote: Becoming a Competitive Space Power	Commander, UK Space Command
1400	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
1500	Conference closes	