

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 Air Commodore Darren Whiteley Interim Commander, UK Space Command
0930	Opening Keynote	Air Chief Marshal Sir Harv Smyth Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Air Force
0950	Morning Coffee & Networking	
1020	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 Aleix Nadal Analyst, RAND Europe
1150	Keynote 2: The Future Defence Space Portfolio	Rupert Pearce UK National Armaments Director
1210	Lunch	
1315	Panel 2: 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 and how can the investment community support growth?	Brigadier Neil Lakin Head Space Capability, UK Space Command RAdm Tony Williams Space Systems Portfolio Director, NAD-Plans and Portfolios
1445	Afternoon Tea & Networking	

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1515	Panel 3: The City asleep on space and its role in national security and prosperity 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 patent 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.	Josh Broom Space Policy Lead & Deputy Head Strategic Effects, MOD Maureen Haverty Seraphim Capital Alex Leigh Managing Director, National, Future Planet Capital Andrew Turner SAIBRE Capital
1630	Day One Closing Keynote address	Luke Pollard MP Minister of Defence Readiness and Industry
1700	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
1720	VIP Drinks Reception in the Riverside Room & Johnson Roof Terrace	

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0950	Keynote 4: One Space	Matt Collins Executive Deputy National Security Adviser (Intelligence, Defence and Security)
1010	Morning Coffee & Networking	
1040	Panel 4: 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?	Natasha Grayson Head of Special Effects Policy, MOD Chris Clarke Deputy Head Defence, Cabinet Office
1210	Lunch	
1310	Keynote 5: Space and Global Joint Operations	
1330	Panel 5: 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 Operation Olympic Defender nations. 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?	Brigadier General Maurice Barnett Director, Strategy, Plans, and Policy USSPACECOM Major General Vincent Chusseau Commander, French Space Command Brigadier General David Morpurgo Assistant Chief of Staff Force Development, NATO Air Commodore Darren Whiteley Interim Commander, UK Space Command
1500	Afternoon Tea & Networking	

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1530	Closing Keynote Address and Q&A	Commander, UK Space Command
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1630	Conference closes	