

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, 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; how have these changes supported space operations and how will they develop in 2027 and beyond?	Andrew Cawthorne Managing Director, Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd Kata Escott Head of Country UK and Managing Director, Airbus Defence and Space Air Marshal Mark Flewin Air & Space Commander, Royal Air Force Aleix Nadal Analyst, RAND Europe
1150	Lunch	
1300	Keynote 2: National Armaments Director Group Space Systems Portfolio	Rupert Pearce UK National Armaments Director

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1320	Panel 2: National Armaments Director Group Space Systems Portfolio: Delivering Defence's Next Generation Space Capability Through Partnership The Space Systems Portfolio has been established within the National Armaments Director Group to provide a coherent, agile and outcome-focused approach to delivering Defence space capabilities. This session will explore how Defence is transforming the way it develops, acquires, and sustains space capabilities and examine the practical implications of portfolio-based delivery, how Defence, industry and international partners can build stronger strategic partnerships, and how innovation, resilience and operational integration can be accelerated to meet future threats.	Brigadier Neil Lakin Head Space Capability, UK Space Command (Panel Chair) Bets Ciocca Mission Digital Services Director, National Armaments Director Group Michael Dowell Director of Business Development & Product, Kepler Communications Kash Patel Director Sense, Decide, Communicate, and Synthetic Training, National Armaments Director Group Air Chief Marshal Sir Johnny Stringer Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, NATO Rear Admiral Tony Williams Space Portfolio Director, National Armaments Director Group
1445	Afternoon Tea & Networking	
1515	Panel 3: National security Space investment. Is the City asleep? 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.	Josh Broom Space Policy Lead & Deputy Head Strategic Effects, MOD Alex Leigh Managing Director, National, Future Planet Capital Paul Livingston Chief Executive UK and NATO, Lockheed Martin Andrew Turner SAIBRE Capital
1630	Day One Closing Keynote address and Q&A	tbc
1700	Closing Remarks	Professor Anu Ojha Space Chief Technology Officer, UK Space Agency Air Commodore (Ret'd) Mark Roberts Chair, The Air & Space Power Association

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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?	Chris Clarke Deputy Director Defence and Space, National Security Secretariat Rebecca Evernden Director, UK Space Agency Natasha Grayson Deputy Director, Strategic Effects Policy, MOD Tony Holt Chief Technology Officer for Space, BAE Systems Digital Intelligence
1210	Lunch	
1330	Keynote 5: Space and Global Joint Operations	Brigadier Guy Foden ACOS J3, PJHQ
1350	Panel 5: Space and Global Joint Operations 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 Admiral Sébastien Goinère Deputy Space Commander, French Air and Space Force Brigadier General David Morpurgo Assistant Chief of Staff Force Development, NATO Air Commodore Darren Whiteley Interim Commander, UK Space Command

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1515	Afternoon Tea & Networking	
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	Conference closes	