



## Defence Conference 2020

Thursday 26th November 2020

### Ten years on from the Lancaster House Treaty - the future of Franco-British defence

Online

The 2020 Defence Conference hosted by the Franco-British Council / Conseil franco-britannique will take place all day on Thursday 26th November online.

Please register to attend the conference at <https://francobritishconference.org/>

#### Timings:

UK (GMT)	France (CET)	
0845-0915	0945-1015	Online Registration: Conference site live for participants to log-in
0915 - 0930	1015 – 1030	Welcome by Hervé Mariton, former minister and Président du Conseil franco-britannique en France
0935 – 1000	1035 - 1100	Keynote speeches by Mme Florence Parly, Minister of the Armed Forces and The Rt Hon Ben Wallace MP, Secretary of State for Defence
1005 – 1105	1105 – 1205	First Themed Discussion: What is our new operational ambition? Introductions by Général François Lecointre, Chef d'État-Major des Armées, and General Sir Nick Carter, Chief of the Defence Staff
1105 – 1200	1205 – 1300	Second Themed Discussion: Building equipment for the future. Introductions by Jeremy Quin MP, Minister for Defence Procurement, and Joël Barre, Chief Executive of the Direction générale de l'Armement
1200 – 1230	1300 – 1330	Keynote speeches by Airbus and MBDA - the industrial perspective  Éric Béranger, Chief Executive Officer, MBDA Antoine Bouvier, Head of Strategy, Mergers & Acquisitions and Public Affairs at Airbus
1230 – 1250	1330 – 1350	Online networking
1250 – 1335	1350 - 14.35	An academic view: The evolution of Franco-British defence Speech, followed by questions and answers.  Dr. Alice Pannier, Research Fellow, Head of the Geopolitics of Technologies programme, IFRI, Paris
1340 – 1425	1440 - 1525	Third Themed Discussion: A common voice in geostrategic debates. Introductions by Mme Alice Guitton, DGRIS and Angus Lapsley, Director General Strategy and International.
1430 – 1450	1530 – 1550	The diplomatic perspective: Speeches by Lord Edward Llewellyn, British Ambassador

to the French Republic, and Mme Catherine Colonna, French Ambassador to the United Kingdom

1455 – 1540	1555 – 1640	Fourth Themed Discussion: Innovation: tackling tomorrow's challenges. Introductions by M. Emmanuel Chiva, Director of the Defense Innovation Agency, and Clare Cameron, Director, Defence Innovation
1545 – 1600	1645 – 1700	Closing remarks by Lord Peter Ricketts, Chair of the Franco-British Council in the UK

**Languages:** Simultaneous translation for French and English will be available during the conference so please feel free to participate in the language in which you feel the more comfortable.

**Confidentiality:** All discussions will be held under the Chatham House rule.

The Chatham House Rule is a system for holding debates and discussion panels on controversial topics, named after the headquarters of the UK Royal Institute of International Affairs, based in Chatham House, London, where the rule originated in June 1927.

The rule states that participants are free to use the information received but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers or any other participants may be revealed.

This website is secure but please be aware that the Franco-British Council cannot guarantee that attendees are not recording any contributions.



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**Please note that attendance is strictly by invitation and participants are top-level officials.**

The programme is subject to change and any change will be communicated without delay.

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