

Intelligent Defence Series Three - A programme of round tables, analytical papers and conclaves arranged by Cityforum with advice from the Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre of MOD in London (March to September 2020)

A Cityforum Defence Afternoon Discussion & Dinner

US-UK defence and security through the next decade

Geopolitics, performance, and effect

26 March 2020 - BT Tower, 45 Maple Street, London W1T 4JZ

Draft Agenda

This is a working draft for an afternoon and dinner discussion conducted under the Chatham House Rule. The agenda will be developed and updated as themes, speakers and precise timings are confirmed. Speakers will include current and former senior officers, top officials from the UK and the US, diplomatic specialists, senior media figures and representatives from industry.

Chaired by: The Honorable Franklin D. Kramer *Distinguished Fellow, Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security Atlantic Council*

Overview Session: A world of volatility, deglobalisation and mutating threats

Expert contributors on a number of significant areas including, but not limited to:

- *Why and how are the dangers we face increasing?*
- *Understanding the volatility and the mutations in the threats that we face*
- *Implications of the arrival of a new superpower*
- *Climate, instability, stress and future geopolitics*

Followed by a round table discussion including an industrialist

Session Two: The future US-UK relationship and how to maximise our defence and security

Expert contributors on a number of significant areas including, but not limited to:

- *What do we need to do to keep the relationship in good order?*
- *Rebooting for effective defence*
- *Rethinking defence capability and the role of partners in its delivery*

Followed by a round table discussion opened by **Professor Paul Cornish** *Chief Strategist Cityforum*

Dinner Discussion: The politics of defence – US positioning, moves towards European strategic autonomy and the way ahead for the United Kingdom

Contributors to include:

The Honorable Franklin D. Kramer

Eminent figures from MOD

A former British Ambassador to the United States

A senior figure from the US Department of Defense

A former UK Minister

A representative from the Centre for European Reform

An industry figure