



## Calendar of events

### Defence and security

#### In development

##### **The 25th Wilton Park nuclear non-proliferation conference**

C629

The 25th Wilton Park nuclear non-proliferation conference. This year's conference will assess the challenges to the global regime in anticipation of the postponement to 2021 of the NPT Review Conference.

##### **A conceptual and analytical dialogue on policy options for multilateral controls on missiles**

C761

The meeting will examine the drivers for acquisition and proliferation, validate our assumptions about the threat and test the hypothesis that existing regimes are unable to respond.

##### **Cyber technology and gender**

As humans develop increasingly smarter machines, we may be building in a dangerous bias, to society's detriment. The technology sector, in areas such as cybersecurity development and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) in general, is overwhelmingly male. That gender imbalance inevitably limits diversity of thinking and means that cyber technology, both in its design and in the analytical output produced, are likely to mirror the biases that prevail in the world in which we live.

##### **Threat of serious organised crime to national security**

Serious and organised crime has been described as the deadliest national security threat faced by the UK. It persistently erodes our economy and communities and affects more UK citizens than any other national security threat, impacting on citizens, public services, businesses, institutions, national reputation and infrastructure. The 2015 Strategic Defence and Security Review made it its aim "to reduce substantially the level of serious and organised crime affecting the UK and our interests". It has not succeeded in that ambition.

### Global economy

#### Confirmed

##### **Meeting the ASEAN skills challenge: How can government, education providers and employers provide skills for the 21st Century?**

WP1754 (Ho Chi Minh City)

With education ministers and experts from around the ASEAN region to share their experiences on how to bring industry, government and the Higher Education and skills sector together to ensure that workers have the relevant skills for the future economy.

### Sustainable development and the environment

#### In development

## **Food security and food systems: what needs to change globally during and after the pandemic?**

C598

A series of virtual discussions to focus on food security, and the changes that will be needed to agricultural production and to local and global distribution and supply chains. How to make the food system work for all? How to make it climate-compatible and resilient to future shocks?

## **Making transformational change possible: connecting the worlds of policy, evaluation and research**

C750

This Wilton Park series of dialogues will share and discuss lessons from transformational changes to inform policy makers of how they can be repeated and scaled up to help combat climate change and keep the SDGs on track.

## **C-19 and vulnerable populations (PLHIV & drug users)**

C801

The impact of COVID-19 has significantly increased the psychological impact of those living with HIV Aids as well as other vulnerable populations. How might some of these on-going challenges be addressed in the health system going forward?

# **Multilateral institutions, key countries and regions**

## **In development**

### **COVID-19: Vaccine Literacy**

COVID-19 has resulted in a global health and economic crisis. The lack of proven therapeutics and vaccines for COVID-19 has resulted in radical shutdowns of all parts of society in a bid to curb the spread of the virus. Vaccines offer the greatest longer-term protection from the impact of COVID-19. Numerous effects globally are racing to develop vaccines in record time. However, once we have vaccines which have been trialled, tested and shown to be safe and effective to use in humans, there will need to be significant uptake (around 90%) of the vaccine across populations for populations to be protected. This initiative aims to establish cross-sectoral networks to improve vaccine literacy to ensure populations are ready for 1) involvement in trials for candidates as they come on line 2) wider population uptake of vaccines once they are widely available. plt will engage across the private and public sector as well as civil society to build demand and acceptance for COVID-19 vaccines.

### **Meningitis: Progressing the Roadmap**

C671

To continue to progress the WHO Meningitis Roadmap which was first developed as a result of a Wilton Park meeting. This meeting will focus on Advocacy and Engagement as one of the 5 pillars of the roadmap to identify who from civil society and community groups is required to input into a new global communication framework.

### **British-German alumni conversations**

C795

Conversations engaging with British-German alumni on key policy issues that matter to both countries as the UK's departure from the EU takes full effect.

# **Conflict prevention, resolution and state building**

## **In development**

### **Next generation African peacebuilding and the post-Covid world**

C786

Virtual dialogue to consider how peace and security in Africa has and will continue to be affected by the global pandemic, and how next generation African peacebuilding needs to take account of this changed world The meeting seeks to bring stakeholders from across the continent and across sectors to take stock of the implications of Covid-19 on peacebuilding, consider opportunities to support the peacebuilding field and shape the programme for a physical conference to follow in 2021.

## Space - National submissions to the UN

C788

Dependant on the success of the UK submission to the UNGA, this event seeks to canvas support through focused education and dialogue with nations for the UK position on responsible behaviours in space

\*closed, invitation only events. Unless otherwise stated, events are held at Wiston House.

Details of confirmed events can be found on our website, <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/events/>

As well as the confirmed events featured on our website, we are always looking into new ideas. Detailed above is a taster of some of the ideas we are currently exploring (subject to funding). If you would like to find out more about funding, partnership or participation, please email [jo.lawrance@wiltonpark.org.uk](mailto:jo.lawrance@wiltonpark.org.uk). All dates are subject to change.

In association with HMG, other governments and partners, Wilton Park also convenes sensitive foreign policy discussions addressing strategic priorities and geographic issues which are not included on this calendar. For our latest updates, please visit [wiltonpark.org.uk](http://wiltonpark.org.uk) To sign up to our newsletter, please go to <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/newsletter/>