



Calendar of events

Conflict prevention

Confirmed

Next generation African peacebuilding: new voices, perspectives and approaches*

Wednesday 10 – Friday 12 April | WP1676

Our fifth event in the African Peacebuilding series aims to engage African policymakers, civil society actors, scholars and entrepreneurs to identify concrete measures and ways forward to sustainable peacebuilding efforts.

Defence and security

Confirmed

[Commonwealth Dialogue: Countering diversion of SALW and their ammunition*](#)

Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 February | WP1632

Bringing together government representatives and technical experts from across all regions of the Commonwealth to share best practice in tackling the scourge of international arms trafficking.

[Addressing illicit trafficking and access to firearms in the context of organised crime and terrorism: towards a new paradigm](#)

Wednesday 23 – Saturday 26 January | WP1671

The event will put the question of illicit firearms trafficking in the context of terrorism and transnational organized crime; critically assess existing preventive and response strategies; identify potential conceptual, normative and operational/practical gaps; and draw up practical recommendations for more effective, focused and long-term strategies.

[Operating in space: towards developing protocols*](#)

Sunday 31 March – Tuesday 2 April | WP1680

Developing and deepening international collaboration to protect the use of space for legitimate national and international activities.

In development

The UK's security and defence relationship with the EU post Brexit

2019 | C352

While there is strong mutual interest in very close UK-EU security and defence collaboration after Brexit, it is critical to consider the new structures and processes needed to make this possible, including for example to deal with potential new regulatory barriers if single market rules are increasingly applied to the defence and military spheres.

Addressing security challenges in North Africa and the Sahel - UK policy and strategy

2019 | C405

Discussing the frequency, severity and complexity of security challenges related to North Africa and the Sahel and the new NSC priority requires deeper cross-Whitehall policy and strategy co-ordination.

Global economy

Confirmed

[Tackling corruption: making progress, learning lessons and building capacity*](#)

Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 January | WP1654

Conference to review progress on commitments from the 2016 Anti-Corruption Summit in the UK, engage in peer learning and experience sharing, and build capacity within government, business and civil society in tackling corruption.

The promise of digital health: addressing non-communicable diseases to accelerate universal health coverage

Wednesday 3 – Friday 5 April | WP1683

Identifying policy solutions to the management of non-communicable diseases across lower and middle income countries through digital technology. This event will examine examples and develop models to be used elsewhere.

Human rights, good governance and faith

Confirmed

[Turbocharging youth employment in Africa: a new approach*](#)

Sunday 20 – Wednesday 23 January | WP1658

This event will seek to address the large and persistent challenge of youth unemployment by presenting a multi-faceted response, drawing on previous Youth Dialogues.

[Sexual violence in conflict: delivering justice for survivors and holding perpetrators to account*](#)

Monday 25 – Wednesday 27 February | WP1651

Five years since the Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, the UK will host an international meeting in November 2019. This event, one of a series of milestones in the lead up to the international meeting, will focus on justice and accountability.

Digital interference in democratic processes*

Monday 8 – Wednesday 10 April | WP1682

This expert roundtable will provide an opportunity to explore the interface between technology and politics, examining ways in which data is used and misused in political campaigning, referenda and elections and the implications for democracies.

Prevention of violence against women and girls*

Wednesday 8 – Friday 10 May | WP1657

Seeking to increase awareness, knowledge and understanding of what works and doesn't work to prevent violence against women and girls and aims to define a global agenda for VAWG prevention.

In development

Digital dignity in armed conflict

2019 | C437

This dialogue explore how individuals and communities in conflict can be safeguarded from emerging threats to their dignity and identity in the digital space and sets out a roadmap to uphold the principles of "digital dignity".

Hate crime in Europe and North America

2019 | C446

In support of more effective strategies to tackle hate crime, on and offline, this meeting will provide an opportunity for selected experts from Europe and North America to strengthen collaboration and identify practical steps forward.

Multilateral institutions, key countries and regions

Confirmed

[Managing future global challenges: the role of emerging powers](#)

Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 February | WP1660

The 12th in Wilton Park's annual Futures series, exploring the future of global challenges ranging from security and conflict to trade and governance in 2035. Technology, demographic shifts, economic trends, and the rise of China and other emerging powers are among the drivers of change in the international system.

Sustainable development and the environment

Confirmed

[Commonwealth Litter Programme: National policy workshop on marine litter](#)

Tuesday 22 – Wednesday 23 January | WP1674 (Vanuatu)

The event is being organised as part of the Commonwealth Litter Programme (CLiP), which is funded by the UK government's Department for the Environment, Fisheries and Rural Affairs (Defra) and led by the UK through the Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas).

[Commonwealth Litter Programme: National policy workshop on marine litter](#)

Thursday 30 January – Friday 1 February | WP1673 (Solomon Islands)

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[Pacific regional conference on marine litter](#)

Monday 18 – Tuesday 19 February (dates tbc) | WP1677 (Vanuatu)

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[Defeating meningitis by 2030 – developing a global roadmap](#)

Wednesday 27 February – Friday 1 March | WP1675

The second Global Task Force meeting to take forward the global roadmap to defeat meningitis. An official World Health Organisation meeting with Wilton Park building on the previous meeting A Global Vision for Meningitis by 2030 in February 2017.

[Building a stronger HIV prevention movement in Asia](#)

Wednesday 6 – Friday 8 March | WP1663 (Singapore)

This Wilton Park dialogue will focus on how to reduce new HIV infections in Asia, which has a high and increasing burden of HIV. The dialogue will enable participants to share lessons and build momentum to expand prevention policies and programmes.

[China's Belt and Road Initiative and the SDGs*](#)

Monday 11 – Wednesday 13 March | WP1644

International experts, officials and practitioners will discuss the opportunities and risks for BRI to advance sustainable development whilst ensuring commercial returns.

[Transboundary climate risks*](#)

Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 March | WP1670

Policy responses to the risks posed by climate change are formulated largely at the national level, despite the transnational nature of many ecosystems and communities. This event will examine the benefits and challenges of a more multilateral approach to adaptation and disaster risk reduction.

[Green grids: connecting Asia](#)

Thursday 28 – Saturday 30 March | WP1656

The relatively low capacity of our energy grids to accommodate international trade in electricity threatens to act as a bottleneck to the greater integration of renewable energy, inhibiting the world's ability to make the transition away from fossil fuels. How can investments in this vital infrastructure be ramped up?

[Financing for health: the road ahead](#)

Sunday 28 – Tuesday 30 April | WP1666

Bringing together international leaders to tackle the question how we will finance health for all, and share ideas and solutions for reimagining donor aid and building sustainable healthcare financing systems.

In development

Can blockchain improve humanitarian financing?

2019 | C390

Innovation in financial technologies offers the prospect of improved transparency and efficiency in the financing of multilateral humanitarian aid programmes. This event will explore the potential, and risks, of the use of distributed ledgers in the humanitarian sector.

*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 nandini.mackay@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 To sign up to our newsletter, please go to <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/newsletter/>