## Calendar of events

### Defence and security

**In development**

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<td>Sustainability of the military apparatus C680</td>
<td>Developing a MOD Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy, seeking alignment on sustainability with foreign militaries in COP26 and HMG’s response to climate change threats.</td>
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<td>The 25th Wilton Park nuclear non-proliferation conference C629</td>
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<td>Cyber technology and gender</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Threat of serious organised crime to national security</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Operating in space: current multilateral policy issues and challenges - GRULAC regional event Monday 20 July</td>
<td>A demonstration of space activity, exploring threats and arrangements for governing operations in space, sharing perspectives on communications to facilitate the sustainable use of space.</td>
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### Global economy

#### In development

**The global economy post-COVID19: how to achieve a green, healthy and resilient recovery?**  
C707  
Exploring a series of discussions on how the global community can build a greener, healthier and resilient global economy post-COVID, bringing the climate change and health lens to the reforms and transitions that might be needed.

**Young people and COVID in Africa**  
C734  
What investments do young people in Africa need in the wake of COVID 19? Held in partnership with the Africa Union and focusing on education, sexual and reproductive health and rights, employment and security.

#### Confirmed

**Meeting the ASEAN skills challenge: How can government, education providers and employers provide skills for the 21st Century?**  
21 October 2020 | 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?

**Food Security in Africa**  
C725  
A virtual discussion to identify practical ways to tackle food insecurity in Africa, especially in light of COVID and increasing climatic threats. Opportunity for cross-sector stakeholders from Africa, with international experts, to examine the current situation, identify what can be done by African governments and outline practical plans for implementation of responses and prevention across the continent. Event to be held in collaboration with the Resilient40 and Surge Africa.

### 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.
It will engage across the private and public sector as well as civil society to build demand and acceptance for COVID-19 vaccines.

**Confirmed**

**Vaccine literacy: immunisation training for community-based health workers and immunisation professionals**  
Wednesday 22 July | WP1811 (virtual)  
Community healthcare workers, immunisation professionals and health systems leaders are critical in maintaining trust and confidence in immunisation and immunisation services. Now more than ever, training in advance of the expectation of a COVID-19 vaccine and how to address hesitancy concerns are vital to both maintain health gains as a result of vaccines and to ensure COVID-19 vaccine uptake is optimised once a vaccine is available.

*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/](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/](https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/newsletter/)