



Wilton Park

## Calendar of events

### Conflict prevention

#### Confirmed

##### [The future of global peacebuilding: Africa\\*](#)

Monday 19 – Thursday 22 March | WP1552

The fourth and final event in our African perspectives of peacebuilding series, developed in partnership with the African Leadership Centre and the African Peacebuilding Network.

### Defence and security

#### Confirmed

##### [Verification in multilateral nuclear disarmament: preparing for the UN Group of Governmental Experts\\*](#)

Wednesday 24 – Friday 26 January | WP1595

Bringing together newly announced members of the UN Group of Governmental Experts on verifying nuclear disarmament, this meeting will draw on practical past experience of similar issues to identify transferable lessons, and set out intentions on how to pursue the work of the GGE.

##### [Responsible behaviour in space: building a common vision\\*](#)

Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 March | WP1602

A conference of government and industry participants from likeminded space faring nations to develop: specific proposals for new space norms; guiding principles for effective and responsible national space regulation; an action plan to promote space interests via international forums.

##### [Nuclear deterrence 2018](#)

Wednesday 20 – Saturday 23 June | WP1610

Discussing: How are the US and its allies adapting their deterrence strategies to the evolving security environment? Are they converging or diverging? Is the balance of strategic influence shifting favourably or unfavourably in Europe and Asia? What can be done to accelerate deterrence transformation and improve strategic competitiveness?

#### In development

##### [A mine free world: achieving the 2025 aspiration](#)

2018 | C355

This prospective meeting will engage the Mine Action community, and assess challenges such as new contamination, but also what “mine-free” really means in countries where contamination is historic, and pathways to improved donor coordination.

### Global economy

#### Confirmed

##### [Skills for jobs: maximising potential in Asia\\*](#)

Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 March | WP1584 (Bangkok)

Promoting the improvement of TVET policy and implementation in Asia, encouraging increased cross-institutional and regional collaboration as well as an opportunity to explore and develop future strategies.

### **Caribbean2030 Leaders Network IV**

Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 May | WP1601 (Trinidad)

Fourth of the Caribbean 2030 Leaders Network, bringing together this growing network of new and younger leaders from across the region. To discuss progress on their actions to support open data/open government and green growth in the region, and generate new actions to meet their vision for the region.

### **Illegal Wildlife Trade II**

Wednesday 13 – Friday 15 June | WP1607

In the run up to the 2018 International Summit to be hosted by the UK, what practical, grassroots applications will deliver the change needed? Can a combination of agreed standards for data aggregation and sharing as well local, ground-level collaboration unlock the solution?

## **In development**

### **Green finance in South East Asia**

2018 | C271

Developing policy frameworks that ease and strengthen the pipeline of green finance into Southeast Asia through increased knowledge and capacity building.

## **Human rights, good governance and faith**

### **Confirmed**

#### **[Human rights and agenda 2030: challenges and opportunities\\*](#)**

Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 January | WP1587

The annual Human Rights meeting will be the 13th in the series.

#### **[Dealing with the mental health needs of children and adolescents affected by conflict\\*](#)**

Wednesday 17 – Friday 19 January 2018 | WP1581

A Wilton Park Youth Dialogue exploring what has been called a mental health crisis among children and adolescents trapped in conflict in Syria and elsewhere.

#### **[The future of cities, regions and communities](#)**

Wednesday 7 – Friday 9 February | WP1594

The 11th annual Futures meeting will convene a broad spectrum of futurists drawn from policy planning, military, academia, private sector and other subject experts to share insights into trends, challenges and opportunities to inform policy planning and decision making looking ahead to 2030.

#### **[Stepping up the level of prosecution for people trafficking, modern slavery, organised immigration crime and forced labour across Europe\\*](#)**

Wednesday 21 – Friday 23 February | WP1590

Prosecuting human trafficking, modern slavery, organised immigration crime, forced labour and related conduct requires prosecutors to work with police from the outset of criminal investigations, shaping the gathering of evidence in complex cases where there may be many victims and many perpetrators with different roles. By its nature, this type of conduct is international. Against this backdrop, the Director of Public Prosecutions for England and Wales is holding a summit for Prosecutors General from selected countries.

#### **[The neurobiology of PTSD: a challenge to be met\\*](#)**

Sunday 29 April – Wednesday 2 May | WP1591

Convening leading neuroscientists and psychiatrists from the UK, Israel and elsewhere, to explore the scientific aspects and practical implications of emerging research.

#### **[Employment in Africa: creating employment opportunities, entrepreneurship and vocational skills](#)**

Wednesday 11 – Friday 13 July | WP1609 (Addis Ababa)

Focusing on looking at how to build jobs and resilience and tackle the crisis of youth employment in Africa.

## In development

### **Hate crime in Europe and North America**

2018

In spite of the efforts of actors in government, civil society organisations and academia, crimes committed with a bias motive against individuals or groups perceived to be 'other' remain all too frequent. This meeting will provide senior stakeholders with a forum for frank discussion about reducing the frequency of hate crimes.

## Multilateral institutions, key countries and regions

### Confirmed

#### **[The future of the UK's bilateral relationships in Europe\\*](#)**

Wednesday 31 January – Friday 2 February 2018 | WP1603

Bringing together a range of actors (academics, governments, business) from the UK and EU Member States to discuss the impact of Brexit on bilateral relations and how all sides should go about building new partnerships.

### In development

#### **Youth employment: a Middle Eastern human security challenge**

2018 | C255

Seeking to contribute to collective planning and promote greater understanding to combat the youth employment crisis in the MENA region, this event will promote more coordinated, strategic level thinking.

#### **British German Forum 2018 - 'Our common future: society, business and politics in a changing world'**

2018 | C322 (July)

Our British German Forum is an annual series for young leaders aged 25 to 35 from the UK and Germany. The 2018 theme will be 'Our common future: society, business and politics in a changing world'

## Sustainable development and the environment

### Confirmed

#### **[Slowing the HIV and HCV epidemic for people who inject drugs\\*](#)**

Monday 26 – Wednesday 28 February | WP1578

As part of our global health series, and continuing our work on HIV with the Global Health Group, UCSF and Gilead Sciences.

#### **[Achieving the SDGs: building on interlinkages among goals](#)**

Monday 5 – Wednesday 7 March | WP1608

Addressing the challenge of the overlapping SDGs to transform SDG trade-offs into synergies.

#### **Tertiary education and soft power networks: maximising the UK's global reach, prosperity and influence**

Monday 26 – Tuesday 27 March | WP1585

A discussion about how to maximise the UK development support for tertiary education, using a wide range of existing and new programmes, identifying and sharing best approaches with partners involved in implementation (including in country).

\* 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 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](mailto: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](http://wiltonpark.org.uk) To sign up to our newsletter, please go to <https://www.wiltonpark.org.uk/newsletter/>