

# FCO priorities and Wilton Park (2017-2018)

Wilton Park's purpose: to support British strategic foreign policy objectives by providing a neutral, discreet and secure forum to convene international opinion formers and policy makers to address and resolve global issues critical to the national security and prosperity of Britain and her allies, and consequently project British values and influence.

## FCO strategic objectives to 2020

### Protect our people

Safeguard our national security by countering terrorism, extremism, weapons proliferation, and other state and non-state threats in cooperation with allies and partners. Assist British people living, travelling and working around the world when they are most in need.

### Project our global influence

Protect and promote the values and influence of Global Britain, strengthening our partnerships and the rules-based international system. Support good governance, democracy, rule of law and human rights; prevent and resolve conflict; and build stability overseas.

### Promote our prosperity

Promote our prosperity by opening markets, driving economic reform, championing British business, and supporting free trade and sustainable global growth.

## Wilton Park strategic objectives to 2020

Secure policy and funding partners to enable it to focus on these strategic objectives in all its events, with a special emphasis on conflict and post-conflict states, the application of the rule of law, and the delivery of the sustainable development goals in vulnerable nations.

## Priorities for 2017-18

### Security threats

- Continuing to address the causes of radicalisation and explore ways of preventing violent extremism, particularly amongst young people.
- Developing effective strategies to constrain weapons proliferation.
- Pursuing opportunities for dialogue about and between Gulf States and MENA countries.
- Promoting approaches to address issues around cyber, including security and norms in cyber space

### Europe

- Developing bilateral programmes with European partners.
- Supporting DExEU to achieve negotiating objectives of exit. Supporting preparations for a future outside the EU.
- Helping to advance British national foreign, security and defence policy within the EU1.5.

### Euro-Atlantic security

- Developing our programme to support a strengthened, more cohesive NATO. Supporting UK leadership based on a close transatlantic relationship and engagement with European allies.
- Using effective dialogue to improve engagement with and on Russia to improve understanding of security challenges and broaden regional experts' perspectives.
- Supporting work to develop effective deterrence strategies to meet Russian security challenges.
- Building a more resilient European neighbourhood. Responding to challenges to European security, particularly in the Ukraine and Western Balkans.

### Conflict and stability

- Promoting good governance and human rights, reducing modern slavery and addressing migration. Developing programmes supporting regional stability in NSC priority countries including Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq, Libya, Somalia and Yemen.
- Work to strengthen the rules-based international system, including supporting engagement with the UNSG and UNSC.
- Working to address conflict resolution issues.
- Supporting Commonwealth members and outcomes of CHOGM 2018.

### Economic diplomacy

- Convening global leadership of free trade and UK trade policy within the WTO and with future FTA partners.
- Supporting DIT and DExEU colleagues post Brexit and support UK companies to export and to bring in FDI.
- Promoting economic development, sustainable growth and better business environments in key markets, especially developing countries and emerging economies, with support from Posts and FCO programme funds.
- Continuing our work on global economic issues including global health, education and anti-corruption.
- Working to address the SDGs and the role of public-private partnerships.

### Supporting #GlobalBritain

- Utilising Wilton Park's convening skills to support UK soft power and influence.
- Promotion of UK values through youth and leadership programmes.
- Promoting empowerment of women and ensuring diversity as a cross cutting theme.
- Using the US Hub as a bridge.