



26-27 **MARCH** 2025



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DAY 1 SCHEDULE



KEYNOTE ARENA



10.20-10.30 **Welcome from the Chair**
Natalie Desty, Founder, STEM Returners, Women in Defence



10.30-10.50 **Strengthening Defence and Security Through Industrial Partnerships**
Avril Jolliffe, Director General Industry, Trade and Economic Security, Ministry of Defence



10.50-11.10 **Delivering the Dstl Corporate Plan 2023 – 2028**
Tim Sheldon, Chief Delivery Officer, Dstl



11.10-11.30 **Partnering, Engagement and Delivery Capability**
Lieutenant General Sir Rob Magowan KCB CBE, Deputy Chief of Defence Staff (Military Capability), Ministry of Defence



12.00-12.20 **The Impact and Future of Digital Procurement**
Victoria Cope, Commercial Director, Defence Digital, Ministry of Defence



12.20-12.40 **Supply Chain Resilience Though Digitalisation**
Ewan Sime, Global PS&C Director, Babcock International Group



12.40-13.00 **Modernising the Delivery of Defence Support**
Vice Admiral Andy Kyte, Chief of Defence Logistics and Support (CDLS) Ministry of Defence



13.00-13.20 **Defence Acquisition at the Moment of Optimum Risk**
Professor John Louth, Redstone Risk



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11.00-11.20 **Partnering with Purpose**
Neil Jackson, Group Senior Sustainability Manager, BAE Systems

11.25-11.45 **Cyber Security – Secure by Design**
Representative of Thales

12.15-12.35 **SC21 Programme, GHG Emissions Reporting, Social value 101**
Steve Collins, SCS Programme Manager, ADS

12.55-13.15 **Airbus Defence and Space – Focus on Space**
Martin Lee, Space Program Procurement Manager, Airbus

14.40-15.00 **Sustainable Procurement Capability & Skills**
Nicky Gardiner, UK Sustainable Procurement Capability Lead, MBDA

15.05-15.25 **Unlocking Financial Support for Suppliers**
Representative of ADS

INFRASTRUCTURE & ESTATES ZONE SPONSORED BY **Jacobs**

10.40-11.00 **Supplier Relationship Management Strategy**
Representative of DIO

11.10-11.30 **AWE Infrastructure – Future Infrastructure Programme and Future Materials Campus**
Representative of AWE

11.40-12.00 **Defence Partnerships – The Added Value of Working with an SME**
Representative of REDS Group

12.10-12.30 **Strategic Partnerships in Defence Infrastructure: Collaborating for Innovation and Growth**
Representative of ADS

12.40-13.00 **DIO: Major Projects and Programmes**
Representative of DIO

13.20-13.40 **Championing Soil Health and Circularity in the Anthropocene – A Resilient Approach to Defence Site Development / Redevelopment**
Bruce Lascelles, Director for Climate Smart and Sustainable Land Management; Aydin Zorlutuna, Senior Technical Director; Ian Evans, Solution Lead, Arcadis

13.50-14.10 **Net Zero and Sustainability in Infrastructure and Estates**
Representative of DIO

14.50-15.10 **Social Value in Defence Procurement: Unlocking Opportunities for SMEs**
Representative of DIO

15.15-15.35 **Opportunities in Facilities Management**
Representative of DIO

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10.50-11.10 **DE&S Future Capability Acceleration – Adapting and Iterating Delivery**
Dave Pheasant, Future Capability Innovation/Capability Acceleration Team Leader, DE&S

11.20-12.00 **Commercial X: Unlocking Defence Innovation and Opportunities**
Dina Kakaras, Head of Commercial X, Ministry of Defence

12.10-12.30 **DefTech: Technology Transforming Defence**
Jeremy Wimble, Programme Manager, Defence techUK

14.10-14.30 **The Next Generation of Tactical Military Communications in the Land Environment**
Thomas Lightfoot, Commercial Head Hardware and Services, Defence Digital

14.40-15.00 **Cyber Security Model Issue 4 Update**
Phil Blunden, Assistant Head of Cyber Supply Chain Security, Defence Cyber Protection Programme, Ministry of Defence

15.10-15.30 **DIPS: Transforming How we Engage with Industry to Accelerate and Improve Defence Outcomes**
Nick Barras, Head of Professional Service and Contract Management, DASA

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10.35-10.55 **Astraea – AWE Update on the UK Replacement Warhead**
Representative of AWE Replacement Warhead

11.00-11.20 **The Next Steps in Natural Security Engagement**
Paul Larcey, Security and Defence, Innovate UK Business Connect

11.25-11.45 **From Concept to Capability: Boosting Businesses to Achieve Real-World Impact**
Tracey North, Business Growth & Finance Lead, DASA

12.15-12.35 **Category Management in Action – Contracting for the Future via R-Cloud**
Clare McGinn, Principal Commercial Manager, Dstl

13.05-13.45 **The Future of Counter-Drone Technologies in Defence**
Chris Daniels, Chief Commercial Officer of Flare Bright Ltd, ADS

14.15-14.35 **Partners in Innovation: Future-Proofing UK Defence**
Sam Zwolinski, Partnerships & Impact Partner; Nicola Barnett, Senior Relationship Manager, AWE; David Richardson, Head of Marketing Engagement, AWE

14.40-15.00 **Innovation in Delivering Social Value**
Dr Elizabeth Newman-Earl, Partner/Founder, e50K Strategic Advisory

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10.25-10.45 **The Single Source Regulatory Framework: A Short Masterclass and How the SSRO Can Help You**
John Russell, Chief Executive, Single Source Regulations Office (SSRO)

10.50-11.10 **Emerging International Defence Opportunities**
Julie Marionneau, Head of International Relations, ADS

11.40-12.00 **How UKDSE can help SMEs Export**
Jacob Cooney, SME Engagement Project Manager and Maj Harriet Chapman RA, Officer Commanding, Export Support Team, UKDSE

12.05-12.25 **Doing Business with Defence**
Catherine Proudlove, SME Lead, Defence Commercial, Ministry of Defence

12.30-12.50 **Working with Japan**
Guy Hale, Senior Desk Officer for Japan, UKDSE

13.35-13.55 **Working with Australia**
Edward Carden, Senior Desk Officer for Australia & New Zealand, UKDSE

14.00-14.20 **Defence Procurement Best Practice**
Ben Farrell, CEO, CIPS

14.25-14.45 **Creating Effective Solutions for all our Customers**
Tilly Harvey-Godfrey, Head of Category – Professional Services, Crown Commercial Service

14.50-15.10 **Accessing Defence Sector Opportunities with DCI**
Scott Zonfrillo, Business Development Manager, Defence Contracts International (DCI)

EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES ZONE

10.45-11.05 **Addressing the Risk in Multi-Tier Defence Supply Chains through Digital Innovation and Supplier Collaboration**
Steven Wood, Head of Industry Practice (Aerospace, Defence & Security), Digital Catapult

11.15-11.35 **Supply Chain Opportunities with DE&S**
James Gavin, Head of Future Capability Innovation, DE&S

11.40-12.00 **Secure Infrastructure for Defence**
Dan Barker, Global Head of Secure Infrastructure, Beaverfit Limited

12.30-13.10 **Advancing Defence People & Skills through MOD-Industry Partnerships**
Jo Osburn-Hughes, Human Resources Director, DE&S; Neil Young, Global Engineering Capability Director, Babcock

13.00-13.15 **Land Enterprise Working Group: Shaping the Future of Land Capabilities Through Industry Collaboration**
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13.40-14.00 **DFMA in HVAC Systems**
James Bevis, Managing Director, Exyte Hargreaves

14.50-15.10 **Opportunities for SMEs in Defence Medical Supply Contracts**
Colonel Harvey Pynn, Head, jHub Med, Defence Medical Services (DMS)

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Welcome from the Chair
Elizabeth Vallance Bull, AI and Technical Strategy Advisor, Women Empowering Defence

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Ministerial Opening Address
Maria Eagle MP, Minister for Defence Procurement

10.30-10.50

The MOD Procurement Process – SME Action Plan
Andrew Forzani, Director General Commercial, Ministry of Defence

10.30-10.50

Connecting Industry and Infrastructure: Insights into the DIO Commercial Strategy
Claire Benham, Commercial Director, DIO

11.30-12.20

Panel: SME Engagement, Spend, and Strategy
Julie Brettell, Supply Chain Director, Ministry of Defence;
Andrew Kinniburgh, Director General, Make UK Defence

12.40-13.00

AUKUS – Defence Procurement Collaboration
Samira Braund, Defence Director, ADS & Kevin Craven, Chief Executive, ADS

13.00-13.20

Championing SME Contribution to a Defence Supply Chain that Underpins our Warfighting Edge and Supports Economic Growth
Julie Brettell, Supply Chain Director, Ministry of Defence

14.00-14.45

Panel: UK Defence Supply Chain's Support for Ukraine
Andy Kaye, Head of Commercial – Gateway and Operations, DE&S;
Tom McDonald, Director, Defence Value for Money Audit

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SUPPLY CHAIN & PARTNERING ZONE

10.55-11.15

The Role of Supplier Diversity in the New Procurement Landscape
Matt Dabrowski, Founder & CEO, OutBritain & OutScotland

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Supplier Relationship Management
Martin Dalziel, P&SC Director, Babcock International Group

11.45-12.05

Unlocking Financial Support for Suppliers
Representative of ADS

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Building a Diverse Supply Chain
Representative of Thales

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Fixing the Vocational Skills Crisis in Defence
Andrew Kinniburgh, Director General, Make UK Defence

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The Strategic Value of Early Engagement for Defence Suppliers
John Kite, Deputy Head of Industry Collaboration, Ministry of Defence and Samira Braund, Defence Director, ADS

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Representative of AWE

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Supplier Relationship Management Strategy
Representative of DIO

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Delivering Defence Infrastructure at Pace: Enabling Military Capability through Multidisciplinary Engineering
Christian Knutson, Director, Europe Defence and Security, Jacobs UK Limited

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Strategic Partnerships in Defence Infrastructure: Collaborating for Innovation and Growth
Representative of ADS

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Build to Adapt – Achieving Longevity through Flexibility
Rory O'Hagan, Living Team Leader, Arcadis

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DIO: Major Projects and Programmes
Representative of DIO

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Optimising Performance through Wellbeing: Human-Centred Design for resilient defence environments
Representative of AtkinsRealis

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Importance of Supply Chain Resilience
Representative of DIO

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Accelerating Impact: Leveraging the Power of Partnerships
Stacey Crump, Impact Lead, DASA

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How Artificial Intelligence can Enhance Your Processes
Panel of ADS Representatives

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Commercial X: Unlocking Defence Innovation and Opportunities
Dina Kakaras, Head of Commercial X, Ministry of Defence

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Quantum Science for UK Defence
Gareth Brown, Dstl Fellow Quantum Technologies, Dstl

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Digital Twins: Enhancing Maintenance and Lifecycle Management
Representative of Defence Modelling & Simulation Office, ADS

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Cyber Security – Supply Chain Resilience
Phil Blunden, Assistant Head Cyber Supply Chain Security, Defence Cyber Protection Partnership, Ministry of Defence

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How DE&S are Accelerating S&T into Operations
James Gavin, Head of Future Capability Innovation, DE&S

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Approaches to Apply Quantum Computing to Address Real End User Problems
Paul Ceely, Director of Technology Strategy, Digital Catapult

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Autonomous Sensor Management; Using Open Tools and Standards to Ease Operator burden
Russell McKinlay, Principal Data Scientist, Dstl

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How might the SDR and DIS Impact your Business?
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How CCS Engages with the Defence Marketplace
Patrick Cahill, Deputy Director and Space Sector Lead, Crown Commercial Service

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Accessing Defence Sector Opportunities with DCI
Scott Zonfrillo, Business Development Manager, Defence Contracts International (DCI)

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Delivering Government to Government Exports and Sales for the UK's Defence Equipment and Support
Richard Whalley, Head of Exports and Sales, DE&S

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Mitigating Cartel Risk in Procurement
Rob Saunders, Principal Intelligence Officer, Competition and Market Authority

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AWE Operations – Opening Up Our Future Needs to Industry
Representative of AWE Operations

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Building Resilient Defence Supply Chains: Automated Solutions for Sub-tier Supplier Mapping and Risk Analysis
Niall McManus, Senior Solutions Analyst

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Representative of ADS

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Hitting the Triple Target: Using Additive Manufacturing to Overcome Defence Supply Chain Challenges
Len Pannett, CEO, Supercharg3d Management Services Ltd

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