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ANNOUNCEMENT

ATLANTIC FUTURE FORUM 2020 TO BE HOSTED ON HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH - TO TAKE PLACE IN UNITED KINGDOM ON 20-21 OCTOBER 2020 -

The 2020 Atlantic Future Forum (AFF'20) will take place in the UK on 20-21 October and will be hosted on the Royal Navy's aircraft carrier, HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH. AFF'20 will be the third meeting of the Forum, following successful events in New York in 2018 and Annapolis in 2019.

The Atlantic Future Forum brings together the brightest minds, high-level decision makers and the most forward-thinking organisations from the United Kingdom and the United States of America to advance the special defence, security and technology relationship between our two countries.

In 2019, the AFF explored UK and US collaboration around the security challenges and opportunities being faced in the cyber, artificial intelligence and space domains. At the start of a new decade, AFF'20 will look ahead to the new security environment as we witness seismic shifts in global power, climate breakdown, mass migration, cyber warfare and the militarisation of space. We will be reimagining the role defence, security and business will play in the face of these evolving threats to global peace and prosperity.

The AFF brings together political, military and business leaders, tech sector CEOs, think tanks, academia and specialist subject matter experts. The invitation-only event is limited to 350 delegates. Last year both the UK and US National Security Advisors attended the Forum, together with FTSE 100 CEOs and senior representatives from the UK and US military.

The AFF is a collaboration between the public and private sectors. It is hosted by the Royal Navy onboard the UK's new aircraft carrier, HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH. The AFF is convened on behalf of the UK Cabinet Office with support from the Ministry of Defence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Trade. A number of leading UK and US private sector companies support the AFF as Strategic Partners, helping shape the agenda and providing enabling support in the staging of the event.

Admiral Tony Radakin, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff, said;

"I am delighted that the AFF will again be hosted on HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH, the Royal Navy's Fleet Flagship. This ship symbolises our investment in Allied defence and the strength of the UK-US partnership. It's also a true embodiment of Global Britain. Together we can foster even deeper co-operation and there is no limit to what we can achieve to deliver peace and prosperity in the future. The AFF is a special moment, in a special environment, enabling us to work together towards this goal."



Honorary Commodore, Stephen Watson, Director of the AFF, said;

“AFF’20 will be the third and most significant meeting of the Forum to date. At a time when the character of warfare and the threats facing the UK and US are changing, we will bring together leaders in government, military and industry to address these challenges. This is also a key year in the evolving relationship between our two countries, as we explore new trade agreements and areas for collaboration. I hope the AFF will play its part in positively progressing these undertakings.”

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The Atlantic Future Forum brings together representatives and high-level decision takers from government, business and the military from both the United Kingdom and United States. The Forum is hosted by the Royal Navy on one of its aircraft carriers, HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH. The AFF is convened by the Cabinet Office and is supported by the Ministry of Defence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for International Trade. The AFF is made possible by the enabling support of its private sector Strategic Partners, from both the UK and US.

AFF’20 will be staged in the UK on 20-21 October 2020. It will be hosted onboard HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH. Details of the location will be announced at a later date. Attendance at the AFF is by invitation only and is limited to 350 delegates, from the UK and US.

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