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THE SYDNEY DIALOGUE

Introducing The Sydney Dialogue



Technology's advance has outpaced regulatory and policy responses. Catching up requires a coordinated global response, yet there is no multilateral forum for the world's top thinkers and decision makers to come together on technology.

The Sydney Dialogue will fill that gap, gathering the most important players together to push forward global policymaking on tech.

The Sydney Dialogue, an initiative of the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, aims to become the world's premier summit for emerging, critical, and cyber technologies.



A note from our sponsors



The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) promotes and protects Australia's international interests to support our security and prosperity.

DFAT leads Australia's international engagement on cyber and critical technology across the Australian Government. This work is coordinated by Australia's Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology and guided by the International Cyber and Critical Technology Engagement Strategy.

The Strategy sets out Australia's vision for a safe, secure and prosperous Australia, Indo-Pacific region and world enabled by cyberspace and critical technology, and is implemented through a range of Partnerships and Agreements and Multilateral Engagement.

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The metaverse is the next evolution of social connection. Meta's vision is to bring the metaverse to life and help people connect, find communities and grow businesses.

Meta has a responsibility to ensure people can connect and share safely, and we've made significant investments in safety, security, privacy and wellbeing to protect our users.

We're proud to support and participate in the Australian Strategic Policy Institute's Sydney Dialogue, as part of our longstanding commitment to working constructively with policymakers, civil society and other leaders to support new regulations for the internet.

About The Sydney Dialogue



The Sydney Dialogue will bring together political, business and government leaders with the world's best strategic thinkers to debate, generate new ideas, and work towards common understandings of the opportunities and challenges posed by emerging and critical technologies.

The Sydney Dialogue will span both public and private activities, from keynotes by world leaders and panel discussions, to podcasts, publications and more.

The inaugural Sydney Dialogue commenced on Wednesday, 17 November, 2021 with a series of sessions over three days. But the conversation won't stop there. The Dialogue will extend into early 2022, with new events launched every month until March. All sessions between now and March will be conducted virtually due to COVID limitations.

In November 2022, the first in-person Sydney Dialogue will be held at the Sydney Opera House, with guests from all over the world, and then annually thereafter.

When contributing to The Sydney Dialogue, leaders and thinkers will be asked to push the envelope. We want them to set out their thinking and strategy by outlining new ideas, identifying their red lines, and telegraphing major developments or shifts in technology policy.

The Sydney Dialogue will be global in outlook, but with a particular focus on the Indo-Pacific. Each year it will tackle different themes, and will occasionally prioritise certain countries or regions. In 2021, India will be a core focus.

For more information please visit our website tsd.aspi.org.au

February Program

PANEL: Indigenous Technologies

Innovations powering the continuation of our oldest civilisations

Monday 14 February, 2022
1200-1300 AEDT

↗ Live stream available to public

Indigenous technology entrepreneurs are blending their ancient cultures with new technologies in ways that are transforming the oldest civilisations on earth and challenging non-Indigenous societies to re-think how they see these cultures and the way new and emerging technology can be harnessed.

In this panel discussion, Indigenous tech entrepreneurs and thought leaders will look ahead at how the world's oldest societies will co-exist in a tech fuelled future.

The Hon **Nanaia Mahuta** MP

Minister of Foreign Affairs
New Zealand

Sara Stratton

Founder
Maori Lab

Professor **Marcia Langton** AM

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Melbourne University

Facilitator **Rae Johnston**

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PANEL:

Increasing Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World

Monday 21 February, 2022
1730-1830 AEDT

↗ Live stream available to public

Covid-19 has created unprecedented disruption to our economic, health, and travel systems. The pandemic has demonstrated the importance of governments, scientists, and industry leaders working together to ensure healthy and thriving communities. How will this relationship re-write itself in the wake of the pandemic?

In this panel discussion, speakers will look at how governments, scientists and industry leaders can better work together to protect global health and promote economic recovery using technology.

The Hon **Mathias Cormann**

Secretary-General
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Simon Milner

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Executive Chairperson
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Facilitator **Jane Halton** AO PSM

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Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations

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March Program

PANEL: Who Works? The Crisis of Automation in the Indo-Pacific

The world is undergoing the largest workforce transition since the industrial revolution, and the Indo-Pacific is at the epicentre of this shift. Post pandemic, public and private sector enterprises of all sizes are capitalising on improvements in productivity, efficiency, and profitability by accelerating the rate at which they are applying technology to automate and augment work with more machines doing the work once done by people. AI will be a major growth driver in the coming decade and will affect one in every five jobs in Asia—and eliminate one in eight.

In this panel discussion, speakers will discuss where the effects of automation pose the greatest challenges for the region and how we can ensure career pathways for those displaced to mitigate the risk of civil unrest and ensure that critical skills gaps do not open up and restrict growth in the long term.

Speakers will consider research data and policy recommendations that urgently align technology and talent agendas to build career pathways for those economies feeling the impact in the Indo-Pacific.

Date to be announced

↗ Live stream available to public

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