



Future23 National Conference Agenda

Wednesday 13 September

6:00 pm **Pre-Conference Networking Drinks**
An optional event for participants to meet ahead of the Conference

Thursday 14 September

ANU National Security College

8:00 - 9:00am **Registration**

9:00 - 9:15am **Welcome**
Welcome to Country by Ngunnawal traditional custodian, Tyrone Bell

9:15 - 9:45am **Keynote Address**

9:45 - 10:20am **Morning Tea**

10:20 - 11:50am **Panel Discussion**
Australian foreign policy: today and tomorrow

The future of the Indo-Pacific is uncertain. In tackling the many political challenges in the region, Australia must maintain strategic and reasoned foreign policy. This first panel will investigate Australia's foreign policy priorities, highlighting the role of domestic politics in our strategic approach to international affairs now and in the future.

11:50 - 12:45pm **Lunch**

12:45 - 2:15pm **Professional Development Session 1**
Participants will engage in practical professional workshops with industry leaders

2:15 - 2:45pm **Afternoon Tea**

2:45 - 4:00pm **Professional Development Session 2**
Participants will engage in practical professional workshops with industry leaders

4:00 - 4:15pm **Closing Remarks**

6:30pm onwards **Industry Evening**
Join industry experts for an evening of networking and exploring various career opportunities in government, the private sector, research, and non-profit organisations.



Friday 15 September

ANU National Security College

9:15am

Welcome

9:30 - 11:00am

Panel Discussion

Diplomacy: Activated

Through our experience in formal education, many of us have only engaged in foreign affairs in a theoretical sense, removed from the perspectives, values and skills needed to create successful outcomes with international partners. How can we deepen our engagement with day-to-day foreign policy, in order to better understand and take action in diplomatic fields? In this panel, we will explore practical approaches to diplomatic work and international affairs, through harnessing the valuable insights of those making change on the ground.

11:00 - 11:40am

Morning Tea

11:40 - 12:40pm

Regional Breakout Session 1

Participants will attend one session hosted by an embassy of their choice

12:40 - 1:45pm

Lunch

1:45 - 2:45pm

Regional Breakout Session 2

Participants will attend a second regional session.

2:45 - 3:15pm

Afternoon Tea

3:15 - 4:30pm

Panel Discussion

Young People in the World

Throughout history, young people have introduced new ideas, broadened horizons and advocated for change in politics and society. Young people bring insight and creativity to future challenges for Australia, our region and the world. This panel will focus on delivering creative fresh perspectives and sharing the contributions of our next generation of leaders in foreign policy.

4:30 - 4:45pm

Closing Remarks

6:30pm onwards

Gala Dinner

Participants will gather for an evening of festivity to conclude the Conference *Black & White* theme, held at the Lotus Room, Casino Canberra

Saturday 16 September

From 11:00am

Post-Conference social activities throughout Canberra

Optional activities for participants looking to explore Canberra