

Norwegian - UK Defence Industry Seminar, November 2025

Scandic Holmenkollen Park Hotel, Oslo

Time	Event	Speakers/Participants	Location/Notes
Monday 24 November			
17:00 - 19:00	Welcome Reception		By invitation only British Ambassador's Residence
Tuesday 25 November			
08:30	Participant arrival and registration		Scandic Holmenkollen Park – Saga Room Coffee and tea will be available
09:00	Welcoming Remarks	Mr. Torleiv Opland , President & CEO FSi, Ms. Connie Mathisen , Director – International Business Development ADS Group	
09:10	Norwegian Keynote	Ms. Marte Gerhardsen , State Secretary Norwegian MoD	
09:25	UK Keynote	RAdm Steve McCarthy , Director Ships Operations and Capability Integration, UK Defence Equipment and Support	
09:40	Securing the High North – What are the common security challenges and how can UK and Norway work together to drive deterrence and resilience?	Professor Trevor Taylor Director of the Defence, Industries and Society Programme, RUSI Dr. Karsten Friis , Research Professor Research group on Security and Defence, NUPI	
10:10 - 10:50	Panel Discussion: Beyond the Frigate: Industrial Collaboration for Securing the Atlantic. How can industry contribute to shape future capability requirements in the High North?	Captain (N) Daniel Thomassen , Commander 1. Frigate Squadron, Royal Norwegian Navy Commodore Matt Stratton , Deputy Director Naval Underwater Systems Acquisition Mr. Steve Hart , Head of UK Business Development, Maritime and Land, BAE Systems	

		Mr. Tom Fidjeland , CEO, Umoe Mandal AS Mr. Arild Skoge , Business Development Manager, Kongsberg Defence and Aerospace Mr Bow Wheaton , UK GOV Liaison Campaign & Bus Support, Leonardo UK Moderated by: Ms. Connie Mathisen , Director – International Business Development ADS Group	
10:50	<i>Networking Refreshment Break</i>		
11:20	Defending and protecting critical subsea infrastructure – potential for UK - Norway cooperation	MOD UK (invited) Mr. John Hunnibell , Chief Product Officer, ACUA Ocean Mr. Trygve Olav Fossum , CEO, Skarv Technologies	
12:00	Space based capabilities - critical assets to assure situational awareness and operational readiness in the High North	Mr. Arild Saga , Director, Norwegian Armed Forces Space Development Program Mr. Thomas Leira , CEO, Vake AS Mr. Tom Greig , Regional Business Development Director - Europe, Global Government, Spire Global, Inc.	
12:40	UK Defence Industrial Strategy 2025: Making Defence an Engine for Growth	Mr. Joe Royce , Industrial Strategy and Policy Advisor from Defence Industrial Strategy Team, UK MoD	
13:00	<i>Networking Lunch</i>		
14:00	Type 26 Frigates to Norway – delivering the capability and forging a strategic industrial partnership	Mr. Sven Hanssen , Head of Shipbuild Norway, Naval Ships. BAE Systems	
14:30	How to deliver industrial cooperation in Norway – Regulations, practices and expectations for the frigate program	Capt. (N) Kay Norheim , Program manager / Ms. Christina Brauwers , Specialist Director, MOD NO/ Ms. Ylva H. Fredrikssen , Head of office, Acquisition Management Department / Industrial Cooperation, NDMA	
15:00	<i>Networking Break</i>		



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15:15 - 17:30	B2Bs		
19:00	<i>Conference Dinner</i>		Scandic Holmenkollen Park – Saga Room
Wednesday 26 November			
09:00	B2B meetings to continue		Scandic Holmenkollen Park – Saga Room
11:30	<i>Light lunch and refreshments</i>		
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