

The NAD Group/TD-Info Digital Engineering Conference

A Hybrid Event – 10-11 March 2026

Programme

Digital Engineering in UK Defence

Day One – The Need for Change, to be Digital from the Start

0800-0900	Registration and Breakfast in the	Speaker
0850-0855	Welcome and Introduction	Phil Williams , Managing Director, TD-Info
Panel One - Accelerating Digital Engineering Transformation in Defence		
0855-0910	Opening Keynote	MoD tbc
0910-0940	Strategic Context – Mindset required as a joint endeavour	Ukrainian Speaker – Antonov
0940-0955	Industry Response to strategic context	Neil Young, Babcock
0955-1010	Don't Forget Why: The Dangers of Relying on Siloes in a Storm	Eleanor Perry, MOD
1010-1025	The Revolution will not be Road Mapped	Ben Bayross, MOD
1025-1035	How O&C will support effectiveness, pace and agility in acquisition	RAdm Phil Game, MOD
1035-1050	Q&A Panel	Facilitated by
1050-1120	Break – please visit the Exhibition	
Panel Two - Born Digital – Embedding Digital from Day One		
1120-1125	Welcome Back	Facilitator TBC
1125-1145	Future Navy Hybrid Modelling	Mark Langmead, Matrix Pro Services and RN speaker in conversation
1145-1200	Mission Engineering 101 – the power of consistently modelling military context	Dom Leeds, MOD
1200-1215	Behind the Buzzwords: what AI can do for MBSE and the Buzzwords: Unlocking MBSE with AI	Ben Stuart-Richards, MOD NADG
1215-1230	Digital By Default - An apprentice's perspective on being "born digital".	Elliot Tomkins, MOD
1230-1245	The Messy Middle of Digital Transformation: "The human work between vision and results"	Amber Gilbert, Siemens
1245-1305	Enterprise Transformation	BAE Systems Guest in conversation with Dassault Systemes
1305-1320	Q&A Panel	Facilitated by TBC
1320-1420	Lunch – please visit the Exhibition	
Panel Three – Operational Excellence – Through-Life Digital Continuity		
1420-1425	Welcome Back	Facilitator Mike Sewart, CTO Thales UK
1425-1445	Delivering the Aurora Partnership's Operational Excellence & Digital Transformation	Mark Lavis Jones, MD Aurora in conversation with Graham Curtis, Accenture
1445-1500	Shifting Up the Mindset. How F1 can help change how we Procure Defence	Seb Sheppard, High Performing Consulting
1500-1515	Focus on the Value: Everything Else is Just Noise	Olivia Flaws, MOD
1515-1535	UK Digital Twin Centre – a national asset for security and prosperity	Rob McGeachy, Thales in Conversation with Steven Wood, Head of Aerospace, Defence and Security, Digital Catapult and UKDTC
1535-1605	Break — please visit the Exhibition	
1605-1620	Empowering the Digital Carpenter	Fergus Hawkin, TFD Europe Ltd
1620-1635	It's not about the Digital Twin – it's about the digital DNA	Michael O'Sullivan, Cadence Design Systems
1635-1650	The US Navy Digital Twin for Data Driven Decision Making	Aaron Johns, Siemens
1650-1710	Q&A Panel	Facilitated by Mike Sewart, CTO Thales UK

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1710-1720	Day One Wrap Up	Stephen Wilcock
1720-20.00	Bar and Hot Buffet – Network Extra	

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Day Two - Building Trust Through Collaboration

0800-0900	Registration and Breakfast	Speaker
Panel Four – Contractual Enablement		
0900-0905	Welcome to Day Two	Stephen Wilcock or Simon Masley
0905-0910	Contractual Enablement	Facilitator TBC
0910-0925	The New Era of Acquisition	Christian Ryan, USAF
0925-0945	Policy to Practice: Turning “Born Digital” Defence Acquisition into Operational Reality	Bella Goldstein, Dir Commercial X in conversation with Graham Booth, 2iC
0945-1000	Model-Based Acquisition of Technology	Rowan Parker-Jervis and Remy Mulford, Turner & Townsend
1000-1020	Q&A Panel	Facilitated by TBC
1020-1050	Break – please visit the Exhibition	
Panel Five - Data Exchange – Enabling Secure, Interoperable Collaboration		
1050-1100	Welcome back	Facilitator James Mansfield, Sopra Steria
1100-1115	Digital Transformation	Chris Garrett, USAF
1115-1130	The Reanimation Problem: What Pet Shops Can Teach Us About Software Procurement	Rob Noble, Roke
1130-1150	Conjunction of the spheres: Why now the time is (finally) right for MOD to fully transition to MBSE as business as usual.	Bill Mitchelmore, BMT and Matt Summers Synoptix in conversation with Dom Leeds, MOD and the SDA (TBC)
1150-1210	Panel Discussion on Data Quality and Interoperability	Prof John Erkoyuncu, Cranfield in conversation with colleagues, (TBC)
1210-1225	Data Exchange Talk TBC	Ed Gunning, Akkodis
1225-1245	Q&A Panel	Facilitated by James Mansfield, Sopra Steria
1245-1345	Lunch – please visit the Exhibition	
Panel Six – Decision Making Transparency – Building Trust Through Data		
1345-1355	Welcome Back	Maj Gen (Ret’d) Robin Anderton Brown, Allium Associates
1355-1415	The Team Tempest journey from its inception in 2018, bringing four industry partners together to work collaboratively across a digital landscape.	Secure Cloud Plus Speaker TBC
1415-1435	The GCAP Demonstrator Journey... So Far	Alan Walker, 1eQ in conversation with Chris Hinds, Rolls-Royce
1435-1450	Mind the Trust Gap: Transparency in Autonomous Decision Making	Rhodri Andrew, Atkins Realis
1450-1505	The Complexity Trap -Why Complicated isn’t always correct	Harriet Hewett, DSTL
1505-1525	Q&A Panel	Facilitated by Maj Gen (Ret’d) Robin Anderton Brown
1525-1535	Wrap Up – Summary of Event Takeaways and Call for Action	Stephen Wilcock, MOD