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# Program Day One

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08:45

## WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Uncle Allen Madden, Gadigal Elder

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08:55

## WELCOME FROM THE AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC POLICY INSTITUTE

Justin Bassi, Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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## SESSION ONE

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09:05

## A global tech industry leader's outlook to 2030

Dr Eric Schmidt, Chair of the Board of Trustees, The Broad Institute and former Chief Executive Officer and Chairman, Google

Conversation lead: Bec Shrimpton, Director, Defence Strategy and National Security, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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09:45

## AI's well that ends well? Expert perspectives on what's next

Connor Leahy, Chief Executive Officer, Conjecture

Navrina Singh, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Credo AI

Conversation lead: David Wroe, Director, Strategic Communications, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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10:30

## MORNING TEA

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## SESSION TWO

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11:00

## Countering hybrid threats: national resilience and collective action

James Appathurai, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber, NATO

Baiba Braže, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Latvia

Lt General Rajesh Pant (Ret'd), Chairman, India Future Foundation

Conversation lead: Jason Healey, Senior Research Scholar, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

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# Multiple conversations. One dialogue.



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11:50

## **(Sub)sea to sky: the future of digital connectivity in the Indo-Pacific**

**Lord Fakafanua**, Speaker of Parliament, Kingdom of Tonga

**Mihoko Matsubara**, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation

**Shigehiro Tanaka**, Corporate Senior Executive Vice President and Chief Government Affairs Officer, NEC

**Conversation lead: The Hon Tim Watts MP**, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs, Australia

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12:40

## **Designing technology for democracy**

**Dr Yuh-Jye Lee**, Senior Advisor, National Security Council, Taiwan

**Conversation lead: Brendan Dowling**, Ambassador for Cyber Affairs and Critical Technology, Australia

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13:10

## **NETWORKING LUNCH**

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### **SESSION THREE**

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14:10

## **Back to the future: building resilient economies in the 'era of new competition'**

**HE Dato' Astanah Abdul Aziz**, Deputy Secretary-General for Political-Security Community, ASEAN

**Shigeru Kitamura**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Kitamura Economic Security Inc.

**Admiral Michael S. Rogers, USN (Ret'd)**, Senior Advisor, Trusted Future

**Conversation lead: Senator James Paterson**, Shadow Minister for Home Affairs and Cyber Security, Australia

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15:00

## **Disinformation and democracy in 2024**

**Maria Ressa**, Co-founder and Chief Executive Officer, Rappler

**Conversation lead: Bethany Allen**, Head of China Investigations and Analysis, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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15:30

## **AFTERNOON BREAK**

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# Program

## Day One

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#### SESSION FOUR

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16:00

#### Industry and innovation: failing and scaling at the economy level

**Liesyl Franz**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Cyberspace Security, Bureau of Cyberspace and Digital Policy, United States Department of State

**Oranuch Lerdsuwankij**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-founder, Techsauce

**Professor Beth Webster**, Director, Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research, University of Melbourne

**Conversation lead: Charles Ross**, Principal of Policy and Insights, Asia-Pacific, Economist Impact

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16:50

#### CLOSING REMARKS

**Justin Bassi**, Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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17:00

#### NETWORKING DRINKS

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# Program Day Two

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08:55

## WELCOME FROM THE AUSTRALIAN STRATEGIC POLICY INSTITUTE

**Justin Bassi**, Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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### SESSION ONE

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09:00

## The future of cybersecurity: capabilities, strategy, preparedness

**Anne Neuberger**, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for Cyber and Emerging Technologies, United States

**Conversation lead: Lieutenant General Michelle McGuinness, CSC**, National Cyber Security Coordinator, Australia

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09:30

## Digital public infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific: security, privacy and accessibility

**Kanishk Gaur**, Founder, India Future Foundation

**Steven Matainaho**, Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Papua New Guinea

**Ivan John E. Uy**, Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Republic of the Philippines

**Conversation lead: Dr Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan**, Resident Senior Fellow, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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## MORNING TEA

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### SESSION TWO

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10:50

## Quantum, semiconductors and security: shaping tomorrow

**Dr Pete Shadbolt**, Co-founder and Chief Scientific Officer, PsiQuantum

**Conversation lead: Alex Capri**, Research Fellow, Hinrich Foundation

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11:20

## AI readiness for governments, industries and societies in the Indo-Pacific

**Urvashi Aneja**, Founder and Director, Digital Futures Lab

**Akiko Murakami**, Executive Director, Japan AI Safety Institute

**Jonathan Rubinsztein**, Chief Executive Officer, Nuix

**Conversation lead: Kate Seward**, Manager, Corporate External and Legal Affairs, Microsoft

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# Program Day Two cont'd

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12:10

## Defence in the digital age: whole-of-nation preparedness

**James Appathurai**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Innovation, Hybrid and Cyber, NATO

**Abraham M. Denmark**, Senior Associate (Non-resident), Asia Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

**Monika Korolioviené**, Vice-Minister of National Defense, Republic of Lithuania

**Conversation lead: Bec Shrimpton**, Director of Defence Strategy and National Security, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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13:00

## NETWORKING LUNCH

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### SESSION THREE

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13:50

## Welcome to the future of synthetic biology

**Matthew Chang**, Executive Director, Singapore National Centre for Engineering Biology

**Conversation lead: Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte**, New South Wales Chief Scientist and Engineer

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14:20

## Fuel for thought: tech and climate resilience

**Dani Alexander**, Chief Executive Officer, UNSW Energy Institute

**Dr Soichi Noguchi**, Executive Chief Fellow, Institute for International Socio-Economic Studies

**Anote Tong**, Chair, Pacific Elders Voice and former President of the Republic of Kiribati

**Conversation lead: Alex Capri**, Research Fellow, Hinrich Foundation

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15:10

## AFTERNOON BREAK

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### SESSION FOUR

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15:40

## Diversity and democracy

**Arfiya Eri**, Member of the House of Representatives, Liberal Democratic Party, Japan

**Conversation lead: Danielle Cave**, Director, Executive, Strategy and Research, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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16:10

## Continental Drift: enabling tech and talent transfer between the Euro-Atlantic and the Indo-Pacific

**The Hon José-Marie Griffiths**, President, Dakota State University

**HE Prof Bundit Sapheacha Dr SOK Siphana**, Senior Minister in charge of Special Missions (Multilateral Trade and Economic Affairs), Cambodia

**Dr Renato U. Solidum, Jr**, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Republic of the Philippines

**Conversation lead: The Hon Dr Andrew Charlton MP**, Special Envoy for Cybersecurity and Digital Resilience, Australia

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17:00

## CLOSING REMARKS

**Justin Bassi**, Executive Director, Australian Strategic Policy Institute

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