



Republic of Korea (ROK)-G7 Dialogue and Cooperation Forum

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PROGRAMMA

08:00 Registration

08:30 Opening remarks
DR PAUL SAMSON
President, CIGI

AMB GHEEWHAN KIM
President, Republic of Korea (ROK)

Forum Introduction
MS FRANCESCA MAREMONTI
Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

09:00 Panel 1: Prospects for ROK-G7 Cooperation on International Security (public)

How can the ROK leverage its position as a "global pivotal state" to strengthen multilateral security frameworks within the G7 and Indo-Pacific? How can the ROK's existing agreements on defence cooperation with Canada, France, Italy, and the UK serve as models for expanded cooperation, and what lessons can be drawn from these experiences? What strategies can ROK and G7 countries adopt to address interconnected security challenges, such as North Korea's nuclear ambitions, China's assertive maritime policies, and Russia's growing military cooperation with North Korea, Iran and China? What opportunities exist for ROK-G7 collaboration to ensure peace in critical areas like the Taiwan Strait and South China Sea while advancing shared values such as freedom of navigation and international law? How can ROK's advanced defence manufacturing capabilities contribute to enhancing G7 nations' military readiness, technological innovation, and resilient supply chains in the face of rising global tensions? Crisis management within key alliances may become a "new normal" given the divergence of worldviews between the United States and its major allies in Europe and Asia. In this context, how can the ROK-G7 cooperation maximize Canadian-European-Asian security, defence, and intelligence collaboration to ensure a stronger alliance with a potentially weakening US footprint?


SOUTH KOREA REPRESENTATIVE (tbd)

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SIR ROBIN NIBLETT
Former Director, Chatham House

DR JUSTIN VAÏSSE
President, Paris Peace Forum

Chair
MR ROLAND PARIS
Director, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa





10:30 **Panel 2: Prospects for ROK-G7 Partnership in Science, Technology, and Global Development (public)**

How can the technological partnerships between the ROK and G7 countries be strategically positioned to advance shared values and interests in global tech governance frameworks? What role can the ROK play in G7 efforts to secure critical supply chains for semiconductors, rare earth elements, and other strategic technologies? How might ROK-G7 cooperation on technology standards and regulation help shape a global digital framework that upholds privacy, security and innovation? What approaches can ROK and G7 nations jointly develop to address the challenges of technological fragmentation in the global technology ecosystem? In what ways can ROK-G7 technological cooperation strengthen collective resilience against cyber threats and digital vulnerabilities? How can the ROK and G7 nations align their technology investment strategies and innovation policies to maintain competitive advantages while promoting inclusive digital development? Since the ROK became a key S&T NATO partner in March 2025, what steps can the G7 and the ROK take to enhance NATO's defence supply chain and strengthening NATO-ROK cooperation?

SOUTH KOREA REPRESENTATIVE *(tbd)*

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DR CHRISTOPH HEUSGEN

Former chairman, Munich Security Conference

MS FRANCESCA MAREMONTI

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PROF. VINCENT RIGBY

Former National Advisor to the Prime Minister, McGill University

Chair

SOUTH KOREA REPRESENTATIVE *(tbd)*

12:00 **Working Lunch (reserved to speakers)**

DR VICTOR CHA

Dr. Victor Cha, Korea Chair president of the Geopolitics and Foreign Policy Dept., CSIS

Chair

DR PAUL SAMSON

President, CIGI





14:00 **Panel 3: Prospects for ROK-G7 Cooperation on Trade and Investment (closed door)**

How are tariffs and protectionist trade policies, particularly under the Trump Administration's America First approach, reshaping global trade dynamics and multilateral economic cooperation? How do tariffs affect post-COVID-19 plans for industrial reshoring in developed economies? What role does reshoring play in addressing supply chain vulnerabilities exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and how can it be balanced with commitments to free trade in the Indo-Pacific region? How does reshoring impact the Indo-Pacific economies, particularly in light of China's assertive economic strategies and territorial disputes? How can the Republic of Korea, as a "global pivotal state," leverage its position to bridge gaps between Western powers and Indo-Pacific partners in maintaining multilateral engagement? Since firms are at the epicenter of US -triggered tariff wars, what steps are G7 multinational companies taking, including global Korean firms, to withstand the multiple side-effects of worsening tariffs and protectionism?

SOUTH KOREA REPRESENTATIVE *(tbd)*

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MR TOMOYUKI YOSHIDA

Chief Executive Director, Japan Institute of International Affairs

MS ESTER BRIMMER

James H. Binger Senior Fellow in Global Governance at CFR

Chair

MS VINA NADJIBULLA

Vice-President, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

14:30 **Closing remarks**

