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PROGRAMME

08:30 Registration

09:00 Opening Remarks

DR PAUL SAMSON

President, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)

GHEEWHAN KIM

President, Korea Foundation

Congratulatory Remarks

SEN PETER BOEHM

Former, G7 Sherpa for Canada

AMB WOONGSOON LIM

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Canada

09:45 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?

AMB KAK SOO SHIN

Former Ambassador of Republic of Korea to Japan; Former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea

PROFESSOR SHIN WHA LEE

Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations at Korea University

PROFESSOR VINCENT RIGBY

Former National Advisor to the Prime Minister/ Professor of Practice, McGill University

MS CÉLINE PAJON

Head of Japan and Indo-Pacific Research in Ifri's Center for Asian Studies

Chair

PROFESSOR ROLAND PARIS

Director, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa

11:15 Coffee Break





11:30 **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? In particular, the ROK and its G7 partners should delve into more specific areas of collaboration on emerging technologies with key defence implications including AI, new materials, and science diplomacy.

DR WOO-SUNG JUNG

President, Korea Foundation for Science and Creativity

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DR ERIC J. BALLBACH

KF Visiting Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)

Chair

HON JIN PARK

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea

13:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 **Special Session: Geopolitical Shifts and the G7: Challenges and Opportunities for Middle Powers**

Opening Remarks

AMB LEN EDWARDS

Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and former G8 and G20 Sherpa for Canada

HON JIN PARK

Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea

DR VICTOR CHA

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

Chair

DR PAUL SAMSON

President, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI)



15:15 **Panel 3: Prospects for ROK-G7 Cooperation on Defence, Economic Security, 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 do differences in scientific collaboration networks and technical standards between China and other countries affect global supply chain restructuring and broader geopolitical dynamics? 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? Finally, one key area where the ROK can make a major contribution to defence and security lies in its world-class ship building industries including naval platforms.

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16:45 **Closing Remarks**

AMB MICHELE VALENSISE

President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

