

D-10 STRATEGY FORUM

A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR STRATEGIC COLLABORATION

Today the world faces an unprecedented array of challenges that together pose significant threats to global security and prosperity. From violent extremism and territorial aggression to nuclear proliferation and the spread of disruptive new technologies, the future of the post-World War II order is becoming increasingly uncertain. At the same time, the effects of recent wars and the global financial crisis have raised questions about the willingness and ability of leading states to maintain their global commitments.

During this critical time, the world's leading democracies need to come together to identify collective priorities and articulate a common strategic vision for the future. The **D-10 Strategy Forum** is a new Track 1.5 framework aimed at advancing strategic coordination among a select group of democratic partners. The goal is to foster common assessments and strategies for addressing today's most important global challenges.

KEY CHALLENGES AND GLOBAL NORMS

The **D-10 Strategy Forum** engages strategic thinkers across governments, think tanks, and the private sector to formulate new approaches for tackling global challenges and advancing international norms. The EU and Japan will host Forum meetings in 2016. Joint strategy papers will focus on issues critical to global order, such as:

- Promoting democratic values and human rights
- Fostering free trade and an open global economy
- Protecting internet freedom and cyber security
- Advancing a common energy security strategy
- Ensuring universal access to the global commons
- Deterring proliferation of weapons of mass destruction
- Countering terrorism while protecting civil liberties
- Preventing mass atrocities and crimes against humanity

Led by the Atlantic Council and Canada's Centre for International Governance Innovation, the **D-10 Strategy Forum** is comprised of a network of the world's leading foreign policy think tanks.

GOALS OF THE D-10 STRATEGY FORUM

Bridge key transatlantic and transpacific powers around shared values and interests

Foster new strategies and approaches for addressing global challenges

Promote cohesion among allies and partners by articulating a common strategic vision

Advance international norms and sustain a democratic, rule-based global order

Forge a unique network of influential government officials, strategists, and think tank experts

Provide a core group for broader engagement with emerging powers on global issues



D-10 Strategy Forum in Rome, June 2015.

D-10 STRATEGY FORUM PARTNERS

The **D-10 Strategy Forum** brings together senior officials and experts from ten likeminded and capable democracies—from Asia, Europe, and North America—that have been at the forefront of building and maintaining a rule-based international order.

Current participants of the “Democracies 10”—Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Korea, the United Kingdom, and the United States, plus the European Union—have demonstrated a commitment to a shared set of values and interests, and possess the resources to act on a global scale. Additional states may participate in future meetings.

