



# OTTAWA CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND DEFENCE

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March 9-10, 2023

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# Overview

## **91st ANNUAL OTTAWA CONFERENCE ON SECURITY & DEFENCE**

This year, Canada took many clear first steps on how it is going to engage in the world so that we can help support rules and institutions that are fundamental to the success of middle powers with democratic values, caught up in a storm of great power competition. From the Indo-Pacific Strategy to the upcoming Defence Policy Update, as well as announcements on NORAD modernization and the acquisition of a new generation of fighter jets, Canada is posturing itself to be at the decision-making table. This is a good first step, but the world can shift fast, and readiness is extremely difficult, especially in times of inflation, ineffective military procurement, and how difficult it is to recruit and retain members of the CAF against the backdrop of full employment and internal cultural issues.

The challenges keep coming. We've only seen the first waves of destabilization. Climate change is thawing the Arctic and burning the tropics, creating new oceanic choke points, energy crises, and massive waves of migration. The Freedom Convoy, the Capitol Hill riot, and the recent storming in Brasilia are important reminders of how misinformation, social media, cryptocurrencies, the Dark Net and crowdfunding are an explosive cocktail that can be easily manipulated and be leveraged towards anti-democracy sentiments. New surveillance and communications technologies seem to give tyrants a new lease on their tight hold of power. Meanwhile, the ramping up of naval power and nuclear stockpiles by the Chinese Communist Party alongside a growing network of economically dependent, vassalized states from the Pacific Isles to the heart of Africa, is shifting the geostrategic context dramatically.

Canada needs to be ready. Conversations about our national security and strategic interests require input from a whole of society perspective if we are going to uncover a workable consensus on the way forward. This is why our conference brings together government, industry and academia for a deep dive into many areas in which we must put our collective minds and energy together.

# Schedule of Events

## Day 1 | March 9

### 07:00-8:00| Coffee Meet & Greet and Registration

### 08:00-08:20 | Words of Welcome

Dr. Youri Cormier, Executive Director of the CDA Institute

LGen (Ret'd) Guy Thibault, Former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, President of the Conference of Defence Associations and CDA Institute

Mike Hamilton, SVP, Sales & Distribution and Marketing, RBC

### 08:20-08:45 | Opening Keynote

**Speaker:** The Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of National Defence

### 08:45-10:00 | Panel 1: War in Ukraine - Key Takeaways and What Comes Next

**Moderator:** Ms. Jill Sinclair, Canada's Representative to the Ukraine Defence Reform Advisory Board

**Speaker:** Ms. Jody Thomas, National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister of Canada

**Speaker:** Ms. Siemtje Möller, Parliamentary State Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany

**Speaker:** Mr. Janis Garisons, Deputy Minister of Defence, Latvia (virtual)

**Speaker:** Amb. Yuliya Kovaliv, Ukrainian Ambassador to Canada

### 10:00-10:30 | Health Break

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## **10:30-11:45 | Panel 2: Capabilities & Readiness in Canada and the Alliance**

**Moderator:** Col (Ret'd) Charles Davies, Former Director of Strategic Planning for DND's Materiel Group, CDA Institute Fellow

**Speaker:** Ms. Wendy Gilmour, Asst. Secretary General Defence Investment, NATO

**Speaker:** MGen Lise Bourgon, Chief Military Personnel (CAF)

**Speaker:** VAdm (Ret'd) Darren Hawco, Former Chief of Force Development, CDA Institute Board Member

**Speaker:** Ms. Cara Salci, Vice President, Strategy & Government Relations, Thales Canada

## **11:45-13:15 | Lunch Break**

## **13:15-14:30 | Panel 3: Unbreaking Multilateralism**

**Moderator:** Amb. Kerry Buck, Former Canadian Ambassador to NATO, CDA Institute Board Member

**Speaker:** Amb. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Former Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations, former Ambassador to Canada, Senior Fellow at Foreign Policy Institute, SAIS, and John Hopkins University

**Speaker:** Amb. Jerry Matjila, Former Permanent Representative of South Africa to the United Nations (Virtual)

**Speaker:** Amb. Deborah Lyons, Former UN Special Representative for Afghanistan

## **14:30-15:15 | Fireside Chat with the NORAD/NORTHCOM Commander**

**Convenor:** Ray Townsend, Chief of Operations, Lockheed Martin Canada

**Moderator:** Gordon Venner, Former Senior Associate Deputy Minister, Department of National Defence, CDA Institute Board Member

**Speaker:** Gen Glen VanHerck, NORAD Commander, US NORTHCOM

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## **15:15-16:15 | Panel 4: Transforming our Armed Forces for the Future: People, Technology and Designing the Force**

**Convenor:** Karine Bibeau, VP Client Experience, Logistik Unicorp

**Moderator:** LGen (Ret'd) Guy Thibault, Former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, President of the Conference of Defence Associations and CDA Institute

**Speaker:** LGen Frances Allen, Vice Chief of Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces

**Speaker:** Adm Chris W. Grady, Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S Department of Defense

## **16:15-16:45 | Health Break**

## **16:45-17:30 | Fireside Chat with the Chief of Defence Staff**

**Convenor:** Dom Spiers, Director, Canadian Defence & Public Sector, Dataminr

**Moderator:** Dr. Stefanie von Hlatky, Queen's University

**Speaker:** General Wayne Eyre, Chief of Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces

## **17:30-17:45 | Captain Nichola Goddard Award Ceremony**

**Laureate:** Major Alayna Kang

### **Presenters:**

Kathrine Rusk, Goddard Family member

General Wayne Eyre, Chief of Defence Staff, Canadian Armed Forces

Tony Battista, Exclusive Sponsor

LGen (Ret'd) Guy Thibault, Former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, President of the Conference of Defence Associations and CDA Institute

## **17:45-20:00 | Ottawa Conference Reception**

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## Day 2 | March 10

**07:00-8:00 | Coffee Meet & Greet and Registration**

**08:00-09:00 | Panel 5: Challenges in the Arctic: Environment, Security, People, Multilateral Cooperation and Law Enforcement on the Seas**

**Moderator:** Col (Ret'd) Pierre Leblanc, Arctic Security Consultants

**Speaker:** Ms. Lisa Qiluqqi Koperqualuk, President of the Inuit Circumpolar Council

**Speaker:** Mr. Chris Henderson, Deputy Commissioner, Canadian Coast Guard

**09:00-09:30 | Health Break**

**09:30-10:35 | Panel 6: Follow the Money: Trends in financial crime and the funding of illicit activities**

**Moderator:** Dr. Thomas Juneau, Ottawa University

**Speaker:** Ms. Sue Ling Yip, Partner, Risk Consulting & Financial Crimes, KPMG

**Speaker:** Ms. Sarah Paquet, FINTRAC, Director and Chief Executive Officer

**Speaker:** Ms. Jessica Davis, Insight, President and Principal Consultant

**10:35-11:50 | Panel 7: Arms Control, Non-Proliferation, and Nuclear Energy**

**Convenor:** Rick Fawcett, Vice President Operations, ADGA Group Consultants

**Moderator:** Amb. Kerry Buck, Former Canadian Ambassador to NATO, CDA Institute Board Member

**Speaker:** Ms. Jill Hruby, Under Secretary of Energy for Nuclear Security

**Speaker:** Mr. Rafael Grossi, Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency (virtual)

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## **11:50-13:10 | Lunch Break**

## **13:10-14:20 | Panel 8: Defining "Disruptive": Gauging China's Ambitions, Strategy and Ability to Project Power in the Indo-Pacific**

**Moderator:** VAdm (Ret'd) Mark Norman, Former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, President of the Conference of Defence Associations and CDA Institute, CDA Vice-Chair (Sea)

**Speaker:** Adm (Ret'd) Girish Luthra, Former Commander -in-Chief of Western Naval Command, Indian Navy

**Speaker:** Susan Gregson, Senior Fellow at China Institute, University of Alberta

**Speaker:** Representative Tseng Ho-jen, Taiwan Economic and Cultural Office in Canada

## **14:20-15:15 | Final Reflections: Fireside Chat with Former Ministers of Defence**

**Moderator:** LGen (Ret'd) Guy Thibault (ret'd), Former Vice Chief of the Defence Staff, President of the Conference of Defence Associations and CDA Institute

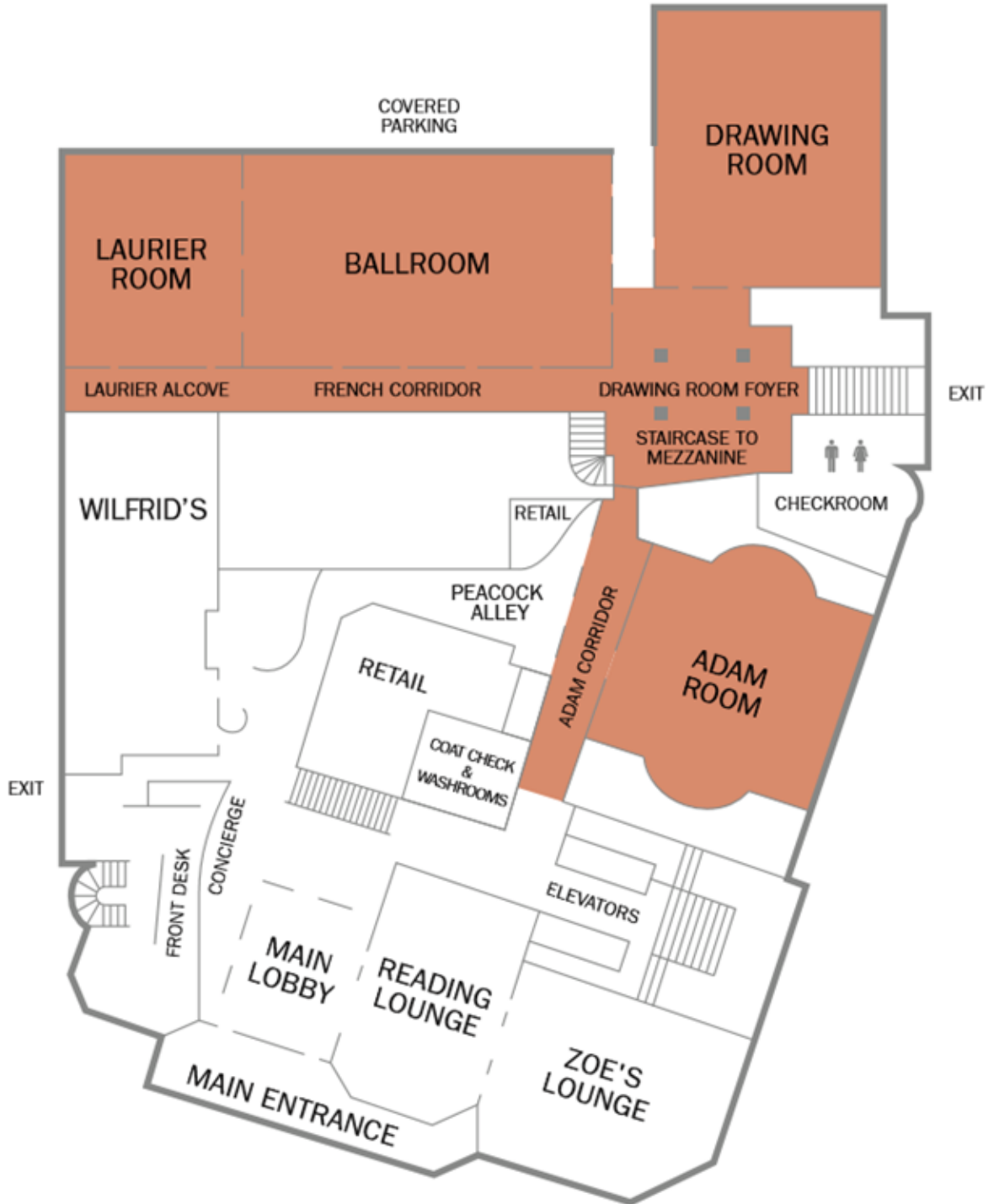
**Speaker:** Hon. David Pratt, Former Minister of National Defence, Canada

**Speaker:** Hon. Peter Mackay, Former Minister of National Defence, Canada

## **15:15 | Closing Remarks**

Dr. Youri Cormier, Executive Director of the CDA Institute

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