

THE FUTURE OF DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION

Charting strategic directions

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The role of development in an intensifying security landscape

Description

As defence pressures mount in high-income countries, and [instability spreads and diversifies across low- and middle-income countries](#) development and security are increasingly seen as competing priorities. Development actors are having to respond to immediate crises as well as global long-term risks to areas such as health and climate. This session explores how a more contested security environment is reshaping priorities, and how to balance short-term pressures with long-term development objectives.

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Key takeaways

- **Establish the geo-strategic importance of development and security** as interconnected and complementary domains of international statecraft.
- **Challenge the binary/ competing priorities narrative** and explore how to position development co-operation as a contribution and complement to security aims.
- **Highlight that the concept of security is changing** to include global risks beyond military considerations.
- **Explore how to frame the role of development in collective security** in a way that resonates with publics, politicians, policy-makers and partners.
- **Challenge development, peace and security** actors to realise their interconnected and collective strategic value- and recognise other actors that it will be important to engage with.

Speakers

- Angus Campbell, Australian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- Dominik P. Jankowski, Deputy Secretary General, NATO Parliamentary Assembly
- Berlin Kafoa, Director Public Health Division, The Pacific Community
- Hodan Osman, President, Somali Development and Reconstruction Bank
- Olga Zykova, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ukraine

Moderator

- David Pilling, Africa Editor, Financial Times

Speaker Bios



HE Angus Campbell AO has been accredited as Australian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg, the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization since March 2025. He was Chief of the Australian Defence Force from 2018 until 2024. Prior to that he served as Chief of Army (2015-2018). A career military officer, he previously held the positions of Commander Joint Inter-Agency Taskforce, Operation Sovereign Borders (2013 – 2015) in the Department of Immigration, responsible for stopping maritime people smuggling to Australia, and Head of the Office of National Security and then Deputy National Security Adviser in the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (2005-2010). He served operationally in the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (2000-2001) and as commander of Australian forces in the Middle East Area of Operations (2011). He holds a Bachelor of

Science (Honours) from the University of New South Wales (1985), a Master of Philosophy in International Relations from Cambridge University (1993) and is a graduate of the Australian Army Command and Staff College (1996).



Dominik P. Jankowski is Deputy Secretary General of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Dominik P. Jankowski is an international security expert, diplomat, and think-tanker with over 15 years of professional experience. He currently serves as Deputy Secretary General for Policy and Outreach at the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Prior to joining the NATO Parliamentary Assembly in 2025 as Director of the Economics and Security Committee (ESC), he served in national and international functions at NATO HQ. From 2018 to 2022, he worked as Political Advisor and Head of the Political Section at the Permanent Delegation of Poland to NATO. Later he served as

Policy Adviser in the Office of the NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (2023-2024) as well as Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland to NATO (2024-2025). He was elected by Allies as Vice-Chair of the NATO Energy Planning Group which is responsible for the oversight of resilient energy supplies. He was also a member of the European Economic Security Taskforce led by RUSI (2024-2025). Prior to working at NATO HQ, Dominik has held numerous international security related roles within public administration (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Security Bureau) and the military (General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces), including those related to the EU, NATO, OSCE, and arms control policy.

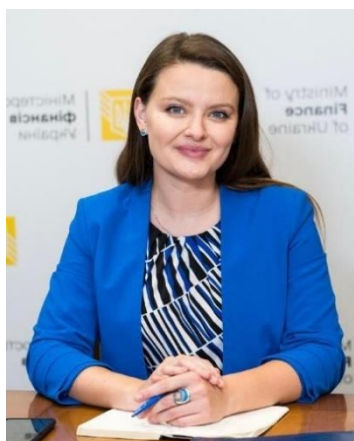


Berlin Kafoa, Director, Public Health Division, The Pacific Community. Dr Berlin Kafoa is Director of the Public Health Division at the Pacific Community. Dr Kafoa has 20 years' experience in the Health Sector working at the National, Regional and International level in various roles. His current interest is supporting capacity building opportunities for health in PICT's at a systems level to the individual level especially in data, research and forward-looking solutions apart from responsive practical operational technical support.



Hodan Osman is the President of the Somali Development and Reconstruction Bank, where she leads efforts to expand inclusive finance and catalyze private sector growth in Somalia. With over 20 years of experience in commercial banking, public financial management, and development policy, she brings deep expertise in building financial systems, particularly in emerging economies. She played a pivotal role in restoring Somalia's central banking functions and advancing the country's debt relief process under the HIPC Initiative. Hodan has advised the Central Bank of Somalia, the Ministry of Finance, and international partners — including the World Bank, United Nations, and European Union — on fiscal reform, economic planning, and private sector financing. A practitioner of adaptive leadership, she has taught and advised globally through institutions such as Harvard, Cambridge, and the

Global Fund. Her work in fintech across Africa has focused on expanding access to finance for small and medium-sized enterprises. She has also advised the UN Joint SDG Fund and convened leading development finance institutions, including through a roundtable with European DFIs on investing in fragile states. She holds a Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School, where she was a Fellow at the Center for Public Leadership, as well as a master's in Human Rights and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.



Olga Zykova, Deputy Minister of Finance, Ukraine. As deputy minister, Zykova is responsible for the development and implementation of state policy in the area of cooperation with foreign governments and international financial organizations. Prior to this post, Zykova was the head of the Department on International Relations and Analytics at the ministry from February 2019 to May 2022. From 2018 to 2019, she was an advisor on international affairs at the state institution UkraineInvest and advisor at the Patronage Service of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine. Also in 2019, Zykova completed a fellowship at the Center for European Policy Analysis in Washington, DC, under the James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellowship. From 2015 to 2016, she worked as an advisor to the deputy minister of finance of Ukraine for European integration. In 2016 she held

the position of advisor to the first deputy minister of finance of Ukraine. At the same time, she was a senior lecturer in the Institute of International Relations of Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv and Open International University of Human Development "Ukraine." Zykova started her career in 2008, holding senior positions in asset management companies, with coverage of investment policy issues.



David Pilling is the Africa editor and a columnist at the Financial Times. He covers business, politics and development on the continent and writes a regular column on topics from Africa. Before that he was the Asia editor and assistant editor. Previous roles include Tokyo bureau chief, pharmaceuticals correspondent, deputy features editor and correspondent in Buenos Aires and Santiago. He is the author of two books - *The Growth Delusion* (2018), shortlisted for the Orwell Prize, and the highly acclaimed *Bending Adversity: Japan and the Art of Survival* (2016). He is a regular moderator and speaker both for the FT and for organisations including the World Bank, OECD and ADB. In 2023 he briefed a G7 meeting in Kamakura, Japan on the ideas behind his book, *The Growth Delusion*.