

Defence Innovation Secure Hub (DISH) Industry Day (virtual)

Wednesday January 21, 2026

12:30 - 13:00	<p>Arrival and Registration</p>
13:00 - 13:20	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming address: Jaspinder Komal, Assistant Deputy Minister, Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) • Opening remarks: Natasha Kim, Associate Deputy Minister, Department of National Defence
13:20 - 13:25	<p>Setting the Stage: Defence Innovation Secure Hubs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vincent Myers, Maritime DISH Lead, BOREALIS
13:25 - 13:35	<p>Research Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Green, Director, Research Security, Public Safety Canada
13:35 - 13:50	<p>DISH Call for Proposal and IDEaS Terms & Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ahmad Khorchid, Director, R&D Innovation Operations, Innovation for Defence Excellence and Security (IDEaS) program
13:50 - 14:20	<p>Panel Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Kate Kaminska, Director General, BOREALIS
14:20 - 14:50	<p>Health Break</p>
14:50 - 15:05	<p>Technical Briefing: Quantum</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michel Dufour, Innovation and Commercial Services Manager, Directorate Space Requirements, Director General Space, Combat & Support, Royal Canadian Air Force • Marc Chateauneuf, Senior Scientific Advisor, Valcartier Research Centre, DRDC • Boniface Yogendran, Defence Scientist,
15:05 - 15:35	<p>Panel Q&A Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Jeffrey Salvail, Quantum DISH Lead, BOREALIS

Defence Innovation Secure Hub (DISH) Industry Day (virtual) (cont.)

Wednesday January 21, 2026

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 15:35 - 15:50 | <p>Technical Briefing: Drone/Counter-Drone Capabilities</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maj Matthew Harris, Engagement Lead, MINERVA Initiative, Canadian Army • Maj Samuel Brisebois, Director of Special Requirements 4 (C-)UAS, Canadian Special Operation Forces Command • LCol Nicolas Verreault, Head of Joint Uncrewed Systems (UxS) Office, Chief of Combat Systems Integration, Canadian Joint Force Command |
| 15:50 - 16:20 | <p>Panel Q&A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Mark Robbins, Drone DISH Lead, BOREALIS |
| 16:20 - 16:30 | <p>Closing Remarks</p> |

Defence Innovation Secure Hub (DISH) Industry Day (virtual)

Tuesday March 31, 2026

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 01:00 - 01:50 | <p>Breakout 1 — Identifying Binding Constraints at Medium-Lift Scale</p> <p>Moderated discussions on pre-identified themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Propulsion & engine systems 2. Structures, materials & mass fraction 3. Avionics, GNC & autonomy 4. Manufacturing, test & qualification at scale |
| 01:50 - 02:05 | <p>Extended Synthesis Coffee Break</p> <p>Health break. Participants pick up coffee/tea and head back to plenary room. Moderators, note takers, breakout session leaders and scientific advisors synthesize key takeaways from their discussions to share with plenary.</p> |
| 02:05 - 02:45 | <p>Plenary — Barrier Read-Out & Prioritization</p> <p>Presentations from each breakout session on their key takeaways</p> |
| 02:45 - 02:50 | <p>Fan out for sessions</p> <p>Participants head to breakout rooms.</p> |
| 02:50 - 03:30 | <p>Breakout 2 — From Technical Constraints to Program Design Principles</p> <p>Moderated discussions on pre-identified themes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Constraints & exclusions 2. Ecosystem roles & authority (integrators, suppliers, academia, government) 3. Time & phasing realism 4. Sustainability & government coordination |
| 03:30 - 03:45 | <p>Second Synthesis Coffee Break (15 minutes)</p> <p>Health break. Participants pick up coffee/tea and head back to plenary room. Moderators, note takers, breakout session leaders and scientific advisors synthesize key takeaways from their discussions to share with plenary.</p> |
| 03:45 - 04:45 | <p>Plenary — From Barriers to Program Design Principles</p> <p>Presentations from each breakout session on their key takeaways:</p> |
| 04:45 - 04:50 | <p>Close & Next Steps</p> |

Defence Innovation Secure Hub (DISH) Industry Day (virtual) (cont.)

Tuesday March 31, 2026

12:00 - 12:15	Opening Remarks Welcome and housekeeping
12:15 - 12:50	Scene-Setting: Where Medium-Lift Needs to 1-2 industry speakers, 10-15 minutes each: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Why medium lift is important for CAF and Canada? (MDA/3CSD)• The economics of space launch and what the sweet spot for Canada is? (Polaris)
12:50 - 01:00	Fan out Participants head to breakout rooms.