



## Atlantic Declaration

**For Prelims:** Atlantic Declaration, [Atlantic Charter](#), [NATO](#), [G20](#), [Five Eyes intelligence alliance](#), [AUKUS](#), [Decarbonization](#), [Artificial intelligence](#), [Quantum computing](#), [Biotechnology](#).

**For Mains:** Major Pillars of UK-US Partnership.

### Why in News?

The **United States and the United Kingdom** have announced the **Atlantic Declaration** for a **Twenty-First Century U.S.-UK Economic Partnership**.

- This declaration aims to adapt, reinforce, and reimagine the longstanding alliance between the two nations to effectively address the challenges of the current era.
- With this new declaration, both nations seek to strengthen their collaboration in defence, security, science, technology, and economic domains.



### What are the Major Highlights of the Atlantic Declaration?

- **About:**
  - The Atlantic Declaration is focused on **building a resilient, diversified, and secure supply chain**, reducing strategic dependencies.
  - The partnership aims to leverage the energy transition and technological breakthroughs to drive shared growth, create employment opportunities, and uplift communities.
- **Atlantic Declaration Action Plan (ADAPT):**

- The ADAPT sets forth a comprehensive strategy to enhance **economic growth, competitiveness, and resilience while prioritising workers, businesses, climate, and national security.**
- The plan encompasses five key pillars and involves regular high-level meetings to drive progress and increase ambition over time.
- **Five Pillars:**
  - **Leadership in Critical and Emerging Technologies:** Sharing best practices in areas such as **artificial intelligence, quantum computing, biotechnology, and advanced manufacturing.**
  - Cooperation on Economic Security and Technology Protection: This will include sharing information and best practices on cybersecurity, supply chain resilience, and technology governance.
  - **Partnering on an Inclusive and Responsible Digital Transformation:** Collaborating on digital skills training and workforce development to ensure the readiness of individuals for the digital economy.
  - **Building the Clean Energy Economy of the Future.**
  - **Strengthening Alliance across Defense, Health Security, and Space.**

## What are the Major Pillars of UK-US Partnership?

- **Historical Significance of the U.S.-UK Partnership:** The partnership between the US and the UK has played a pivotal role in leading on global issues.
  - The **signing of the Atlantic Charter in 1941** laid the foundation for a rules-based international order.
  - The **New Atlantic Charter signed in 2021** reaffirmed the commitment to shared values and refreshed the vision of the partnership.
- **Political Affairs:** The two countries are also close allies in **NATO** and other multilateral organisations such as the **UN, the G7 and the G20.**
- **Economic Ties:** The **United States is the largest source of direct investment in the United Kingdom, and the United Kingdom is also the single largest investor in the United States.**
- **Security and Defense Cooperation:** The United States and the United Kingdom have a long history of joint military operations and intelligence sharing, **dating back to World War I and World War II.**
  - The two countries are part of the **Five Eyes intelligence alliance,** along with Australia, Canada, and New Zealand.
  - Significant steps have been taken to implement **AUKUS,** including supporting **Australia's acquisition of conventionally armed, nuclear-powered submarines.**
    - The U.S.-UK Indo-Pacific Dialogue promotes closer coordination to support a free and open region.
    - Collaboration with **ASEAN, Pacific Islands, and trilateral joint exercises** contributes to regional peace, stability, and technological advancement.

## UPSC Civil Services Examination Previous Year Question (PYQ)

### **Mains**

**Q.** The new tri-nation partnership AUKUS is aimed at countering China's ambitions in the Indo-Pacific region. Is it going to supersede the existing partnerships in the region? Discuss the strength and impact of AUKUS in the present scenario. **(2021)**

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