

## FACT SHEET

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### 2025 Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting

The Secretary of State of the United States and the Foreign Ministers of Australia, India, and Japan met in Washington, D.C. on July 1, 2025, for the 10th Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting. They welcomed recent and upcoming activities conducted by their four countries and in cooperation with partners to advance a free and open Indo-Pacific. Ministers announced key initiatives to strengthen maritime and transnational security, economic prosperity and security, critical and emerging technology, and support humanitarian assistance and emergency response across the region.

Today, Quad Foreign Ministers are proud to announce the launch of the Quad Critical Minerals Initiative, an ambitious expansion of our partnership to strengthen economic security and collective resilience by collaborating on securing and diversifying critical mineral supply chains. This new flagship initiative, alongside the high-impact programs and outcomes the Quad is realizing, will enable our four countries to bring economic opportunity and prosperity to our people and the region.

### **Maritime and Transnational Security**

The Quad is expanding maritime law enforcement cooperation with the region, which will support efforts to curtail illicit maritime activity, including piracy, drug trafficking, infringements on border security, and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

- This month, we launched the first-ever Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission, which strengthens our interoperability and knowledge-sharing to best address unlawful maritime activities across the region. Quad partners have embarked as observers on a U.S. Coast Guard Cutter that has departed Palau and will disembark in Guam this week.
- Later this month, the Quad will hold the second maritime legal dialogue to advance efforts to uphold maritime order.
- We continue to implement the Indo-Pacific Partnership for Maritime Domain Awareness (IPMDA), including the increased provision of space-based collection and sharing of radio frequency data, analytical training, and capacity building. We intend to geographically expand IPMDA across the Indian Ocean region and continue to explore developing an IPMDA common operating picture.

- We intend to conduct the first Maritime Initiative for Training in the Indo-Pacific (MAITRI) workshop in 2025, which aims to assess the capability gaps in the region and enhance the maritime capabilities in consultation with regional partners.

## **Economic Prosperity and Security**

The Quad is committed to ensuring a free and open region and promoting the prosperity of our citizens and all people in the Indo-Pacific region. We aim to strengthen energy security across the Indo-Pacific and promote resilient supply chains and quality infrastructure projects that are transparent and secure.

- The Quad Critical Minerals Initiative will strengthen cooperation on priorities such as securing and diversifying reliable supply chains, and electronic waste (e-waste) critical minerals recovery and re-processing. The Initiative will expand the Quad's cooperation on supply chain resilience measures for critical minerals, and we look forward to coordinating with private sector partners to facilitate increased investments.
- We will formally launch the Quad Ports of the Future Partnership by hosting a transportation and logistics conference with Indo-Pacific partners in Mumbai in October 2025. The conference will increase knowledge, facilitate dialogue, and exchange experiences on advanced ports and logistics practices; and mobilize government and private sector investments in quality port infrastructure development. This will complement the work Quad partners have done to boost infrastructure expertise across the Indo-Pacific region through the Quad Infrastructure Fellowships Program.
- We continue to advance the Quad Partnership on Cable Connectivity and Resilience. This year, the United States and India will host an undersea cables forum with participation from Quad partners to identify opportunities for digital infrastructure collaboration. This forum will encourage regulatory harmonization which supports more efficient access by Quad partner companies to identify opportunities for digital infrastructure collaboration. Australia's Cable Connectivity and Resilience Centre is supporting partner governments to strengthen their undersea cable policies and regulations.

## **Critical and Emerging Technology**

The Quad recognizes the transformative power of critical and emerging technologies and will continue to advance secure and trusted information and communications technology infrastructure while expanding our work on artificial intelligence, semiconductors, technical standards, biotechnology, and cybersecurity.

- The Quad will continue to promote digital infrastructure projects across the Indo-Pacific, in close collaboration with the private sector, to support security, interoperability, and innovation in the Quad. The Quad will take forward lessons learned from the Open Radio Access Network (Open RAN) deployment in Palau and consider future deployments.
- The Quad remains committed to deepening research to harness artificial intelligence, robotics, and sensing to transform agricultural approaches and empower farmers across the Indo-Pacific through the Advancing Innovations for Empowering NextGen Agriculture (AI-ENGAGE) initiative.
- The Quad STEM Fellowship continues to build ties among the next generation of science and technology leaders. The next cohort will include graduate student Fellows based in Japan, an exciting step in the program's commitment to fostering international collaboration in STEM. India has also launched the Quad STEM scholarships initiative for fifty students from the Indo-Pacific to pursue a four-year undergraduate engineering program at government-funded technical institutions.

### **Humanitarian Assistance and Emergency Response**

We continue to support humanitarian assistance and emergency response and efforts to prevent and contain health security threats across the Indo-Pacific region.

- Following the earthquake that struck central Myanmar in March 2025, the Quad contributed together over USD\$30 million in humanitarian assistance to support the communities affected.
- In March 2025, the Quad convened a workshop on pandemic preparedness, hosted by India, with the participation of 15 Indo-Pacific countries to strengthen global health emergency frameworks, enhance regional resilience, and ensure a safer and healthier Indo-Pacific.