

# 2023 Christchurch Call Leaders' Summit Agenda

## Friday 10 November 4-6pm

**Notes on Summit Format:** The Leaders' Summit will operate under the Chatham House rule and aims to achieve constructive dialogue and interaction between Leaders from different sectors. Statements can be provided in writing for publication on the website but there will be no scripted remarks permitted in the meeting itself. Leaders will be seated around a table, with a limited number of accompanying staff watching from an adjacent listening room. President Macron and Special Envoy Ardern will issue a co-Chairs' Joint Statement at the conclusion of the Summit.

1515-1530 Arrivals: officials and accompanying staff

1530-1550 Leaders arrive at venue

1600-1610 **Opening Remarks:** President of the French Republic H.E. Emmanuel Macron and Special Envoy for the Christchurch Call Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern  
*A press pool will film President Macron's and Special Envoy Ardern's opening remarks, before leaving the room so the rest of the Summit continues behind closed doors.*

Since 2019 the Call has established itself as a successful and ambitious multistakeholder initiative supported by a strong and growing community of governments, online service providers, partner, and civil society organisations. The Community is well placed to address evolving terrorist threats and online tactics, including in the context of real-world conflicts and as technological capabilities develop and change, to eliminate terrorist and violent extremist content while protecting and respecting human rights and a free, open and secure internet.

In reflecting on the Call's role and mission, the President will highlight the responsibilities of platforms and service providers in relation to the issue of "active search".

Special Envoy Ardern will invite a representative of New Zealand's Muslim community to share a brief acknowledgement of the origins and purpose of the Christchurch Call, established following the March 15 terror attacks that took the lives of 51 worshippers in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The families of the victims of the Kouré attack, at the invitation and as special guests of the President, will briefly share their experiences and the importance of eliminating terrorist and violent extremist content online.

1610-1625 **Part 1: Artificial Intelligence and the implications for terrorist and violent extremist content**

The rapid development and deployment of advanced artificial intelligence models, present new challenges and opportunities for eliminating terrorist and violent extremist content online. Leaders will consider work done since the last Summit to understand these opportunities and risks. They will discuss how the Call must adapt from here. That will involve harnessing the Community's technical capabilities and

expertise alongside the perspectives of impacted communities, to create effective new frameworks, tools, and interventions.

1625-1633 **Part 2: Radicalisation and Algorithmic Outcomes**

Understanding and preventing radicalisation to violence, particularly for young users, is essential to fulfilling the Call Commitments. It involves online and offline factors. Leaders will consider the Community's progress, including to understand user journeys and the impact of algorithms. The Christchurch Call Initiative on Algorithmic Outcomes (CCIAO) is breaking new ground, having developed and tested a safe, secure and effective research infrastructure. The Initiative is now moving to phase two of its work, including developing its governance and ethics framework. Leaders will identify next steps for preventing radicalisation, including scaling up use of the CCIAO infrastructure, to build the evidence base for effective policy-making and interventions in the online environment.

1633-1640 **Part 3: Next Steps for the Call**

The Call is a unique, global multistakeholder initiative grounded in human rights and a commitment to a free, open, and secure internet. It has driven significant improvements in the ways governments and online service providers tackle terrorist and violent extremist content online. In 2022, Leaders signalled that interested Community members would consider how to support work on other, related issues. In this part of the discussion, Leaders will consider how to put support for the Call's work on a resilient and sustainable footing, to enable supporters and the Community to continue delivering the commitments in the long-term. Leaders will also discuss how to apply the Call model to a small number of related issues with a material impact on delivery of the Call Commitments, such as information integrity and AI governance.

1640-16.55 **Part 4: Israel-Gaza crisis and associated terrorist and violent extremist content**

The Hamas–Israel conflict has produced a sharp increase in the volume and complexity of terrorist and violent extremist content online, challenging trust and safety teams and measures, and the Call community's incident response systems. It has spurred multiple incidents of Antisemitic and Islamophobic violence and is impacting communities around the world. Leaders will discuss how the Community is responding, and what more needs to be done to deliver Call commitments, deny terrorists and violent extremists a platform, and preserve online spaces for people to bear witness and for the media to report responsibly on events. Leaders will consider how crisis response should adapt, with emphasis on enhancing the Community's situational awareness, de-escalating tensions online and offline, and preventing further violence and harm.

16.55-1700 **Closing Remarks: Rt Hon Dame Jacinda Ardern**

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