

Quad

The Quad brings together four countries - India, Australia, Japan, and the United States, with a commitment to work as a force for global good and to support a free and open Indo-Pacific that is prosperous and resilient. The partnership is known formally as the 'Quad', not the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue.

2. **Genesis:** Quad came together during the 2004 tsunami in the Indian Ocean region to coordinate response and assistance to countries in the region.

3. **Key meetings:**

- May 2007: The first meeting of Quad officials took place on the sidelines of the ASEAN Regional Forum summit in the Philippines.
- November 2017: After a gap of 10 years, Quad officials met in Manila on the margins of the East Asia Summit for consultations on connectivity issues; maritime security and counter-terrorism; shared principles for a free and open Indo-Pacific; and proliferation threats in Asia.
- September 2019: Quad Foreign Ministers met for the first time on the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York.
- 2021: Quad was elevated to a leader-level format.

3. The Quad has evolved into a platform for global good, delivering tangible and positive outcomes for the peoples of the Indo-Pacific across the four pillars of cooperation: *maritime and transnational security; economic prosperity and security; critical and emerging technologies; and humanitarian assistance and disaster response*. Quad engagements are primarily focused on three sub-regions of the Indo-Pacific: South East Asia, Indian Ocean Region and the Pacific Islands.

4. **Leaders' Summits:** Quad saw a natural evolution and elevation in 2021 to the level of the Leaders, with the first Quad Leaders' Summit taking place in virtual format on 12 March 2021. So far, six Quad Leaders' Summits have been held, with two of them being held in the virtual mode:

- i. Virtual Quad Leaders' Meeting, 12 March 2021
- ii. Quad Leaders' Summit, 24 September 2021, Washington DC (USA)
- iii. Virtual Quad Leaders' Meeting, 03 March 2022
- iv. Quad Leaders' Summit, 24 May 2022, Tokyo (Japan)
- v. Quad Leaders' Summit, 20 May 2023, Hiroshima (Japan)
- vi. Quad Leaders' Summit, 21 September 2024, Wilmington (USA)

5. During the last Quad Leaders' Summit held in Wilmington, Delaware (USA) on 21 September 2024, Quad Leaders discussed geopolitical issues, took stock of the progress made by the Quad and set forth an ambitious agenda for the Quad's future. At the Summit, the Leaders adopted four documents – 'The Wilmington Declaration', the Quad Joint Statement Factsheet; the Quad Cancer Moonshot Factsheet; and the Quad Principles for Development and Deployment of Digital Public Infrastructure. Some of the other new initiatives announced during the Summit include: Quad-at-Sea Ship Observer Mission, Quad Indo-Pacific Logistics Network pilot project and Quad Ports of the Future Partnership.

6. **Foreign Ministers' Meetings (FMM):** In 2019, the Quad Foreign Ministers met for the first time on the sidelines of the United Nations General Assembly in New York City. So far, eleven Foreign Ministerial meetings have been held.

- i. QFMM, 26 September 2019, margins of UNGA, New York (USA)
- ii. QFMM, 6 October 2020, Tokyo (Japan)
- iii. Virtual QFMM, 18 February 2021
- iv. QFMM, 11 February 2022, Melbourne (Australia)
- v. QFMM, 23 September 2022, margins of UNGA, New York (USA)
- vi. QFMM, 3 March 2023, New Delhi (India)
- vii. QFMM, 22 September 2023, margins of UNGA, New York (USA)
- viii. QFMM, 29 July 2024, Tokyo (Japan)
- ix. QFMM, 21 January 2025, Washington D.C. (USA)
- x. QFMM, 01 July 2025, Washington D.C. (USA)
- xi. QFMM, 26 May 2026, New Delhi (India)

7. During the most recent Quad FMM held on 26 May 2026 in New Delhi, Quad Foreign Ministers reaffirmed their steadfast commitment to the Quad and issued a Joint Statement and Fact Sheet. The Quad Critical Minerals Initiative Framework and Quad Statement on Indo-Pacific Energy Security were announced following the meeting. This marked the third gathering of Quad Foreign Ministers in less than 18 months, underscoring the growing momentum and strategic relevance of the partnership.

8. Besides meeting at the level of Leaders, and Foreign Ministers, Quad has acquired momentum and salience with regular dialogues, workshops and table-top exercises, as well as exchange of assessments on regional/global security and strategic issues among Sherpas, Sous Sherpas, Senior Officials and subject matter experts.

9. The emergence and consolidation of the Quad has contributed significantly to global attention on the Indo-Pacific. A growing number of countries and organizations have developed Indo-Pacific strategies and policies that reflect converging interests in secure and resilient supply chains, freedom of navigation and overflight, maritime security, and adherence to international law. While advancing its shared objectives for the region, Quad has consistently expressed support for ASEAN centrality and unity, and the ASEAN-led regional architecture, the Pacific Islands Forum and Pacific-led regional groupings, and the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA).

10. India remains steadfast in ensuring that Quad cooperation delivers an enduring and positive impact on the region's most pressing challenges and opportunities. As a partnership rooted in mutual respect, shared values, and practical cooperation, the Quad will continue to support an inclusive regional architecture, while contributing to peace, stability, prosperity, and resilience across the Indo-Pacific.

KEY DOCUMENTS

2017

- India-Australia-Japan-U.S. Consultations on Indo-Pacific 12, November, 2017: [Readout](#)

2018

- India-Australia-Japan-US Consultations, 07 June, 2018: [Readout](#)
- India-Australia-Japan-U.S. Consultations, 15 November, 2018: [Readout](#)

2019

- India-Australia-Japan-United States Consultations, 31 May, 2019: [Readout](#)

2020

- 2nd India-Australia-Japan- USA Ministerial Meeting, 06 October, 2020: [Readout](#)
- India-Australia-Japan-United States Senior Officials Consultations, 25 September, 2020: [Readout](#)
- India-Australia-Japan-United States Senior Officials Consultations, 18 December, 2020: [Readout](#)

2021

- Quad Leaders' Summit, 12 March 2021: [Joint Statement: "The Spirit of the Quad"](#)
- Quad Leaders' Summit, 12 March 2021: [Fact Sheet](#)
- Quad Leaders' Summit, 24 September 2021, Washington DC: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Leaders' Summit, 24 September 2021, Washington DC: [Fact Sheet](#)
- [Quad Principles on Technology Design, Development, Governance, and Use, 24 September 2021](#)
- 3rd India-Australia-Japan-USA Quad Ministerial Meeting, 18 February, 2021: [Readout](#)
- Quad Senior Officials Meeting, 12 August, 2021: [Readout](#)

2022

- Quad Leaders' Summit, 3 March 2022: [Joint Readout](#)
- Quad Leaders' Summit, 24 May 2022, Tokyo: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 11 February 2022, Melbourne: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 23 September 2022, New York: [Joint Readout](#)
- [Guidelines for Quad Partnership on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, 23 September, 2022](#)
- [Quad Foreign Ministers' Statement on Ransomware, 23 September, 2022](#)

2023

- Quad Leaders' Summit, 20 May 2023, Hiroshima: [Joint Statement](#)

- [Quad Vision Statement – Enduring Partners for the Indo-Pacific, 20 May 2023](#)
- [Quad Principles on Clean Energy Supply Chains in the Indo-Pacific, 20 May 2023](#)
- [Quad Cybersecurity Partnership: Joint Principles for Secure Software, 20 May 2023](#)
- [Quad Principles on Critical and Emerging Technology Standards, 20 May 2023](#)
- [Open RAN Security Report, 20 May 2023](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 3 March 2023, New Delhi: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 22 September 2023, New York: [Joint Readout](#)

2024

- Quad Leaders' Summit, 21 September 2024, Wilmington: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Leaders' Summit, 21 September 2024, Wilmington: [Factsheet](#)
- [Quad Cancer Moonshot Initiative: Factsheet, 21 September 2024](#)
- [Quad Principles for Development and Deployment of Digital Public Infrastructure, 21 September 2024](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 29 July 2024, Tokyo: [Joint Statement](#)
- 2024 Quad Cyber Challenge, 22 October, 2024: [Joint Statement](#)

2025

- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 21 January 2025, Washington D.C.: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 01 July 2025, Washington D.C.: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 01 July 2025, Washington D.C.: [Factsheet](#)
- Quad Workshop on Pandemic Preparedness for the Indo-Pacific Region, New Delhi 17 March, 2025: [Press Release](#)
- [Joint Statement by Quad Partners on Myanmar Earthquake Response, 04 April, 2025\)](#)
- Quad Concludes Simulation Exercise to Advance Indo-Pacific Logistics Network, 08 May, 2025: [Press Release](#)
- Quad Concludes Field Training Exercise to Advance Indo-Pacific Logistics Network, 19 December, 2025: [Press Release](#)
- 4th Annual Quad Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response (HADR) Strategic Meeting and Tabletop Exercise, 08 December, 2025: [Press Release](#)
- 3rd Quad Counterterrorism Working Group (CTWG) meeting between India, Japan, Australia, and the United States, 06 December, 2025: [Joint Statement](#)

2026

- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 26 May 2026, New Delhi: [Joint Statement](#)
- Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 26 May 2026, New Delhi: [Factsheet](#)
- [Quad Critical Minerals Initiative Framework, 26 May 2026](#)

- [Quad Statement on Indo-Pacific Energy Security, 26 May 2026](#)

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