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# Portugal Economic Forum 2026

## Defense Innovation & Industrial Cooperation

The US-Portugal Opportunity



## PROGRAM

**Date:** June 30th | 8:00 a.m.

**Location:** SUMMIT One Vanderbilt | 327 Madison Ave, 72nd Floor, New York, NY 10017

- 8:00 - 9:00 AM**      **REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE**
- 9:00 - 9:10 AM**      **WELCOME SPEECH**  
Carlos Moura (Director, **AICEP USA**)
- 9:10 - 9:30 AM**      **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
Joao Rui Ferreira (**Secretary of State for Economy, Portugal**)
- 9:30- 10:30 AM**      **PANEL I | *The Transatlantic Defense Landscape: Priorities, Investments & Industrial Needs***  
Jose Maciel (Director, U.S. Commercial Service, **U.S. Department of Commerce**)  
Adam Caruso (Visiting Scholar, Corporate Relations Office, **MIT**)  
Emanuele Serafini (Western Europe Director, Global Business Development International, **Lockheed Martin Corporation**)  
Moderator: Rodrigo Carvalho (President, **Portugal-US Chamber of Commerce**)
- 10:30 - 11:30 AM**      **NETWORKING BRUNCH**
- 11:30 - 11:45 AM**      ***Portugal: Where Defense Meets Innovation***  
Philomène Dias (Executive Member of the Board of Directors, **AICEP**)
- 11:45 - 12:45 PM**      **PANEL II | *Portugal's Defense & Dual-Use Capabilities: Opportunities for US Partnership***  
Duarte Oom Peres (Managing Director, **Orion Technik**)  
Nuno da Penha Coutinho (Head of Institutional Affairs, **OGMA**)  
Miguel Braga (Director of Aeronautics & Defence, **CEiiA**)  
Moderator: Jose Neves (President, **AED Portugal**)
- 12:45 - 1:00 PM**      **CLOSING REMARKS**  
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