



**Defense Procurement and Innovative Tech Ecosystem in Ukraine**  
*Tuesday, Oct. 15, 10:30am-12:00pm, Room 209C, WEWCC (Convention Center)*

**AGENDA**

- 10:30-10:33am**      **Welcome Remarks and Introductions of USDOC Officials**  
U.S. Department of Commerce/International Trade Administration (ITA)  
Paul Matino, Sr. International Trade Specialist, US Commercial Service
- 10:33-10:40am**      **Ukrainian Defense Market Overview**  
Olena Stephanska, Commercial Specialist, U.S. Embassy, Kyiv
- 10:40 – 11:00am**      **Defense Procurement in Ukraine**  
Defense Procurement Agency of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine  
*Panelists:*  
Karen Pogosian, Director, International Programs Department  
Vitalii Vaidych, Head of International Relations, International Programs Department
- 11:00-11:20am**      **Ukrainian Defense Tech Industry Panel**  
*Panelists:*  
Anton Tokarev, GP at Defender Venture Capital, Board Member at Defense Builder Accelerator  
Daria Yanieva, GP at Defender VC, Board Member at Defense Builder Accelerator
- Defense Builder Accelerator is an acceleration program for Ukrainian defense tech startups aimed at rapid delivery of technological solutions to the frontline, supported by the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine.*  
*Defender Venture Capital is a \$5M private fund to invest in Ukrainian battlefield-proven companies with TRL 5+.*
- 11:20-11:30am**      **Q&A**
- 11:30-11:32am**      **Closing Remarks**  
Paul Matino, U.S. Commercial Service
- 11:32-12:00pm**      **Networking**