



ASSESSING EMERGING SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE GLOBALIZED ENVIRONMENT

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This newsletter contains an update on the CHT experiment. Please refer to the project website (link below) for more project information.

CHT Experiment Overview

The results of the experiment will further refine the emerging security challenges outlined at the Lisbon summit, the new Strategic Concept, and explore potential solutions for NATO to address them with a focus on early partnership building and deterrence.

Experiment Objectives

- Assess the utility and feasibility of the Concept Framework Elements in enabling NATO to counter hybrid threats.
- Identify appropriate military contributions within a wider comprehensive approach to countering hybrid threats.
- Explore the MCCHT concept amongst the community of interest.
- Inform the International Staff Group in support of NATO Defense and Deterrence Posture Review and identify potential link with NATO Comprehensive Approach Action Plan.

Key Outcomes of the Experiment

The event has been designed for ACT to be in a position to provide clear recommendations for the following:

- Defence and Deterrence Posture Review;
- NATO Defence Planning Process: design of planning situations and high level requirements;
- Future Links with the development of the Comprehensive Approach and Partnership building: expanding the scope of exploration;
- MC 400/3: Military Committee Guidance for the Military Implementation of NATO's Strategic Concept; and
- Refine and inform a second draft of the CHT concept paper.

Senior Experiment Advisors

With the addition of Sir Michael Aaronson CBE as our 4th senior advisor, the experiment will now incorporate experience from government, European Union, military and Humanitarian sectors.

Experiment Development Status

We are 3 weeks away from the beginning of the experiment. At this point, we have a mature participant structure with three panels of between 22 and 29 individuals from a variety of backgrounds. All invitations to NATO and non-NATO participants have been sent out and we have recruited a number of high calibre facilitators and analysts to run the panels and capture key data.

A panel rehearsal was held on March 29th which proved to be an excellent preparation of the final event, identifying valuable lessons and feedback.

The scenario is approximately 90% complete and includes an international context with strategic guidance, a NAC initiative directive and environmental conditions. The analytical plan is also 90% complete. It is anticipated that all read-aheads of the scenario will be posted on the website by the 25th of April.



Main Event Contributors:

- NATO Command Structure: HQ SACT, SHAPE, MCD, SEE, Joint Warfare Centre, IS/ESC, IMS/P&P, MCNW.
- US: Joint Forces Command, European Command, NDU, NPS.
- Nations: Australia, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, Sweden, USA.
- Centres of Excellence: CBRNE, CIMIC, Confined Shallow Waters, Cyber, DAT, HUMINT, JAPCC.
- Non-Government Organizations: UN, World Bank, RUSI, WANO, HCSS, CESS, ICCT, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Cassadian Metapole Systems, Cyber-crime Institute, Den Norske Krigsforsikring for Skib, General Dynamics, IBM, KBR, Kuehne Nagel, Moneyval Committee, Schenker Deutschland AG, Segarrateres International, Shell, University of Portsmouth.

Senior Advisors:

- Hon. Mary-Beth Long
- Gen (Ret'd) Sverre Diesen
- Gen (Ret'd) Yves de Kermabon
- Sir Michael Aaronson, CBE

CHT Experiment Aim:

"To investigate the utility & feasibility of the CHT Concept and Develop with both Military and Civilian Actors an understanding of potential NATO approaches in addressing the identified key challenge areas."

CHT Experiment Approach:

All experiment elements will be unclassified to allow the broadest participation and accessibility.

Upcoming Events & Timeline:

- Main Event: 8-13 May in Tallinn, Estonia.

