



CALL FOR PAPERS

DUE: FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2019

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT ANALYSIS

REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES REPORT

NORTH AFRICA & THE SAHEL

NATO Allied Command Transformation (ACT) is looking for people or organizations interested in submitting a paper that will help inform NATO's understanding of the future security environment in North Africa and the Sahel. We hope that you would like to share your independent thoughts and research findings, and participate alongside a wide range of contributors, coming from not only the military but also from IOs, NGOs, industry, academia and think tanks.

ACT promotes and leads initiatives designed to transform NATO to be well prepared for the future. As foundation for this work, ACT's Strategic Foresight Branch identifies and analyses global trends and their associated defence, security and military implications that are likely to shape the security environment over the next two decades. In addition, ACT will develop a series of reports on the future security environment in regions of great importance to the Alliance.

To develop a clear understanding and enable in-depth analysis of key trends in North Africa and the Sahel, ACT is calling for academic papers from a wide range of authors, coming from both inside and outside of NATO and of the region. We are looking for unpublished submissions that address one or more topics of interest (see next page).

Papers should be submitted by 1 March 2019 and will be reviewed by ACT. If qualified, papers will be included in the Regional Perspectives Report on North Africa and the Sahel. Additionally, authors of qualified papers may be asked to present their findings during a conference that will be organized and co-hosted by ACT and the Spanish Ministry of Defence in Madrid, 2-4 Apr 2019.

REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES
CONFERENCE
ON THE
FUTURE SECURITY
ENVIRONMENT IN
**NORTH AFRICA
& THE SAHEL**

**ORGANIZED AND
CO-HOSTED BY**
NATO Allied Command
Transformation
&
MoD SPAIN

CONFERENCE DATES
2-4 April 2019

LOCATION
Madrid, Spain

EVENT FORMAT
Presentations followed by panel
and syndicate discussions

PARTICIPANTS
Up to 150 representatives – *by invitation only* – from NATO and
Partner Nations, NATO
Commands and Agencies,
International and Non-
Governmental Organizations,
NATO Centres of Excellence,
think tanks, industry and
academia

QUESTIONS
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TOPICS OF INTEREST

The following topics need to be seen within the scope of the two decades outlook we are interested in:

- **Migration** (e.g., development, source and destination, consequences) with associated problems (drivers of migration) like climate change, demography and jihadism.
- **The future of Governance** (e.g., regional developments and ungoverned spaces; role of non-state actors; disenfranchised youth and the effects of (digital) human networks; countering illegal activities incl. human trafficking and terrorism; Libya as nation state; Sharia law).
- **Power competition** (e.g., Russia's and/or China's interests and influence in the political, social and economic situation in the region; the role of the US; intra-regional conflicts; resource scarcity).

The above is not exhaustive. If you know another topic that may influence the security environment over the next two decades, please feel free to submit your paper.

PAPER SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Papers should be submitted to <richard.pleijasant@act.nato.int> by COB Friday 1 March 2019 in Microsoft Word format and not exceed 5000 words (excluding references);
- Papers may be submitted at no cost;
- Submissions should be original work and not previously published elsewhere;
- Text or ideas from other sources require proper attribution;
- Submissions must include disclosure of all relationships that could be viewed as presenting a potential conflict of interest;
- Groundless criticism or insults regarding any nation, ethnicity, religion, organization, or individual are unacceptable;
- Please add an additional page which contains a biographical sketch of the author(s) and co-author(s) (as appropriate).



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PAPER REVIEW

4 March – 22 March

NOTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION

End of March