



European Defence Agency

HELICOPTERS – KEY TO MOBILITY

10 MARCH 2009

GENERAL INFORMATION

Updated information about the conference will be posted on the EDA web-site: www.eda.europa.eu just click on the conference logo



If you have questions, the Conference Team can be contacted on: eda.annualconference2009@eda.europa.eu

CREDITS: © Eurocopter/photo Patrick PENNA © Crown Copyright/MOD 2009 © The Council of the European Union © Lom Praha



PROGRAMME

www.eda.europa.eu



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This year the European Defence Agency Annual Conference focuses on helicopters. This is a key strand in the Agency's work and one of the 12 Capability Development Plan priorities. The Conference will highlight key issues surrounding the need for helicopters and outline the challenges that need to be collectively overcome. The EDA is delighted to welcome three distinguished keynote speakers: the Secretary General/High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy and Head of the Agency, **Dr. Javier Solana**; the Chairman of the European Union Military Committee, **General Henri Bentégeat**; and by the President of the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD), **Mr. Allan Cook**.

After the keynote speeches our two panels of experts will deliver their experience and understanding of the issues. The first panel, "Setting the scene", consists of owners and providers of helicopter capability. They will focus on describing reality and lessons learned from recent military, civilian crisis management and disaster relief operations. The second panel, "Potential Solutions", will provide Industry the opportunity to offer their views on how to solve the problems. This valuable input can be used in EDA's ongoing work on helicopters in the short, medium and longer-term.

The last and most important element of the Conference is the audience. Consisting of key decision makers from Member States and representatives from industry, we hope that the audience will fully engage in lively and open debate to help EDA work towards solving this crucial shortfall.

10 MARCH 2009 – PROGRAMME

08h30 - 09h30	Registration of participants & Coffee
09h30 - 09h35	Welcome address by the Chief Executive of the EDA <i>Mr. Alexander Weis</i>
09h35 - 09h50	Opening address by the SG/HR, Head of the EDA <i>Dr. Javier Solana</i>
09h50 - 10h10	Keynote speech by the Chairman of the EU Military Committee <i>General Henri Bentégeat</i>
10h10 - 10h30	Keynote speech by the President of the AeroSpace and Defence Industries Association of Europe (ASD) <i>Mr. Allan Cook</i>
10h30 - 11h00	Coffee Break
11h00 - 13h00	Panel discussions: 1st theme: "Setting the scene (Operational needs, Current situation, Lessons learned)" Moderator: - <i>Mr. Michael Codner, RUSI</i> Speakers: - <i>Lt General Pat Nash, COM EUFOR Chad/RCA</i> - <i>Air Marshal David Walker, DepCOM NATO Component Command Air Headquarters</i> - <i>Rear Admiral Tony Johnstone-Burt, Commander UK Joint Helicopter Command</i> - <i>Mr. Philippe Martou, Deputy Chief of Aviation Services, UN World Food Programme</i>
13h00 - 14h15	Networking Lunch (offered by EDA)
14h15 - 16h30	Panel discussions: 2nd theme: "Potential Solutions" Moderator: - <i>Sir Christopher Coville, Chair of ASD Rotorcraft Group</i> Speakers: - <i>Dr. Lutz Bertling, CEO Eurocopter</i> - <i>Mr. Jindrich Ploch, CEO Lom Praha</i> - <i>Mr. Al Volkman, Director International Cooperation for the US Under Secretary of Defense</i> - <i>Mr. Mieczysław Majewski, CEO PZL Swidnik</i> - <i>Mr. Giuseppe Orsi, CEO AgustaWestland</i>
16h30 - 16h45	Closing Remarks by the EDA Chief Executive <i>Mr. Alexander Weis</i>
16h45 - 18h00	Farewell Drink

Conference Language: English