

ACT Sees Progress on Countering Hybrid Threats Concept - ACT

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ACT made more progress last week on its development of a concept for countering hybrid threats when almost 40 delegates from eight NATO nations, three non-NATO nations, SHAPE, and the JWC met in Ankara, Turkey, June 7-11, for a concept development workshop.

Since July 2009, as a follow up action from the Multiple Futures Project, ACT is developing in coordination with SHAPE a new capstone concept for the military contribution to countering hybrid threats.

According to LTC R. Hills, lead concept developer: "we recently went through a major step of the development when our 28 nations agreed end of May 2010 on a common understanding : "Hybrid threats are those posed by adversaries with the ability to simultaneously employ conventional and non conventional means adaptively in pursuit of their objectives."

In order to demonstrate the validity of this new concept, to discover gaps and to identify ways ahead to fill the gaps, an experiment, based upon a seminar wargame, is being planned with a final event to take place in spring 2011.

According to Alex Smethurst, ACT lead analyst on the concept, "the publication of this capstone concept, based upon leverage of on-going national thoughts and collaborative work with NATO and national Subject Matter Experts, focuses on outlining the challenges posed by hybrid threats and provides an initial framework for countering them."

"A number of aspects of CHT are not new to NATO. However, this new construct provides a different way of thinking with regard to how the military component will have to operate including interaction with the non-military actors. This will have numerous impacts on areas such as our Defence and Operational Planning Process, on other concepts (existing and being developed), on our doctrine and above all on our Education & Training," said LTC Bernard Tourneur, ACT's project manager for the concept.

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Workshop organizers complimented the “outstanding support” from the Defense Against Terrorism Centre of Excellence and the Turkish General Staff for the smooth planning and execution of the event. This was the third workshop dedicated to concept development effort that is expected to lead to delivery of the first version of the CHT concept by the end of July.