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Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, French Air Force General Stephane Abrial spoke to an audience of nearly 300 people about the Future of NATO during the Air Force Association's 2011 Air and Space Conference September 20.

The annual conference, held from September 19-21 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center on the Potomac, Washington, D.C., brought together Air Force leadership, industry experts, academia, and current aerospace specialists from around the world to discuss the issues and challenges currently facing America and the aerospace community.

Abrial offered his insight to the audience on the future of NATO, comprised mainly of active duty air force, saying, "NATO Nations are currently and will be confronted with many real challenges."

His update on NATO operations, including the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and Operation Unified Protector, set the stage for the range of issues likely to be covered during the upcoming NATO Summit to be held May 2012 in Chicago, including lessons from Libya, Partnerships, Missile Defence, Cyber Defence, and Smart Defence.

Abrial closed by saying "NATO has done a lot already for our collective security, and can bring much more as we continue to seek greater effectiveness and efficiency."

Photo: General Stephane Abrial speaks to an audience

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