



Conference Agenda

Day 1 | Tuesday, 17 February 2026

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| 10:00 | Registration & Light Refreshments |
| 10:00 | S1: Opening Ceremony |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brig. Gen. (Res.) Ran Kochav (RanKo) – Defense. Tech Expo IL Chairman Former IDF Head of Israel’s Air & Missile Defense Forces; IDF Spokesperson • Gideon Sa’ar, Minister of Foreign Affairs • Avi Balashnikov, Chairman, Israel Export Institute • Admiral Giampaolo Di Paola, Former Minister of Defense of Italy, Former Chairman Nato Military Committee, President of Aerea Italian Defense Company |
| 10:30 | S2: Opening Assembly The World’s Future Security & Defense Challenges |
| Session Chair | Brig. Gen. (Res.) Ran Kochav (RanKo) , Former IDF Head of Israel’s Air & Missile Defense Forces, IDF Spokesperson |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gideon Sa’ar, Minister of Foreign Affairs • Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Amikam Norkin Former Commander Israeli Air Force (IAF) |



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| 11:10 | S3: 1 on 1 Interview |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boaz Levy, President & CEO of IAI - Israel Aerospace Industries • Lilach Shoval, Journalist at Israel Hayom |
| 11:30 | The Four Dimensions of Transformation in Israel's National Security |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maj. Gen. (Res.) Tamir Hayman, Executive Director of the Institute for National Security Studies (INSS) |
| 11:50 | S4: The Airspace – Lessons Learned from Global and Regional Conflicts |
| Session A | Multi-Layered Air & Missile Defense |
| Session Chair | Brig. Gen. (Res.) Ran Kochav (RanKo) Former IAF Head of Israel's Air & Missile Defense Forces; IDF Spokesperson |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brig. Gen. (Res.) Pini Yungman, President, TSG; Former Head of Missile Division, Rafael • Col. (Res.) Talya Lankri, Former Senior Official, National Security Council • Brig. Gen. (Res.) Eran Ortal, BESA Center, Senior Researcher, Head of Military Program |
| 12:40 | S5: The Airspace – Drones and UAVs |
| Session B | |
| Session Chair | Col. (Res.) Aviv Bar-Zohar Matrix Defense, Israel National Drone Initiative |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brig. Gen. (Res.) Yoeli Or, Cando Drones • Lior Segal, CEO, Third Eye Systems • Hagai Balshai, CEO, Robotican |



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| 13:20 | S6: Innovation at the Land Battlefield |
| Session C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Integrating Elite Units into Land Maneuver ➤ The Applied Innovation That Grew from bottom ➤ Robotics and Innovation on the Battlefield |
| Topics | |
| Session Chair | Brig. Gen. (Res.) Guy Hazoot , CO GF Lessons Learned Center During the "Iron Swords" War; Senior Researcher, INSS |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Col. (Res.) Ofer Ballin, Co-Founder and CEO, Shifters AI • Asaf Picciotto, CEO & Co-Founder, SpectraX • Brig. Gen. (Res.) Guy Paglin, Former Head of the Merkava and Armored Vehicles Directorate in the IMOD; VP Robotics and Autonomous Systems and Advanced Sensors, Elbit • Colonel (Res.) Yonatan Rom, Co-Founder Givon Defense; Former Commander of the IDF Special Operations |
| 14:00 Break | Break / Lunch / Visit to the Exhibition |
| 14:50 | S7: Civilian Space – Innovation, Research & National Security |
| Session Chair | Col. (Res.) Merav Davidovits , Head of Technical Partnerships, Moonshot |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Deganit Paikowsky, Senior Researcher, Hebrew University; Former Vice President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF) • Ran Livne, Head of Business Development, Moonshot Former CEO, Ramon Foundation • Tal Inbar, Strategic Aerospace and Missile Research; Senior Research Fellow at Missile Defense Advocacy Alliance • Aviv Kanelbaum, Head of Advanced Systems Directorate, IAI Space Division • Barak Ben Eliezer, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Deep Insight |
| 15:30 | S8: The Battlefield of Tomorrow Artificial Intelligence in Defense & Homeland Security - The Israeli Lab |
| Session Chair | Hadas Lorber , Head of the Institute for Responsible AI, HIT; Tech Partnerships, INSS |
| Speakers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuki Yehuda, EVP Strategy Innovation & CTO, Elbit Systems • Brig. Gen. (Res.) Eytan Eshel, EVP Technology and R&D – CTO, IAI • Eyal Greenglass, CTO & VP R&D Dagan Optics • Ronen Lebi, CBO MachinaLabs.AI, California |



16:00

**S9: From Research to Operational Reality:
Defense Tech and the Transformation of Military Doctrine**

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Session Chair

Hadas Lorber, Head of the Institute for Responsible AI, HIT;
Tech Partnerships, INSS

Speakers

- **Rear Admiral (Res.) Yuval Eylon**, Senior Research Fellow, INSS
- **Major General (Ret.) Yacov Bengo Ph.D.**, Military Expert
- **Dr. Yehoshua Kalisky**, Senior Researcher, INSS
- **Inbal Kreiss**, Chief Innovation Systems Missiles and Space Division, IAI;
INSS, Board Member

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**S10: Women at the Forefront of Security Innovation
Between Vision, Power and Global Influence**

Session Chair

Hadas Lorber, Head of the Institute for Responsible AI, HIT;
Tech Partnerships, INSS

Speakers

- **Vered Haimovich**, SVP Strategic BD & Innovation, Elbit Systems
- **Eliora Lubin**, Policy Chief of Staff, 8VC Fund (USA)
- **Brig. Gen. Yael Grossman**, Commander, C4I Branch's Lotem
Technological Unit, The Israel Defense Forces (IDF)
- **Michal Mor**, CEO and Founder, Smart Shooter
- **Dr. Lihi**, Senior Engineer, IAI Space Factory

