Distinguished Colleagues,

My name is Tal Raz and I serve as an advisor to the Israel Defense Forces – Operations Directorate. On November 12th - 14th 2019, the 1st International Military Operations Simulation Summit will take place in Tel Aviv, Israel, headed by the Head of the Operations Directorate, Major General Aharon Haliva. The Conference is led by IDF’s J7 in partnership with the Concept Laboratory.

**Background:**

**Purpose of the Concept Laboratory:**

To operate as the Professional Authority in the IDF for Concept Development, Script and Initiatives in order to help direct Force buildup and best prepare the IDF for future challenges.

**Main roles of the Concept Laboratory:**

* Initiate, Formulate and Script IDF Concepts (Multi-Force)
* Identify Operational Gaps, Initiate Operational requirements & recommend COA’s in force build-up.
* Constitute the Analytical – Operational authority of J-3, to assess and validate IDF Concepts and plans, through simulation.

 **Operational Simulation:**

For the concept laboratory to fulfill its purpose and perform its functions, different tools are utilized, the main tool being an operational simulation system/software.

* Allows the run-up of different operations scenarios
* Assists decision-making
* Analysis of OPLANs

 **International Military Operation Simulation Summit – Objectives:**

* Mutual learning and knowledge sharing between the different institutes and offices.
* Creation of an International Community for ongoing information Exchange and mutual learning.
* Creation of an infrastructure for further cooperation with relevant the partners.

**Target Audiences:**

* Institutes and relevant positions holders in the field of Force buildup and force deployment that make use of similar tools to the concept laboratory.
* Academic Professionals in the field of M&S force build-up and Force Deployment.
* Industrial Professionals in the field of M&S force build-up and Force Deployment.

Attached you will find a save-the-date document for the event.

We are in the process of building the detailed agenda for the summit that will include officials overviews’ as well as speaking opportunities for the different guests from institutes and parallel Laboratories from around the world.