



NEWS RELEASE



Allied Chiefs of Army Staff Talks and Land Commanders Conference (ACAST/LCC) 2012 in Tirana from 8 to 10 May 2012

HEIDELBERG/TIRANA, 04 MAY 2012 – The seventh edition of the Allied Chiefs of Army Staff Talks (ACAST) and Land Commanders Conference (LCC) will be held from 8 to 10 May in Tirana (Albania). The conference will be chaired by Lieutenant General John W. Morgan III, Commander Headquarters Allied Force Command Heidelberg and co-chaired by Lieutenant General Alfredo Cardona Torres, Commander Headquarters Allied Force Command Madrid. For the Host Nation Albania General Staff and Land Force Command are supporting this event.

Attendees will include Chiefs of Army Staff from 26 NATO member nations, as well as representatives from 10 Partnership for Peace (PfP), four Mediterranean Dialogue (MD) and two Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI) countries.

The ACAST/LCC, held yearly since the first meeting in Quebec in May 2006, serve to foster dialogue and strengthen ties between NATO military authorities and partners, and are organized on a rotating basis by Allied Force Commands Heidelberg and Madrid.

At the end of the meeting LTG Morgan, LTG Cardona Torres and Major General Xhemal Gjunkshi will be available for a News Conference.

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Information for the media:

When: **Thursday, 10 May 2012, 1115-1145hrs**

Where: Tirana International Hotel, ARBRET Room

Itinerary:

Until 1100hrs **arrival of media, setup**

By 1115hrs **Opening remarks by** Major General Xhemal Gjunksi and LTG John W. Morgan

Followed by Questions and answers session

By 1145hrs end of News Conference

Media representatives are requested to register (name, first name, media outlet) with the Albanian or the Force Command Heidelberg Public Affairs officer (contact details see below)

not later than 09 May 2012, 1700hrs.

A PA system as well as a split box for audio signals will be available on the spot.

For security reasons please bring a personal ID card and/or passport!!

Contact details:

A Media Center will be established from 8-10 May 2012 at the Tirana International Hotel, ONUFRI room.

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