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Defense. Tech Expo – Conference Agenda

Day 1 | 17 February 2026

10:30 1	Opening Ceremony
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Greetings from a Government Representative (TBC)• Avi Balashnikov – Chairman, Israel Export Institute• Admiral di Paola - Former Minister of Defense of Italy <p>Former Chairman of the NATO Military Committee</p>
10:50 2	Opening Assembly
	The World's Future Security & Defense Challenges
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A World in Turmoil – Global Threats, Strategic Axes, and the “Threat Map”• Western States and European Countries – The Global Armament Race
Speakers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gideon Sa’ar, Minister of Foreign Affairs• Boaz Levy, President & CEO of Israel Aerospace Industries• Maj. Gen. (Res.) Amikam Norkin, Former Commander, Israeli Air Force (IAF)• Alex Moore, General Partner for Defence, 8VC Fund; Board Member, Palantir
11:50 3	The Airspace – Lessons Learned from Global and Regional Conflicts
Session A	Air Defense and Civilian Protection / Multi-Layered Air & Missile Defense





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Session Chair

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Ran Kochav (RanKo)

Former IAF Head of Israel's Air & Missile Defense Forces,
IDF Spokesperson

Speakers

- Moshe Patel, Head of the “Homa” Missile Defense Directorate
- BG (Ret) Pini Yungman, President, TSG.
- Former Head of Missile Division, Rafael
- Col. (Res.) Talia Lankry, Former Head of Defense Department, Operations Directorate

Session B: 3.1

The Airspace – Drones and UAVs

Session Chair

Col. (Res.) Aviv Bar-Zohar, Matrix Defense

Israel National Drone Initiative

Speakers

- Brig. Gen. (Res.) Yoeli Or, CANDO DRONES
- Lior Segal, CEO, Third Eye Systems
- Hagai Balshai, CEO, Robotican

Session C:3.2

Robotics and Innovation on the Battlefield

Session Chair

Brig. Gen. (Res.) Guy Hazoot

Speakers

- Col. (Res.) Ofer Balin, CEO, Shifters Robotics AI
- Assaf Pichoto, CEO, SpectralX

13:30 Break

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Civilian Space – Innovation, Research & National Security

Session Chair

Merav Davidovits (Col. Res.), Head of Technical Partnerships, Moonshot

Speakers

- Dr. Degani Paikowsky, Senior Researcher, Hebrew University; Former Vice President, International Astronautical Federation (IAF)
- Ran Livne, Former CEO, Ramon Foundation; Head of “Rakia” Mission
- Renana Ashkenazi, Partner, GROVE Ventures; Board Member, Ramon Space
- Tal Inbar, Space Analyst
- Aviv Kenelbaum, Head of Advanced Systems Directorate, IAI Space Division

15:20 | 5

The Battlefield of Tomorrow

Artificial Intelligence in Defense & Homeland Security

The Israeli Lab

Session Chair

Hadas Lorber, Head of the Institute for Applied Research in Responsible AI

Speakers

- Shuki Yehuda, EVP Strategy Innovation & CTO, Elbit Systems
- Eitan Eshel, EVP Technology and R&D – CTO, Israel Aerospace Industries
- Roni Alsheikh, AWZ Ventures

15:50 6

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 Applied Research in
Responsible AI

Speakers

- Rear Admiral (Ret.) Yuval Eylon
- Major General (Ret.) Dr. Yacov Bengo
- Dr. Yehoshua Kalisky

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

Session Moderator

Hadas Lorber, Head of the Institute for Applied Research in
Responsible AI

Speakers

- Vered Haimovich, SVP Strategic BD & Innovation,
Elbit Systems
- Eliora Lubin, Policy Chief of Staff, 8VC Fund (USA)
- Dr. Avital Schrift, VP Core Tech, Israel Aerospace Industries
- Michal Mor, CEO at SMARTSHOOTER





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Day 2 | 18 February 2026 Innovation Seminar – “Defense. Tech – The Innovation Nexus”

Seminar Chair

Col. (Res.) David Rokach, Managing Partner, SOSA HLS & Defense Innovation Hub

Seminar Moderator

Noam Elsberg, Director Of INNOFENSE

10:30 | 8

Opening Assembly

The Current Global Innovation Paradigm in Defense. Tech

Topics

- Open Innovation Models
- Global Trends
- Dual-Use Technologies

Speakers

- Dr. Chaouki Kasmi, Chief Innovation Officer, UAE Technology Innovation Institute President & CTO, EDGE Group, UAE
- Maj. Gen. (Res.) Yoav Har-Even, Former President and CEO of Rafael Advanced Defense Systems Ltd.
- Shlomo Kalish, Corundum Open Innovation Fund Ltd.
- Israel Lupa, Executive Vice President Dual Use business, IAI - Israel Aerospace Industries

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Counter-UAS (CUAS)

Innovative Solutions to Drone Threats – Expert Panel

The Innovation Stage – Pitches & Presentations

Startup Elevator Pitch Presentations



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12:10 |10

Global Collaboration in Defense. Tech

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Moderator

Anna Ahronheim, Editor for Defense & Tech, Jerusalem Post

Speakers

- Alex Moore, General Partner for Defence, 8VC Fund; Board Member, Palantir
- Rodrigo Torres, President & CFO, EDGE Group, UAE
- Dr. Chaouki Kasmi, CIO, UAE Technology Innovation Institute; President & CTO, EDGE Group
- John Isemann, Shield AI
- Frederic Landau, General Partner, Kinetica

13:00 Break

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Defense. Tech Innovation Growth Engines

Topics

- The New Generation of Investors
- Investment Strategies and Approaches
- Government's Role in Advancing Innovation

Moderator

- BG (Res.) Eden (Abraham) Attias, General Partner, OplImpact

Panelists

- Hamutal Meridor, Kela Technologies, Co-Founder & President
- Michael Gal, Group CEO of Al Liwan Group, Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi Emirate



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15:00 | 12

Autonomous Systems – Air, Sea & Land

Expert Panel

- Dror Ben-David, Head of Neural Networks R&D Lab (NRDL)Matrix
- Major General (Ret.) Saar Tzur Major Kinetica

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