



**Major General Reinhard Wolski**  
Commanding General of German Army  
Concepts and Capabilities Development Center

**Panel A6**

**Digitization – Challenges of future multinational operations**

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Born on 6 July 1955 in Hanover, Germany, Major General Reinhard Wolski started his military career in 1974 at 27 Airborne Brigade. In the same year, he began officer training at 271 Para-Battalion in Iserlohn and in 1976 he joined the German Army Air Corps (Heeresfliegertruppe). In 1977, he graduated from the University of the Federal Armed Forces Hamburg with a degree in Air and Space Technology. Following initial flight training (UH-1H) at Fort Rucker, Alabama, United States, Major General Wolski served as a line/anti-tank helicopter pilot until 1987. In 1989, he completed his Command and General Staff Training (31st Army General Staff Course) at the Federal Armed Forces Command and General Staff College, Hamburg and was assigned as G2/G4 staff officer at the Army Training and Doctrine Centre in Cologne, Germany.

In 1991, Major General Wolski attended the Army Command and Staff Course, Camberley, United Kingdom. From 1993 to 1996, he was assigned as G3 staff officer at HQ SHAPE Crisis Response Centre, Mons, Belgium, with focus on planning and operations in the Balkans. His next appointments included Battalion Commander, 261 Anti-tank Helicopter Battalion, Roth, Germany (1996-1998), Staff Officer Military Policy for United Kingdom and the Nordic countries at the Federal Ministry of Defence, Bonn (1998) and Director Development of Doctrine and Technology for the German Army Air Corps, Bueckenburg, (1998-2002). In 2002 Major General Wolski attended the Higher Command and Staff Course at the Joint Services Command and Staff College, Shrivenham, United Kingdom. He then served as Chief of Staff, Airmobile Division, Wuerzburg, Germany until 2003 and within that time he deployed as Chief CJ3/5/9 to NATO's HQ SFOR, Butmir, Sarajevo (July-December). Upon his return, Major General Wolski was assigned as Commander, 1st Air Mechanized Brigade, Fritzlar, Germany and promoted to Brigadier General in 2005.

From 2005 to 2006 Major General Wolski was the Deputy Chief of Staff Operations, NATO's HQ KFOR, Film City in Pristina, Kosovo, followed by a re-assignment as Deputy Commander, Airmobile Division, Wuerzburg until 2009. He then served as Director German Army Air Corps and Commander German Army Aviation School in Bueckeberg, from 2009 to 2013. In May 2013, he deployed to Afghanistan as NATO's HQ ISAF Deputy Chief of Staff Resources. He was promoted to Major General on July 2013 in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan. Major General Reinhard Wolski became NATO Joint Warfare Centre's seventh Commander in 2014 until 21 July 2016. He is married to Ingrid and they have a son and a daughter.