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SUBJECT: Save the date, Counter–Improvised Explosive Devices Center of Excellence Annual Conference (CIEDAC)  
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1. The Counter-IED Centre of Excellence will host its **Annual Conference on Counter IED and Technical Exploitation (TE)** in Valencia, Spain, from 15–18 June 2026. The theme is **“The Evolution of Counter-IED Operations: Expanding the Threat Horizon.”** NATO entities, Partner Nations, international organizations, industry, law enforcement, and academia are invited to attend.

2. This conference unites military, law enforcement, industry, and academic experts to tackle NATO’s evolving challenges. It fosters collaboration on emerging threats, shares insights, and identifies capability gaps and solutions. Building on past success, it continues to connect the Counter-IED and Technical Exploitation communities. Day one will open with group discussions, followed by targeted breakout sessions on days two and three, enabling participants to engage across key disciplines:

- **C-IED Support Across Military Operations:** Explore the role and integration of C-IED and TE across the full spectrum of military operations, from low-intensity conflicts to high-end warfare.
- **Advancing NATO’s Technical Exploitation Capabilities:** Promote and expand NATO’s TE initiatives among Alliance members, Partner Nations, industry stakeholders, and law enforcement agencies.
- **Information and Intelligence Sharing:** Facilitate the exchange of threat updates related to ongoing conflicts, emerging technologies, and developments in C-IED and TE training, education, and equipping.
- **Lessons Learned and Community Insights:** Bring together subject matter experts to share operational experiences, recent developments, and evolving requirements across C-IED, TE, and Battlefield Forensics Capabilities.
- **Innovation and Enablers:** Establish relationships with Industry and Academia to support NATO defence planning priorities for equipment, experimentation, and concepts.

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