

## CONCEPT NOTE

### WEBINAR: INFLUENCING MILITARY FUTURES

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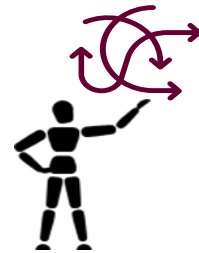
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**Date:** 30 November 2021

**Time:** 14:00-16:00 (SA TIME) **Platform:** MS TEAMS

**Updates:** [Conferences and workshops \(sun.ac.za\)](#)

**Registration link:** [here](#)



The Security Institute for Governance and Leadership in Africa ([SIGLA](#)) and the [Institute for Futures Research](#) of Stellenbosch University (IFR) are partnering in presenting a webinar on the afternoon of 30 November 2021 on positioning armed forces for future roles. One critical uncertainty all armed forces face is keeping abreast of changing security threats alongside short-term political agendas bent upon incremental changes that become futile at critical points in time. Alongside a dwindling societal interest, a national perception of military stasis often arises. This is a dilemma for soldiers, political decision-makers and society who must fund defence and expect political expediency and a combat ready defence force in return but find a military that does not boost confidence. One way to lower an impasse is using academic expertise as a catalyst for decisions to move national defence into the future. To this end, speakers have been invited to share their views on history, how armed forces change and position themselves for future roles as well as matters related to the defence industry. Dr Morne Mostert, Director of IFR and *Member of the Club of Rome* is the opening speaker followed by a panel discussion of three speakers led by Professor Lindy Heinecken (Stellenbosch University) with Prof Jo-Ansie van Wyk (UNISA) doing the closing.

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