THEME	TOPIC	DESCRIPTION
Implication of Global Changes on Security	Challenges to the rule-based world order.	International competition for the redistribution of power is tending to intensify and national interests are being reprioritized. The establishment of alternative economic and security structures has the potential to bring balance of power that might expand globally.
	Public disaffection & polarization as crisis factor.	The rise of populism, extreme nationalism and xenophobia has become a significant concern in developing countries as well as established democracies. Ideological, economic or religious polarization between contending groups could be the a major source of conflict within and between countries.
	Implications of asymmetric changes in demographics.	Global ageing is expected to increase with significant regional differences which may increase strain on national budgets. In the same time youth's frustration with unemployment and under-education may lead to social unrest and instability.
	Technology versus security.	Rapid development of technology challenges interoperability. Access to technology enables disruptive behaviors as well as challenges existing frameworks.
	Climate Change as a Threat Multiplier.	Allies will need to consider climate and environmental stressors, extreme weather events, changes to seasonal weather patterns and food security issues in their situational awareness. Nations will need to improve resilience by addressing climate adaptations measures for their infrastructure and equipment.
	Natural disasters as a trigger to improve resilience.	Allies will more frequently be working in areas of humanitarian aid, which will require truly comprehensive interoperability. A large scale, environmentally – triggered disaster within a NATO Nation is increasingly possible, requiring a major employment of their military to relief operations.