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OUR NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 8th

Happenings & Requests

THE FORESIGHT SANDBOX: STRATEGIC FORESIGHT EXECUTIVE TRAINING:

Prescient LLC and Arizona State University's School for the Future of Innovation in Society are pleased to offer [The Foresight Sandbox](#), an innovative professional learning experience that combines strategic foresight training with hands-on planning in the era of emerging technology. The pilot program, to be held June 17-19 in Washington DC, will focus on artificial intelligence. Technology is often isolated as a strategic driver of development, change, or risk. This course takes an [integrated and holistic approach](#). Participants will leave the course empowered with foresight skills and frameworks, and with a draft strategy in hand for addressing the challenges and opportunities of AI in their organization. (POC: [Amy Zalman](#))

ASSISTANCE NEEDED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING: The Navy Medicine Futures Branch is seeking to create a comprehensive forecasting capability that is as automated as possible. Currently, the group has found a promising capability in this area using robotic process automation and other machine learning applications. These are useful tools for web scraping, meta-data analysis, and greater artificial intelligence scope. The team is interested in hearing successes at amplifying these tools and aggregating their capability with other knowledge management assets or protocols. Be sure to share your input in learning successful applications and attempts at automating this capability. (POCs: [Brian Coppersmith](#))

FELLOW SEEKS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE: Foresight practitioner from Sierra Leone, West Africa, a recipient of the U.S. State Department's [Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders](#) seeks a 4-week Professional Development Experience (PDE) at a US government or non-government agency. The Fellowship includes funding for her expenses. Fellow currently works in the South African Tax Authority and has a Masters of Strategic Foresight from the Swinburne University, Australia Futures program. Expected fellowship date: August 5th - August 30th 2019. (POC: [Aminata Mansaray](#))

Admin & Announcements

QUARTERLY MEETING SUMMARY: On March 29, 2019, over 45 members participated in the meeting. The focus of the meeting centered on the use and applicability of foresight throughout government. Our speakers focused on previous research in understanding foresight application. Members discussed the [4 Steps to the Future](#) book, to help develop and implement foresight. The meeting concluded with an interactive exercise focused on identifying FFCOI strategic goals and a presentation by the Office of Management and Budget centered on setting performance goals, results will be shared at our next meeting. Lastly, FFCOI launched the first ever **FFCOI website**, where all the latest information can be found. (POCs: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Eric Popiel](#), [Joe Moore](#), [Robin Champ](#), and [Joe Greenblott](#))