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OUR NEXT MEETING

Webinar
February 15, 11:00 am ET

Happenings

FORESIGHT REPORTS: Sample the new crop of trend and risk reports from the following:

- Accenture ([Life Trends 2024](#));
- Atlantic Council ([Top Risks and Opportunities for 2024](#));
- European Parliament ([Ten Issues to Watch in 2024](#));
- International Monetary Fund ([World Economic Outlook Update](#)); and the
- World Economic Forum ([Global Risks Report 2024](#)).

HOMELAND SECURITY TODAY CITES NEED FOR INCREASED FORESIGHT: A key takeaway from Homeland Security Today's Threat Forecasts on [The Internal Threat](#), is that the U.S. "must devote more focus to strategic foresight and mitigate against 'strategic surprise' by nurturing our people's understanding, and mastery of, complexity." Read the thoughtful assessments, including one by FFCOI Co-Chair Emeritus, [Robin Champ](#). (POC: [Kristina Tanasichuk](#))

ELEVATE YOUR FORESIGHT GAME with [LBL Strategies](#) and [Mark Bills](#) of [Transformativ](#)! Every Monday, this dynamic duo unveils three powerful scanning hits on LinkedIn. Join them in shaping the future – share your thoughts on how these insights could drive transformation. (POC: [Robin Champ](#))

LEARN TO USE GENERATIVE AI FOR SCENARIO PLANNING (March 18-22 via Zoom): [Mastering Foresight: Scenario-Based Planning certification course](#) is an eligible course for certification from the [George Washington University Center for Excellence in Public Leadership](#) and endorsed by the Baldrige Foundation. Updated to include how to use ChatGPT in scenario development, this course will teach you about trends, writing scenarios, and how to run a workshop to get results.

AI IN STRATEGY COMMUNITY OF INTEREST WEBINARS: The [AI Community of Interest for Strategy Professionals Webinar Series](#) presents Nick Hadjinicolaou of IASP Australia on **Feb 7th** to discuss "Navigating the AI Revolution: Steering Towards a Responsible Future." Open to all and free of charge: [Sign up here!](#)

RISE OF "DEVELOPMENT DIPLOMACY:" The latest signal for international development organizational change, the practice of development diplomacy, combines the best skills of diplomacy and development assistance. USAID's new focus is raising the bar for staff, especially for those 10,000+ professionals in the field, to become the next generation of development diplomats. Read Steven Gale's [latest blog](#) for [NewSecurityBeat](#) to learn more. (POC: [Steven Gale](#))

Admin & Announcements

FFCOI Webinar (February 15): Institutionalizing Strategic Foresight - How to build future preparedness as an organizational capability. Professor René Rohrbeck, from EDHEC Business School, France, will explain why foresight is essential in driving transformation, how to build a fully integrated strategic foresight system, and how foresight drives strategic agility. Prior to the talk participants will be invited to benchmark their own organization using Professor Rohrbeck's self-assessment tool. Email [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#) for your invitation by 2/9.

FFCOI Spring Summit (April 17-18): Save the dates and plan to attend our in-person symposium in Alexandria, Virginia. Space will be limited. More details to come.

CONNECT: Stay connected to learn more about FFCOI! Our website ([FFCoI.org](#)) is currently *under construction*, so follow us on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) to get the latest news and happenings. Send us an [email](#) or a message on LinkedIn with ideas for future speakers and content. (POCs: [Sharaelle A. Grzesiak](#), [Eric Popiel](#), [Jeremiah Cottle](#) and [Grant Rafter](#)).