

SCREENING EVENT:

The People and Systems Behind Canada's Security

*Featuring the Ottawa Premiere of
The Women in Security Documentary*

Tuesday, June 2, 2026
2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
(Networking Reception to follow)
Chateau Laurier - Laurier Room
1 Rideau Street, Ottawa, ON

SPEAKER AGENDA

Time	Activity	Speakers
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	<p>Registration and Networking</p> <p>Guests will arrive for coffee and networking ahead of the program, providing an opportunity to connect with leaders across sectors—including policymakers, public servants, academics, private sector leaders, and community stakeholders.</p>	
2:00 PM - 2:05 PM	<p>Welcome Remarks</p> <p>Franca will welcome attendees and set the tone for the afternoon.</p> <p>Key Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The growing complexity of Canada's security environment. • The importance of collaboration across sectors. • The people behind the systems that keep Canadians safe. • Why leadership, resilience, and preparedness matter now more than ever. 	<p>Franca Palazzo Executive Director, The Canadian Internet Society</p>

<p>2:05PM to 2:10PM</p>	<p>Cohere Representative Provides remarks and Introduces Caroline Xavier, Chief, CSE</p>	<p>Cohere Representative</p>
<p>2:10 PM - 2:20 PM</p>	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>The opening remarks will provide national context for the discussions ahead, highlighting the importance of leadership, talent, and resilience within Canada's evolving security landscape.</p> <p>Key Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canada's rapidly evolving security and technology environment. • The importance of talent and leadership across sectors. • Building resilience through collaboration and innovation. • Supporting the next generation of leaders in security and public service. 	<p>Caroline Xavier Chief, Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSE)</p>

<p>2:20 PM - 3:20 PM</p>	<p>Panel 1: Evolving Threats and Resilience</p> <p>This panel will explore the evolving threat landscape facing Canada and why resilience has become a priority across sectors.</p> <p>The discussion will examine how governments, organizations, and institutions are responding to increasingly complex security challenges, while highlighting the importance of preparedness, coordination, and public trust.</p> <p>Discussion Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging threats and evolving risk. • Critical infrastructure vulnerabilities. • Gaps between awareness and preparedness. • Public-private coordination and resilience. • What effective leadership looks like during periods of uncertainty. 	<p><i>Moderator,</i></p> <p>Heather Black RVP, Canadian Public Sector Leader, Palo Alto Networks</p> <p>Crystal Dorion Canada’s Chair for Women in National Security</p> <p>Charles Noir VP Community, Investment, Policy, and Advocacy, CIRA</p> <p>Bonnie Butlin Co-Founder and Executive Director, Security Partners Forum</p> <p>Lori Blencowe Senior Director, Incident Management, CSE</p>
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<p>3:20 PM - 4:20 PM</p>	<p>Panel 2: Cybersecurity, Defence, and Emerging Technologies</p> <p>This discussion will examine cybersecurity through a national security lens, exploring how governments, law enforcement, intelligence agencies, and industry are adapting to rapid technological change.</p> <p>The conversation will focus on practical readiness, emerging technologies, and the growing importance of coordination across sectors.</p> <p>Discussion Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cybersecurity as a national security issue. • Coordination challenges across agencies and sectors. • Sovereignty and resilience in a global digital system. • The role of the private sector in national security. • Emerging technologies, including AI and quantum. 	<p><i>Moderator:</i> Brent Arnold Chair, The Canadian Internet Society; Partner, INQ Law</p> <p>Lindsay MacDonald Senior Director, Cyber Partnerships, CSE</p> <p>Melissa Martineau, M.C.A., Ph.D. CyPsych, Head of Cyber Behavioural Analysis & Research / Manager, Strategic Intelligence, National Cybercrime Coordination Centre (NC3), Royal Canadian Mounted Police</p>
<p>4:20 PM - 4:35 PM</p>	<p>BREAK</p>	

<p>4:35 PM - 5:35 PM</p>	<p>Panel 3: Talent, Leadership, and Workforce Development</p> <p>This panel connects directly to the themes explored in <i>The Women in Security Documentary</i>, focusing on leadership, workforce development, mentorship, and the lived realities of working in security environments.</p> <p>Discussion Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership in high-pressure environments. • Barriers to entry and advancement. • Talent gaps across sectors. • Retention, mentorship, and workplace culture. • The value of diverse perspectives in strengthening security outcomes. 	<p><u>Moderator:</u> Carol Caughlin Partner Consulting, Deloitte Canada</p> <p>Caroline Xavier Chief, Communications Security Establishment Canada (CSE)</p> <p>Aarti Gadhia Country Manager, Sentra; Top 20 Women in Cybersecurity Worldwide; Fintech Cybersecurity Woman of the Year; Top 20 Cyber Women in Canada</p> <p>Karen Nemani Cybersecurity Leader; President, WiCyS Ontario Affiliate; Board Advisor, AWS Security Delivery Practice Canada</p> <p>Dan Rogers Director of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service</p> <p>Danielle Weddepohl Director, Public Safety and Emergency Management, George Brown College</p>
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<p>5:35PM-6:05PM</p>	<p>Screening: <i>The Women in Security Documentary*</i> <i>(*Shortened 30-minute version)</i></p> <p>An award-winning documentary spotlighting the women shaping the future of cybersecurity, intelligence, and protective services. More than a film, <i>The Women in Security Documentary</i> is part of a global movement to amplify underrepresented voices, challenge outdated narratives, and inspire a more inclusive future for the security industry.</p>	
<p>6:05PM</p>	<p>Q&A</p>	<p>The Women in Security</p>
<p>6:20 PM</p>	<p>Networking Reception</p> <p>The reception will provide attendees with an opportunity to continue conversations, build relationships across sectors, and engage directly with speakers, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners.</p>	

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