



WASHINGTON, DC

**31st Parliamentary Intelligence
Security Forum**

December 9-10, 2025

FINAL PROGRAM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

6:00 PM - WELCOME RECEPTION AT QATAR EMBASSY

- **His Excellency Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani**, Ambassador of the State of Qatar in Washington
Location: Embassy of the State of Qatar
1407 16th St NW, Washington, DC 20036

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

**KENNEDY CAUCUS ROOM
325 RUSSELL SENATE OFFICE BUILDING**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM - REGISTRATION/COFFEE

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM – OPENING REMARKS

- **The Honorable Robert Pittenger**, Chairman, Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum
- **Hon. Matt Pottinger**, former National Security Advisor (*video*)

9:20 AM - 10:25 AM - ILLICIT FINANCE

- **Hon. Juan Zarate**, Global Co-Managing Partner and Chief Strategy Officer, K2 Integrity
- **Mr. John Walsh**, President and Chief Executive Officer, SightSpan Inc.
- **Ms. Lilita Infante**, Chief Executive Officer, CAT Labs, Former U.S. Department of Justice Special Agent
- **Mr. Dan Swift**, Senior Research Analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies' Center on Economic and Financial Power

10:25 AM – 11:00 AM - LINKING THE INDO-PACIFIC TO THE EURO-ATLANTIC

- **The Honorable Carla Sands**, Vice Chair, Center for Energy and Environment, America First Policy Institute; former US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark



- **Mr. John Sitilides**, Geopolitical Strategist, Trilogy Advisors LLC, and Senior Fellow (National Security Program), Foreign Policy Research Institute

11:00 AM – 11:25 AM – THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

- **Hon. David Malpass**, former President, The World Bank Group and former Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs

11:25 AM – 12:30 PM - BLOCKCHAIN / DIGITAL ASSETS

- **Hon. Brian Quintenz**, former Commissioner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)
- **Mr. Dante Disparte**, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Global Policy, Circle Internet Financial, LLC
- **Mr. Gregory C. Johnson, CFP**, Digital Asset Executive, Board Member, NYU Faculty
- **Mr. Kristopher Klaich**, Senior Director, Operations and Policy, Chamber of Digital Commerce

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM – LUNCH BREAK

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM - CYBER SECURITY

- **Mr. Tom Lind**, Senior Advisor to the Director, White House Office of the National Cyber Director
- **Ms. Diana Furchtgott-Roth**, Director, Center for Energy, Climate, and Environment and The Herbert and Joyce Morgan Fellow in Energy and Environmental Policy, The Heritage Foundation
- **Dr. Paul Maurer**, President, Montreat College; Co-author, *The Code of Honor*
- **Mr. MacDonnell Ulsch**, Founder, MacDonnell Ulsch Cyber Advisory LLC

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM - HUMAN TRAFFICKING

- **Ms. Anne Basham**, Founder and Chair of the Interparliamentary Taskforce on Human Trafficking
- **Ms. Tanya Gould**, OSCE International Survivor of Trafficking Advisory Council member and Anti-Human Trafficking Director for the Commonwealth of Virginia
- **Ms. Mary Vigil**, Senior National Security and Foreign Affairs Advisor, Office of Rep. Chris Smith



3:00 PM – 3:15 PM – CHINA’S WAR ON RELIGION

- **The Honorable Chris Smith**, Senior Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee, Co-Chairman, Congressional Executive Committee on China

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM – TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME

- **Mr. David Consoli**, former Senior Strategy Advisor at the U.S. Department of State
- **Mr. Richard Marianos**, Executive Director, Tobacco Law Enforcement Network

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM – CHINA’S WAR ON THE WEST

- **Mr. Peter Schweizer**, President, Government Accountability Institute and 4x #1 *New York Times* bestselling author

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM – AMBASSADOR’S RECEPTION

- **His Excellency Mr. Andrei Muraru**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the United States

LOCATION: The Residence of the Ambassador of Romania
3003 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20008

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

**COMMITTEE HEARING ROOM
106 DIRKSEN SENATE OFFICE BUILDING**

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM COFFEE/DANISH

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM PRAYER BREAKFAST

9:00 AM – 10:10 AM - NATIONAL SECURITY

- **Hon. Lesia Zaburanna**, Chair, Subcommittee on Public Expenditures, Parliament of Ukraine – *“Future of European Security: Building a Stronger Transatlantic Architecture for Global Stability”*
- **Hon. Oleg Dunda**, Member of Parliament, Ukraine – *“The Future battlefield with unmanned technologies”*
- **Rear Admiral Mark Melson, USN (Ret.)**, former Commander, Logistics Group Western Pacific/Commander, Task Force SEVEN THREE



- **Mr. Ilan Berman**, Senior Vice President of the American Foreign Policy Council

9:30 AM – 9:40 AM VIEW FROM THE U.S. SENATE

- **The Honorable Thom Tillis**, United States Senator – North Carolina

10:10 AM – 10:30 AM – RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

- **The Honorable Sam Brownback**, former U.S. Senator, Kansas Governor and U.S. Ambassador at Large for International Religious Freedom
- **Mr. Manus Churchill**, Executive Director, International Religious Freedom Summit

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM - ENERGY SECURITY

- **Hon. Krzysztof Bosak**, Deputy Speaker of the Sejm, Poland
- **Hon. Sohan Dasgupta**, Former Assistant Secretary for Trade and Economic Security, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- **Dr. Kevin Dayaratna**, Director, Center for Data Analysis and Chief Statistician, The Heritage Foundation
- **Mr. Dave McMurtry**, CEO, The McMurtry Group
- **Mr. Francois Baird**, Distinguished Fellow, Energy Policy Research Foundation

11:45 AM – 12:30 PM – TELECOM/INFRASTRUCTURE

- **The Honorable Pavel Popescu**, Vice President/State Secretary @ ANCOM; former Chairman of the Defense and National Security Committee in the Romanian Parliament
- **Hon. Nathan Simington**, former Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
- **John Strand**, CEO of Strand Consult, Denmark

12:30 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH BREAK

1:15 PM – 1:45 PM – THE MIDDLE EAST

- **The Honorable Gideon Sa'ar**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Israel
- **Hon. Tzachi Mamo**, Honorary Consul of Papua New Guinea in Israel
- **Mr. Joe Glover**, Board of Advisors, Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum



1:45 PM – 2:30 PM - INTERNATIONAL TRADE

- **Hon. Gilbert B. Kaplan**, Former Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade; Co-Founder and Chairman of the Advisory Board, Manufacturing Policy Initiative, Indiana University
- **Hon. Angela Ellard**, former Deputy Director-General, World Trade Organization
- **Mr. Michael Taylor**, Partner, International Trade Team, King & Spalding

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM - PARLIAMENTARY PERSPECTIVES

- **Hon. Jaak Madison**, Member from Estonia, European Parliament – *“A Global Security Agenda for Africa”*
- **Hon. Michael Adhin**, Speaker of the National Assembly, Suriname – *“Emerging Threats and Security Challenges in Suriname”*

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM VIEWS FROM CAPITOL HILL

- **The Honorable Michael McCaul**, Chairman Emeritus, House Foreign Affairs Committee, U.S. House of Representatives
- **The Honorable Joe Wilson**, Senior Member, House Foreign Affairs Committee and Chairman of the bicameral U.S. Helsinki Commission

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM - CHINA COMPETITION

- **Mr. Piero Tozzi**, Deputy Staff Director, Congressional-Executive Commission on China, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Mr. Daniel Runde**, Senior Advisor at BRG Group and senior advisor, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- **Mr. Carl Delfeld**, Chairman, The Economic Security Council; President, North America Critical Elements (NACE) Corp.
- **Mr. Brent Sadler**, Senior Research Fellow, Naval Warfare and Advanced Technology, Allison Center for National Security, The Heritage Foundation

4:30 PM – 4:45 PM - FUTURE FORUMS

- **The Honorable Eduard Heger**, former Prime Minister, Slovakia
PARLIAMENTARY FORUM IN KURDISTAN (APRIL 2026)
- **The Honorable Kevin Vuong**, former Member of Parliament, Canada
PARLIAMENTARY FORUM IN OTTAWA, CANADA (MAY 2026)

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM - OPEN SESSION

