

Press Release

Homeland Security Experts Group Launches its Inaugural Homeland Security Enterprise Forum at Salamander Resort

The Homeland Security Experts Group (HSEG) launches the Homeland Security Enterprise Forum (HSEF), the nation's lead homeland security idea generator, at Salamander Resort, 13-14 September. HSEF is an independent public convening that invigorates dialogue, elevates above partisanship, and integrates solutions into the homeland security enterprise. Through a series of plenary panels, breakout sessions, and fireside chats HSEF educates the public and informs government leadership.

Twenty years ago, September 11, 2001, our nation faced one of its darkest days following the worst terrorist attacks on our soil. It was a historic turning point that demanded resolve, resilience, and a new lens by which to view our country's ability to defend itself.

Arising from the horror of that day, we reimagined our national security approach through the birth of the concept of American homeland security, and established the Director of National Intelligence, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Counterterrorism Center. Members of the Homeland Security Experts Group (HSEG) worked to institute and develop the homeland security enterprise which has successfully prevented major domestic and foreign threats to this day.

On 13-14 September 2021, the HSEF will bring together in-person a select group of about 200 thought leaders from public and private sector leadership, academics and civil-society for this inaugural summit.

The two-day hybrid event will feature fireside chats, plenary panels, lightning rounds, and lunch working group discussions. Topics on the agenda span the gamut of threats and opportunities facing the homeland security enterprise including: cybersecurity, domestic violent extremism, information disorder and the role of civics, emerging technology, border security and regional threats, crypto currencies and ransomware, among others.

About the Homeland Security Experts Group

The Homeland Security Experts Group (HSEG) is an independent, nonpartisan group of homeland security policy and counter-terrorism experts who convene periodically to discuss issues in depth, share information and ideas with the Secretary of Homeland Security, government agencies and policymakers, increase awareness of the evolving risks facing our nation, and help make our country safer. The HSEG is co-chaired by former Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff and former Congresswoman Jane Harman. The group works to put on an annual Homeland Security Enterprise Forum, with a mission to bring voices of United States government agencies, the private sector, and civil-society all together in one summit to engage in thought dialogue. The forum showcases how cross-disciplinary the homeland security enterprise space truly is.