DAY 1 TUE. 21 APRIL	*Strategic Vision. Operational Excellence.*
0900 – 0905	**Introductions**
0905 – 0920	**Welcome Remarks** LT Gen Philip Garrant, SSC Commander
0920 – 0950	**Space Force Leadership Address** Ms. Charleen Laughlin, SES3, Deputy Chief of Space Operations for Cyber & Data, HQ USSF S6
0950 – 1030	**Panel | Leadership Across Space Force Cyber & Data (S6), Space Systems Integration Office (SSIO), and Combat Forces Command** USSF Field Command leadership unpack emerging cyber capabilities, strategic roadmaps, the evolving cyber concept of operations, and Enterprise alignment
1030 – 1045	**Break – Visit Exhibitors!**
1045 – 1130	**Panel | SSC's System Delta Leadership** From Ground, to Launch, to Orbit, the System Deltas discuss what it means to be mission-ready in 2026 and beyond.
1130 – 1200	**Leveraging Cyber Ranges and Aggressor Capabilities for Operational Advantage**
1200 – 1300	**Lunch – Visit Food Trucks and Exhibitors!**
1300 – 1345	**Panel | Advancing the Cyber Workforce with Mission-Ready Talent** **Topics** • AI Workforce Training and Development Programs • Cyber Halo Innovation Research Program (CHIRP) Student Research • Scaling the SSC Cyber Workforce
1345 – 1415	**Government Reference Architecture for Space Vehicle Cyber Hardening and Defense Solutions**
1415 – 1430	**Break - Visit Exhibitors!**
1430– 1450	**Maturing Space Sensing through Digital Engineering** Applying model-based systems engineering and industry best practices to improve collaboration, efficiency, and risk reduction in missile warning and tracking system acquisition.
1450 – 1530	**Mission Application of Continuum and Quantum Computing** Integrating continuum and quantum computing capabilities to harness enterprise resources, accelerate innovation, and deliver mission-ready solutions for next-generation space operations.
1530 – 1600	**Panel | Government and Defense Contractor Cybersecurity Risks Management and Policy**
1600	**Closing Remarks**

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DAY 2 WED. 22 APRIL	***Mission Application: Strategy Set. Mission Go!***
0900 – 0905 (5 mins)	**Introduction** **Event EMCEE** Ms. Aine Nakai, SSC/S6
0905 – 0940 (35 mins)	**Department of the Air Force Leadership Address** Dr. Keith Hardiman, Deputy Director, DAF Chief Information Office
0940 – 1015 (35 mins)	**Keynote Address** Mr. John Weiler, CEO & CIO of IT-Acquisition Advisory Council (IT-ACC)
1015 – 1030 (15 mins)	**Break - Visit Exhibitors!**
1030 – 1145 (75 mins)	**Zero Trust Lightning Talks** Five presentations from different DAF perspectives outline current and future intent of Zero Trust implementations, building the foundation of a resilient, digital backbone. **Moderator:** Capt Brandon Hoang, SSC/S6 Zero Trust Lead **LT #1 -** DAF Zero Trust Functional Management Office (FMO), Capt Kristen Walsh **LT #2 –** National Institute of Standards & Tech., Dr. Parisa Grayeli, MITRE **LT #3 -** Self Evaluation for Mission Systems, Nedu Irrechukwu, MITRE **LT #4 -** Vendor Framework, Dr. Safwa Ameer, MITRE **LT #5 -** Zero Trust defense in Space Satellite development, Nick Cohen, Aerospace
1145 – 1245 (60 mins)	**Lunch - Visit Food Trucks & Exhibitors!**
1245 – 1300 (15 mins)	**Authority to Operate** Risks, Security Measures, and Processes Explained **Briefer:** Mr. Seth Whitworth, Associate Deputy Chief of Space Ops for Cyber & Data, USSF HQ S6
1300 – 1320 (20 mins)	**Program Protection & Supply Chain Risk Management** Safeguarding mission systems to ensure secure, resilient mission capabilities **Briefer:** Mr. Tony Terrazas, SSC/S6 Program Protection Project Lead
1320 – 1340 (20 mins)	**Project Enigma Overview** Evolved Strategic SATCOM IL6 Digital Cloud Environment **Briefer:** Mr. Phil Chen, SSC SYD 88
1340 – 1355 (15 mins)	**Break - Visit Exhibitors!**

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1355 – 1420 (25 mins)	**Defensive Cyber Operations Capabilities** Defensive Cyber Operations for Space (DCO-S) **Briefer:** Lt. Col. Jason Altenhofen, CFC MD 6, 6 STS/CC
1420 – 1445 (25 mins)	**Delivering Cybersecurity Service Provider (CSSP) Capabilities** An overview of CSSP operations and capabilities, highlighting how cybersecurity services protect mission systems, strengthen enterprise defenses, and enable resilient cyber operations across the enterprise. **Briefer:** Mr. Craig Westerfield, CFC MD 6 Director, USSF CSSP
1445 – 1510 (25 mins)	**The Forge: Accelerating Innovation for the Warfighter** Empowering Guardians and Airmen to identify mission challenges and rapidly develop solutions, enabling the adoption of emerging tools and technologies to deliver operational advantage to the warfighter. **Briefer:** Mr. Tony Uminn, Digital Transformation Director, Patrick SFB
1510	**Closing Remarks** CMSgt Rajab Kigembe, SSC/S6, SEL
1530 - 1730	**Network Social @ Southbay Bar & Grill @ LA AFB Bldg. 270**

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DAY 3 THUR. 23 APRIL	***Fueling Space Dominance with Data & AI***
0900 – 0905 (5 mins)	**Event Introductions** **Event EMCEE:** Ms. Aine Nakai, SSC/S6
0905 – 0935 (30 mins)	**Combatant Command Leadership Address** Dr. Jose O. K. Angeles, United States Southern Command (USSOUTHCOM), Chief Data Officer
0935 – 1005 (30 mins)	**Industry Address** Unmanned Attack Surfaces: Agentic AI and Continuous Adversarial Operations **Briefer:** Ms. Alissa Knight, Cybersecurity Influencer, Content Creator, Hacker and Author, and 6-time Grammy Award Winning Film Producer
1005 – 1015 (10 mins)	**Break - Visit Exhibitors!**
1015 – 1145 (90)	**AI Tools in Action | *Day in the Life of a Guardian Powered By AI*** Live Demonstrations of the 3 Levels of AI Tools: L1: Enterprise L2: Functional L3: Mission **L1 - Enterprise Generative AI Tools Overview** Ms. Rachel Souder-Arguedas, SSC AtlasX • Copilot /Microsoft DAF365 ○ Briefer: Ms. Marla Kuhns, Microsoft • SpaceGPT ○ Briefer: Mr. Oliver Tannheiser, USSF HQ S6 • USSF AI Assistant ○ Briefer: Mr. Michael Starr, Microsoft • Edgerunner ○ Briefer: Mr. Colton Malkerson, Edgerunner **L2 - Functional AI Tools** • CyberSAGE & streamlining the ATO process ○ Briefer: Ms. Penny McKenzie, PNNL and Mr. Beau Morton, PNNL • Digital Guardian: O1-O2 Acquisition Reform Advisor ○ Briefer: Mr. Stew Sutton, SSC/S6 • MIT Accelerator – Acquisition Workspace ○ Briefer: Maj. Alejandro Maldonado, USAF SAF SQAD

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1145 – 1245 (60 mins)	**Lunch - Visit Food Trucks & Exhibitors!**
1245 – 1325 (40 mins)	**Panel | Data & AI Leadership** Advancing the future of the AI Force through USSF strategy and implementation plans, mission-focused AI applications, enterprise data governance and architecture, the Department of the Workforce's seven programs, and strengthened partnerships with industry and academia to accelerate AI adoption. **Moderator:** Mr. Jorge Rativa, Lead Cyber Automation Engineer, SSC/S6 **Panelist:** • Mr. Michael Ficken, Combat Forces Command Chief Digital AI Office (CDAO) • Mr. Bartley Stewart, SSC CDAO • Dr. Jose Angeles, U.S. SOUTHCOM CDO • Mr. Corey J Sinnott, U.S. SPACECOM CDAO Senior Data Scientist • Col. Robert Enrico, Vice Chair of the SSC Data and AI Board
1325 – 1425 (60 mins)	**Panel | Human Machine Teaming (HMT)** **Moderator:** Ms. Patricia L. McDermott, MITRE **Panelist:** • Human AI Teaming Tools, Applications, and Processing Lab (SSCs HAT LAB): Mr. Bart Stewart, Space Systems Command CDAO • Human-Machine Teaming Across the Department of War: Dr. Glenn J. Lematta, MITRE • Human Readiness Levels for Human-Machine Teaming: Dr. Judi E. See, Sandia National Labs • Measuring the Impact of AI: Joint Activity Testing: Dr. Taylor B. Murphy • Integrating BCIs into AI Systems for Real-Time Team Optimization: Dr. Richard E. Niemeyer, USAFA
1425 – 1435 (10 mins)	**Break - Visit Exhibitors!**
1435 – 1455 (20 mins)	**Integrated, Immersive, Intelligent Environment (i3E) AI Infrastructure** SSC addresses the need for AI Infrastructure that lowers the barrier to entry for prototyping and fielding AI capabilities **Briefer:** Capt. Drake Williams, BMC3I, SYD 85, I3E Program Manager
1455 – 1515 (20 mins)	**USSF AI Hub** How USSF is organizing an AI Hub to coordinate and accelerate AI implementation across the service **Briefer:** Capt. Drake Williams, BMC3I, SYD 85, I3E Program Manager
1515 – 1530 (15 mins)	**Data Stewardship** Managing Data with the Enterprise Knowledge Graphic and Unified Data Catalog **Briefer:** Lt. Col. Devon Messecar, BMC3I, SSC SYD 85
1530	**Closing Remarks** Col. Brian Mihalko, SSC/S6 Director

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