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MERIT, ACCOUNTABILITY, & PERFORMANCE NAVIGATING THE FUTURE OF FEDERAL LEADERSHIP

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Senior Executive Association Leadership Summit

Theme: Merit, Accountability, & Performance : Navigating the Future of Federal Leadership

DAY ONE: JUNE 23, 2026

Time	Room	Topic	Speaker	
7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.		Registration, Networking and Breakfast (In-Person) Logging On (Virtual)		
8:45 a.m. - 8:50 a.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Admin Remarks	Ms. Kimberly Walton	
8:50 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. -	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Mary Kate Whelan, SEA President Dr. Michelle Sutter, Executive Director	
9:00 a.m. - 9:40 a.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Leading a Merit-Based, People-Focused Workforce: Executive Priorities from OPM's Strategic Plan	Dr. Rebecca Ayers, OPM, Deputy Associate Director, Talent Management	
9:40 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	BREAK:			
10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	TomorrowMind - Leading in Dynamic and Uncertain Times	Gabriella Rosen Kellerman	
10:45 a.m. - 11:05 a.m.	TRANSITION BREAK			
Breakout Session One:				
11:05 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Offline Meets Online: The Dual Strategy for Executive Networking	Hope Dudley + Chris Borja	Panel
	Room 940	The Resilient Executive: Operationalizing Wellness for High-Performance Leadership	Malena Brookshire	
	Room 938	High Performer to Enterprise Leader: The Accountability Playbook for Aspiring Government Executives	Ebony Grey	
11:45 a.m. - 12:05 p.m.	TRANSITION TO LUNCH			
12:05 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Topic is forthcoming	Dave Hofmann, UNC,	Diamond Sponsor
Breakout Session Two:				
1:20 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Beyond the Buzz: Leading with Confidence in an AI-Driven World	Mika Cross, Stephanie Wade, Kris Saling, Taka Ariga, Kirstin Austin	Panel
	Room 940	From PIE to Power: Positioning Yourself to Lead Beyond the Moment	Monica Moore	
	Room 938	Hall of Fame Style Communications	Darrell Williams	
2:00 p.m. - 2:20 p.m.	BREAK			
Breakout Session Three:				
2:20 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Stop Drowning in Meetings, Start the Momentum: Change Meetings to Drive Efficiency, Performance, and Results	Elizabeth Dickenson	
	Room 940	Beyond the Buzz: Leading with Confidence in an AI-Driven World	Mika Cross, Stephanie Wade, Kris Saling, Taka Ariga, Kirstin Austin	Interactive Workshop
	Room 938	Leadership Excellence: Building Competence That Delivers Results Under Pressure	Jylian CLarke	
3:00 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.	NETWORKING BREAK			
3:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Leading Through Overload: TP3™ for Federal Executives: A 60-minute, practical session for SES and senior federal leaders	Alex Tremble	
4:00 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.	BREAK			
Breakout Session Four:				
4:20 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Plenary- Multi-Purpose	Building AI-Ready Organizations: What Every Federal Leader Must Know	Kris Saling	
	Room 940	The Future of SES Leadership: CALM Leadership and Sustaining Performance in an Era of Disruption	Dr. Patrina Clark	
	Room 938	Political Leadership and Transitions	Rick Kahn	SES Panel
TRANSITION TO ROOFTOP TERRACE				
NETWORKING RECEPTION				
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Rooftop Terrace	Introductory Remarks (5 min)	Brian Goldberg, SIRVA	Gold Sponsor