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Digital Defense Debrief: Strategies for Cybersecurity and Resilience. Having previously served as the Acting U.S. National Cyber Director, Kemba Walden is not only one of the most authoritative voices on cybersecurity, but also the field's most influential decision-maker. In this keynote, she delves into the intricacies of safeguarding critical information at both the organizational and national levels, introducing comprehensive approaches for developing resilient cybersecurity frameworks while emphasizing the importance of proactive defense measures and cross-sector collaboration. She also addresses the evolving threat landscape, providing actionable insights for how groups can enhance data protection in their organizations (and personal lives) and mitigate cyber risks.

How Leaders Break Down Silos and Build Up Collaboration. During Kemba Walden's tenure as the U.S.'s acting top-ranking official in cybersecurity, she was tasked with leading across sectors as she oversaw the development and implementation of initiatives to promote our nation's safety and stability in the digital space. In this keynote, she reiterates the importance of cross-functional collaboration, highlighting strategies for leaders to foster seamless teamwork across their various departments. She underscores the importance of breaking down silos, encouraging open communication, and seeking out various perspectives to drive innovation and push the organization towards its objectives. In sharing her expertise, Walden aims to help leaders create collaborative cultures that strengthen problem-solving and organizational resilience.