

State of Quantum Readiness Summit 2026

Approved wording, speaker attribution guidelines, and press contact.

December 9, 2026 · Arlington, Virginia · 200 seats, one room, no parallel tracks

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Approved event descriptors

Short (one line)

The State of Quantum Readiness Summit is a one-day, single-room convening of the regulators, standards bodies, and enterprise security leaders responsible for the post-quantum cryptographic transition.

Medium (one paragraph)

The State of Quantum Readiness Summit is a one-day, single-track convening for the demand side of post-quantum cryptography: the boards, security leaders, regulators, and auditors at the institutions that must migrate before federal and international deadlines. Hosted by the Quantum Core Institute, it pairs neutral authorities on standards, supervision, and federal direction with practitioner panels on inventory, examination, counsel, and procurement. Its 2026 edition takes place December 9 in Arlington, Virginia.

Long (backgrounder)

The State of Quantum Readiness Summit is convened by the Quantum Core Institute (QCI), an independent quantum risk advisory and neutral standards body. Where most quantum events cover the race to build quantum computers, the Summit convenes the organizations that have to survive them — across banking, credit unions, healthcare, government, and critical infrastructure. All 200 seats sit in one room with no parallel tracks; every attendee hears the same program. The 2026 edition takes place on December 9, 2026 in Arlington, Virginia, and includes sixteen consecutive sessions —

keynotes, panels, and a showcase — anchored to the QCI-QS1 governance standard and the Quantum Readiness Workbook.

About the Quantum Core Institute

The Quantum Core Institute is an independent quantum risk advisory and neutral standards body. It publishes the QCI-QS1 governance standard free of charge, runs the QCI readiness working groups, and convenes the State of Quantum Readiness Summit. QCI sells no product and endorses no vendor, and its main-stage program is editorial and closed to sponsorship.

Approved key facts

EVENT State of Quantum Readiness Summit 2026 (inaugural edition, charter cohort)

DATE Wednesday, December 9, 2026

LOCATION Arlington, Virginia

FORMAT One day, one room, sixteen consecutive sessions, no parallel tracks

CAPACITY 200 seats total

HOST Quantum Core Institute (QCI)

REFERENCE STANDARD QCI-QS1 (published free of charge)

ATTENDEE MATERIAL Quantum Readiness Workbook (QS1-aligned)

HASHTAG #QuantumReadiness2026

WEB quantumreadinesssummit.com

Approved themes for coverage

- The migration deadline problem: federal and international bodies now have dated post-quantum requirements, and most institutions have not begun a formal inventory.
- Governance, not just cryptography: QCI-QS1 frames the transition as an auditable program with scope, ownership, exposure inventory, gate criteria, and fallback plans.
- Harvest-now, decrypt-later: adversaries are believed to be capturing encrypted traffic today to decrypt once cryptographically relevant quantum computers are available.
- Vendor-neutrality on the main stage: sponsors never buy a keynote, panel seat, or program influence.

Speaker attribution guidelines

In sessions and seats held under the Chatham House Rule, media and attendees may use and report what they hear, but may not identify — by name, affiliation, or any detail that

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Which sessions are on the record

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- Host on first reference: Quantum Core Institute (QCI). Short form on subsequent reference: QCI.
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