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Rob Mendoza began his career with the Government of Canada in 2008. He is

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In 2018, Rob was appointed as Co-Chair of the Canadian Association of Professional Intelligence Analysts (CAPIA), an organization within the Government of Canada supporting intelligence analysis standards and professional development across 34 federal departments and agencies. Rob is now an Emeritus Co-Chair where he assists with weekly coordination with the intelligence community, assists by providing advisory services in support of professional development sessions and conferences based out of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service.

Rob continues to lead efforts to bring together practitioners from Canada's intelligence community with academia and private industry to foster contemporary dialogue on critical national security issues. He is currently authoring Foundations of Canadian National Security – Operational, Legal and Policy Perspectives, a comprehensive textbook on Canadian national security and he will be teaching graduate students an introductory national security course in 2025 at the Royal Canadian Military College and at the Canadian Academy of Intelligence Analysis, based out of the Privy Council Office of Canada.