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Ms. Swathi Veeravalli currently serves as the Director for Climate Security and Adaptation in the National Security Council's Climate & Energy directorate. In this role, she serves as the Executive Office of the President's principal climate security and global adaptation expert who formulates and implements U.S. government policy to minimize global food, water, and energy risk and tradeoffs. She previously served at United States Africa Command (USAFRICOM) and helped shape, synchronize and assess USAFRICOM's security cooperation priorities in Africa. Prior to joining USAFRICOM, Ms. Veeravalli led the Strategic Integration Office's development of national security objectives on contingency operations to ensure force protection and readiness for the Combat Engineer Regiment, while at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).



Having worked and traveled in over 85 countries, Ms. Veeravalli has several years of experience in international development, civil-military engagement, and grass-tops advocacy. She holds a Master of Science in Water Science, Policy & Management from the University of Oxford. At Oxford, she researched peri-urban water development with fieldwork in Kenya and Botswana. Ms. Veeravalli also holds a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs with a concentration in African Politics and Development from the George Washington University. She has served as an adjunct faculty member at Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service. Swathi is a dedicated civil servant who is committed to addressing domestic and global challenges and core systemic security risks in the Anthropocene.