



THE NATO CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND SECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

THE CONFERENCE OF  
DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE



**MONTRÉAL**  
CLIMATE SECURITY  
SUMMIT

SOMMET  
SUR LA SÉCURITÉ CLIMATIQUE DE  
**MONTRÉAL**

## **ERIN SIKORSKY**

Director

[Center for Climate and Security \(CCS\)](#)

Erin Sikorsky is Director of the Center for Climate and Security (CCS), and the International Military Council on Climate and Security (IMCCS). She is the author of *Climate Change on the Battlefield: International Military Responses to the Climate Crisis*. Previously, Erin served as Deputy Director of the Strategic Futures Group on the National Intelligence Council (NIC) in the United States, where she co-authored the quadrennial Global Trends report and led the US intelligence community's environmental and climate security analysis. She was the founding chair of the Climate Security Advisory Council, a Congressionally mandated group designed to facilitate coordination between the intelligence community and US government scientific agencies. Prior to her position on the National Intelligence Council, she worked as a senior analyst in the US intelligence community for over a decade, leading teams examining conflict and instability risks in Africa and the Middle East, and won the National Intelligence Analysis Award.

Ms. Sikorsky is an adjunct professor at George Mason University, where she designed and teaches a course on climate change and national security. She is also a contributing editor at *Lawfare*, a member of the Climate Migration Council, a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and serves on the advisory board of the Smith College Center for Environment, Ecological Design and Sustainability. She previously served on the Department of Interior's Advisory Council for Climate Adaptation Science, as a consultant to the Defense Science Board, and as a fellow at UPenn's Perry World House. She is regularly featured in television interviews on CNN, the BBC, and the Weather Channel, as well as public radio shows and podcasts such as *The World, Here and Now*, *Chatter* and *America Adapts*. She has published articles in a range of outlets, including *Foreign Policy*,





THE NATO CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND SECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

THE CONFERENCE OF  
DEFENCE ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE



**MONTREAL**  
CLIMATE SECURITY  
SUMMIT

SOMMET  
SUR LA SÉCURITÉ CLIMATIQUE DE  
**MONTREAL**

Survival, Lawfare, War on the Rocks, The Hill, Just Security, and The Cipher Brief. Ms. Sikorsky earned a Master of International Affairs at Columbia University, and a B.A. in government from Smith College.