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Natalie Samarasinghe Elected Chair of Security Council Report's Board of Directors

Security Council Report (SCR) is delighted to announce that its Board of Directors has elected Natalie Samarasinghe as Chair of the Board at its meeting on 2 July 2026.

Natalie is a recognised leader in global governance with more than 20 years of experience across civil society, international organisations, and philanthropy. She is currently Executive Director of the Public Engagement Platform for climate action, as well as advisor to the Global Challenges Foundation and the Global Center for the Responsibility to Protect.

Her previous roles include: CEO of the United Nations Association — UK, Chief of Strategy for UN75, Speechwriter for the 73rd President of the General Assembly, and Member of the ODI/NEAR Advisory Panel on the future of humanitarian action. She has been on the SCR's Board of Directors since July 2025.

Natalie succeeds Allan Rock, former Permanent Representative of Canada to the UN, as Chair of SCR's Board. SCR extends its deep gratitude to Allan for his outstanding leadership and longstanding commitment to SCR since its founding. Allan's guidance and support have been instrumental in establishing SCR as the leading independent source of analysis and reporting on the work of the UN Security Council. We are delighted that he will remain on the Board.

SCR looks forward to building on its strong foundations under Natalie's leadership.

