Rachel D. Maxwell

Chief Data Officer & Chief, Data & Artificial Intelligence Office



Rachel Maxwell serves as the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) Chief Data Officer (CDO) and Chief of the Office of the Chief Data and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Officer (OCDAO).

Ms. Maxwell is responsible for implementing the DoD Data, Analytics, and Al Adoption Strategy at DTRA to facilitate the transformation of the Agency to a data-centric and Al-enabled organization. She oversees all aspects of the Agency's data management and initiatives, including: Digital Literacy Program, Enterprise Data Architecture, Response Al, and Digital Goverance.

Prior to assuming her current position, Ms. Maxwell was tri-hatted as the CDO, Chief Privacy Officer, and Chief of the Knowledge, Data, and Digital Services Department within DTRA's Information Management and Technology (IT)

Directorate. Ms. Maxwell led collaboration and situational awareness through Business Intelligence Dashboards, operation of 24/7 mission critical IT systems, development of custom applications, and operations of portals. Additionally, she oversaw the following Federally-mandated Data Programs for DTRA: Records Management, Privacy Act, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Ms. Maxwell has over 20 years of experience in supporting the DoD, Special Operation Forces, Intelligence agencies, and Law Enforcement communities as a civilian and contractor employee serving as Senior Intelligence Analyst; Subject Matter Expert in the Biological and Physical Sciences; and Program Manager in Science & Technology and IT. Her experience as an end user from the tactical, operational, and strategic levels as well as her expertise across the Federal Government is invaluable in her current position.

Ms. Maxwell is a graduate of the National Defense Univerity's CDO Certification Program. She holds a Master's of Science degree in Biological and Physical Science from the University of Virginia, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Washington College. She is a Harvard Senior Executive Fellow, has a Certification in Al Management from Georgetown University, and Level III DAWIA certified PM.

When Ms. Maxwell is not supporting DTRA, she serves as the the Soldier and Family Readiness Group Advisor on her spouse's Brigade Command Team in Grafenwoehr, Germany. In her spare time, she is either supporting her children's ice hockey and lacrosse teams, playing ice hockey, or enjoying time on the water.

