

Security in Complex Environments Group Appoints Richard Wylde as Chairman

Richard Wylde, Control Risks' Director for Government and Defence, has been appointed as the Chairman of the Security in Complex Environments Group (SCEG), succeeding Graham Kerr.



Richard Wylde said: “I am most honoured with my appointment as Chairman of the Security in Complex Environments Group. I look forward to championing the organisation so that it can deliver for SCEG members, who provide vital security and risk solutions across the globe, and in order to enhance the Group’s capability provision to all our stakeholders and clients”.

Paul Gibson, Director of SCEG, said: Richard Wylde has highly relevant expertise and experience from both the public and private sector which I am certain he will bring to bear for the benefit of SCEG and its members”

“I would also like to thank Graham Kerr for his sterling performance leading SCEG over these last two years.”

As Chairman of SCEG, Richard Wylde leads the Executive Committee, which is composed of industry representatives and affiliated members from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Department for Transport.

As Control Risks' Director for Government and Defence, Richard oversees risk and security engagements with governments and firms close to government. Richard served for a little under 30 years in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO), where he held senior positions in bilateral and security policy positions, with his final overseas posting being in Berlin where he was Counsellor Political. Earlier in his service, he was the UK's Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN Asian Commission in the Bangkok and Phnom Penh Embassies, and followed this with postings to Rome as First Secretary, and Kabul as Counsellor. Between postings abroad, Richard was responsible for policy and capability development in parts of Africa, South America and the Middle East.

Richard is a Trustee of the FCO's Pimpernel Trust helping with the welfare of former FCO officials. He is a Visiting Fellow of the University of Exeter's Strategy and Security Institute. Richard has been a member of SCEG's Executive Committee since early 2019.