

87th UNITAR Public Session

Sustainable Development Goals



Mr. Nikhil Seth was appointed as a United Nations Assistant Secretary-General and the new Executive Director of UNITAR in June 2015. With more than two decades experience in the UN, he has played an important role in setting up both the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Development Goals. On the occasion of his visit to Hiroshima, he will explain in detail about the recently agreed to Sustainable Development Goals.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was adopted on 25th September 2015 at the UN Headquarters in New York. Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with 169 targets are set within this 2030 Agenda focusing on issues such as poverty reduction, education, gender and climate change.

The SDGs build on the work of the historic Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which in September 2000, rallied the world around a common 15-year agenda to reduce extreme poverty and hunger, and were successful in reducing low income poverty, and improving access to water, primary school enrollment, child mortality rate, among others. The SDGs set the next 15-year agenda and take an integrated approach to address and stimulate action in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet, focusing on the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental.

Speaker

Nikhil Seth

(Assistant Secretary-General/UNITAR Executive Director)

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Career

Sept 1993 - Jun 2001 Special Assistant and Chief of Office to the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Jun 2001 - Jan 2003 Chief of the Policy Coordination Branch in the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination

Feb 2003 - Aug 2006 Secretary of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Second Committee of the General Assembly

Aug 2006 - Aug 2011 Director of the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Dept of Economic and Social Affairs

Sept 2011 - Sept 2015 Director of the Division for Sustainable Development, Dept. of Economic and Social Affairs

Oct 2015 - Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and Assistant Secretary-General