

BIOGRAPHY

UNV DEPUTY EXECUTIVE COORDINATOR

NAHEED HAQUE



Naheed Haque was appointed Deputy Executive Coordinator of UNV in July 2009. Before joining UNV, she served as United Nations Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Pacific covering the Cook Islands, Niue, Samoa and Tokelau.

During her tenure in Samoa (2006-2009), she worked closely with her counterpart in Fiji and 15 United Nations Agencies to develop the first sub-regional United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF), covering the development priorities of 14 Pacific Island countries. She also worked with UN agencies in the Pacific to develop joint programme initiatives, including a cooperative climate change approach and a sub-regional Community-Centred Sustainable Development Programme. The latter brought the power of volunteerism to bear towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

Prior to her work in Samoa, Ms. Haque served as the UNDP Country Director for Timor-Leste from 2004 to 2006, reporting to the head of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (UNMIT). She also worked as UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in South Africa (2000-2004); in UNDP Headquarters in New York (1995-2000) as Programme Manager for South Asia and later as Chief of the North-East Asia Division, with temporary assignments to Viet Nam and the Islamic Republic of Iran; and undertook UNDP Assistant Resident Representative assignments in Nepal and Bhutan respectively.

Ms. Haque started her UN career as a National Programme Officer with UNDP in her home country, Bangladesh, where she also chaired the Staff Association. She joined the UN from the Government of Bangladesh's National Planning Commission. She holds a Master's degree in Business Administration from the American University in Washington, DC; a Master's degree in Management from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; and a Bachelor's degree in Physics, Mathematics and Psychology. She is fluent in Assamese, Bengali, English and Urdu, and is also proficient in Arabic and French.

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