

Biography – Secretary of UN-Water

Mr. Juwang Zhu - Director of the Division for Sustainable Development/DESA



Mr. Juwang Zhu is currently Director of the Division for Sustainable Development/DESA. In that capacity he leads a team in normative, analytical and capacity-building work in promoting and coordinating implementation of the sustainable development agenda of the United Nations.

Among his various assignments at the UN Secretariat, Mr. Zhu served as Chief of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General/DESA. In that capacity he advised the Under-Secretary-General on a range of policy and management issues. During this period, Mr. Zhu also coordinated the Department's substantive advice to the Executive Office of the Secretary-General on development issues and on the restructuring of DESA's capacity building programme.

Mr. Zhu was Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), and in that capacity assisted in coordinating support for the Conference. He also contributed to the departmental support for Rio+20 follow-up, including work on post-2015 development agenda and the SDGs.

Mr. Zhu has more than 30 years of experience at the UN Secretariat. He had worked in the Division for Sustainable Development for more than a decade, with diverse responsibilities.

Prior to his reassignment to DESA in 1993, Mr. Zhu had previously worked as a policy analyst in the secretariat of the UN World Food Council and in the UN Office in Geneva. He joined the UN Secretariat in 1985.

Born in Shanghai, August 1961, Mr. Zhu graduated from the Shanghai International Studies University in 1982 and did post-graduate studies in Beijing Foreign Studies University. He has an MSC in financial economics from University of London and an MA in international relations from Webster University.