

CHANDRIKA BAHADUR

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2016- present **SDSN Association (New York and New Delhi)**
President (Jan 2016-March 2020). Responsible for setting up and building the SDSN Association, an independent 501 c 3 non-profit organization, based in New York in support of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). SDSN works at the intersection of research, education, and policy, with a network of 1400+ universities around the world. As President, I was responsible for creating the organization, building overall strategy and operational design, building the financial and human resource systems, recruitment, donor relations and fundraising, Board reporting, programmatic and partnerships oversight.
- Founder-Director, the SDG Academy (Jan 2016 –present).* Responsible for setting up the SDG Academy, an initiative to promote online education for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), within SDSN. Responsible for envisioning the entire initiative, providing programmatic and operational direction, building teams across two locations, building academic partnerships, pedagogical design, technology, and production capacities, creating the governance framework, raising resources, and measuring quality and impact. Today the SDG Academy reaches over 650,000+ learners worldwide and is recognized as a high quality-high impact initiative to promote sustainable development.
- May 2020-present *Chair, Secretariat, Mission 4.7:* Chair of the Secretariat of Mission 4.7, an initiative of UNESCO, SDSN, and the Ban Ki moon Centre for Global Citizens to promote education for sustainable development and global citizenship education globally
- April 13-Dec 15 **UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (New York and New Delhi)**
Director, Educational Initiatives. Responsible for all educational programs of the UN SDSN. Specific roles included developing online learning materials for the SDSN; creating and managing the Thematic Group on Early Childhood Development, Education, and Transition to Work; leading the design and partnerships for education Solutions Initiatives, specifically the Pratham Virtual Open Schools, in partnership with Pratham Education Foundation; and building and managing a program of work and a team in New Delhi and New York to undertake these activities.
- July 12-Jan 13 **Indian Institute for Human Settlements (New Delhi)**
Senior Consultant responsible for developing a strategy for a consulting and advisory practice to the Board of Directors of IHS, a prospective national university focusing on challenges of urban development in India.
- July 11-Mar 12 **Columbia University Middle East Research Centre/Government of Jordan (Amman)**
Lead consultant to the Ministry of Planning in support of preparing the poverty reduction program, including leading a team at Columbia University to analyse the poverty situation in Jordan and recommend a program of action to the Minister of Planning.
- June 08- July 11 **Reliance Industries Limited (Mumbai)**
Advisor to the Chairman and Managing Director. Key responsibilities included: Conceptualizing and designing Reliance Industries' non-profit foundation (Reliance Foundation) with a corpus of USD 140 million and the aim of creating a professional philanthropic organization; identifying priority areas of intervention, including target population, geographic area, delivery models etc.; building collaborations and networks for implementation; organizational design; team identification and oversight; advising and contributing to other projects, for example, setting up of private universities, hospitals, among others.
- Jan 07- April 08 **United Nations Development Programme (New York)**
Policy Advisor, Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Support Cluster, Bureau for Development Policy. Key responsibilities included: leading UNDP's policy support for the MDGs in the area of gender related and education planning; leading UNDP's MDG support in over 20 countries in aligning national budgets and medium term expenditure frameworks with MDG-based strategies; including working with policy makers in selected African countries; and working with teams of economists within UNDP country offices in Africa to support the preparation of MDG-consistent plans and budgets; coordinating and managing UNDP's technical resources to help governments design economic development strategies consistent with the MDGs.
- Mar 03-Dec 06 **United Nations Millennium Project (New York)**
Policy Advisor and Manager, Country Support (2005-2006), Policy Advisor (2003-2005). Part of the core team of the UN Millennium Project, the UN Secretary-General's independent advisory body commissioned to recommend an action plan to achieve the Millennium Development Goals by 2015. Responsible for co-authorship of the UN Millennium Project final

recommendations to the UN Secretary-General, *Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals.*; coordination of advisory work with UN Country Teams to support several governments in developing MDG based national development strategies, including design and leading training workshops and in-country consultations; management of a team of UNDP Africa economists responsible for scaling up support to all African governments in preparing MDG based strategies; analytical and substantive research of the research Task Forces on Hunger; Education and Gender Equality; and Poverty; development, with other colleagues, of the MDG Needs Assessments- a costing methodology to estimate the global resources required to meet the MDGs; with emphasis in areas of gender equality, education and rural development.

Oct 02-Mar 03 **UNDP Regional HIV and Development Programme (New Delhi)**
Contributing Editor, UNDP Regional Programme covering South and North East Asia. Key responsibilities included: drafting sections, coordinating of editing and production of the first ever Regional Human Development Report on HIV and Human Development in South Asia.

July 01-Oct 02 **United Nations Development Programme (New York)**
Contributing Author, the Trade and Human Development Project, Bureau for Development Policy. Key responsibilities included: contributing author and part of core drafting team of a flagship publication 'Making Global Trade Work for People'. This involved primary research, drafting key sections and managing production processes; preparing a background paper on the link between development and intellectual property rights and specifically on the impact of the TRIPS agreement on access to HIV AIDS drugs. The paper was presented at a global UNDP Meeting to over 30 Resident Representatives, widely circulated within the organization and formed the basis for subsequent policies and projects within UNDP.

DIRECTORSHIPS AND OTHER HONORARY POSITIONS

November 21-present Non-Resident Fellow, **Center for Sustainable Development, Brookings Institution**

Jan 21-present Chair, **India Task Force, Lancet COVID-19 Commission**

March 20-present Member, Sustainability Advisory Board, **cKers Finance**

Dec 2019-present Member, Sustainability Advisory Board, **University of the People**

May 19-Oct 20 Board Member, **60 Decibels Impact**

Nov 2014-present Board Member, **TC NetLeap Private Limited**

Mar 14-Sept 20 Board Member, **SDSN Association**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017 – present **SDG Academy (New Delhi, New York)**
Course Faculty, "Understanding Poverty and Inequality" (September 2021); "Sustainable Cities" (ongoing)

Fall 2019 **Harappa Education (New Delhi)**
Course Faculty

Summer 2016, 2017 **Vedica Scholars Program (New Delhi)**
Lead Faculty, "The Sustainable Development Goals", a 10-week course on introduction to sustainable development.

Fall 2005 **Columbia University (New York)**
School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA): Visiting lecturer, INAF08700 "The Fight Against Poverty" with Prof. Jeffrey Sachs, John McArthur, Guido Schmidt-Traub.

Fall 2000 **Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts)**
Faculty of Arts and Sciences: Teaching Fellow, Economics 1010A, with Prof Jeff Wolcowitz. Responsible for teaching Sections, grading assignments and office hours.

Spring 2001 *Kennedy School of Government*: Teaching Fellow, PED-259, PED-256 with Professors Dani Rodrik and Roberto Unger.

EDUCATION

- 2001 **HARVARD UNIVERSITY, John F. Kennedy School of Government (Cambridge, Massachusetts)**
Master in Public Administration and International Development, Concentration in Social Policy, International Trade and Development.
- 1999 **INDIAN INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT (Ahmedabad)**
Master in Business Administration (PGDM).
- 1997 **UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, St. Stephens College (Delhi)**
Bachelor of Arts in Economics (1st class honors).

Awards

- 2001 Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Raymond Vernon Award for outstanding commitment to international development
- 2000, 1999 Harvard University Kennedy School of Government Merit Fellowship
- 1996 St. Stephens College GKG Koolamkullam Scholarship for outstanding academic performance.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2004 "Ending Africa's Poverty Trap" (with Jeffrey D Sachs, Guido Schmidt-Traub, Margaret Kruk, John W. McArthur, Michael Faye, and Gordon McCord). *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*. Vol. 1, pp. 117-240.
- 2002 "Towards Free and Fair Trade: A Global Public Good Perspective" (with Ronald U. Mendoza). *Challenge: The Magazine of Economic Affairs*. Vol 45, Issue 5, pp 21-62.

Reports

- 2005 *Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals. Overview.* (Co-author) Final Overview Report of UN Millennium Project Submitted to the UN Secretary-General. Earthscan: New York. (Report subsequently submitted by Secretary-General to UN General Assembly.)
- 2005 *Investing in Development: A Practical Plan to Achieve the Millennium Development Goals.* (Co-author) Final full Report of UN Millennium Project. Earthscan: New York.
- 2005 *Towards Universal Primary Education: Investments, Incentives, and Institutions.* (Advisor and contributor) Final Report of the Task Force on Education. Earthscan: New York.
- 2003 *Human Development Report 2003: The Millennium Development Goals – A Compact Among Nations to End Human Poverty.* (Contributor) Oxford University Press: New York.
- 2003 *Regional Human Development Report 2003: HIV and Development in South Asia.* (Contributor) UNDP: New Delhi.

Edited Volume

- 2008 "The Financial Requirements of Achieving Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment" (with Diane Elson, Caren Grown, and Jessie Handbury). *Equality for Women, Where Do We Stand on Millennium Development Goal 3?* The World Bank. Chapter 5, pp207-259.
- 2003 *Making Global Trade Work for People.* (Co-author) Earthscan: New York.

Other Papers and Reports

- 2021 Lancet COVID 19 Commission. Reopening Schools After COVID-19 Closures. India Task Force Report (co-author)
- 2021 Lancet COVID 19 Commission. Managing India's Second COVID-19 Wave: Urgent Steps. India Task Force Report (co-author)
- 2021 Lancet COVID-19 Commission. Country-wide Containment Strategies for reducing COVID-19 Cases in India. India Task Force Report (co-author)
- 2021 Lancet COVID-19 Commission. Checklist: Country-wide Containment Strategies for reducing COVID-19 Cases in India. India Task Force Report (co-author)
- 2014 UN SDSN. The Future of Our Children: Lifelong, Multi-generational Learning for Sustainable Development. Thematic Group Report on Early Childhood Development, Education, and Transition to Work. (Lead author with Madhav Chavan and Hirokazu Yoshikawa).
- 2006 UN Millennium Project. Preparing MDG-based Poverty Reduction Strategies: A Handbook for Planners. [Lead author together with Margaret Kruk and Guido Schmidt-Traub]
- 2004 "Millennium Development Goals Needs Assessments for Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda."
UN Millennium Project Working Paper. September 2004. (Background paper to: Sachs, Jeffrey D, John W McArthur, Guido Schmidt-Traub, Margaret Kruk, Chandrika Bahadur, Michael Faye and Gordon McCord. 2004. "Ending Africa's Poverty Trap." *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity*. 1: 117-216.)
- 2004 "Millennium Development Goals Needs Assessments: Country Case Studies of Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ghana, Tanzania and Uganda" (with Jeffrey D Sachs, Guido Schmidt-Traub, Margaret Kruk, John W. McArthur, and Michael Faye). UN Millennium Project Working Paper. January 2004.
- 2002 "TRIPS, HIV/AIDS and Access to Drugs". UNDP Background Paper.