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Press Release

His Excellency Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury, former Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations has joined the Board of Patrons of the World Sustainability Forum.



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“The World Sustainability Forum is excited that Ambassador Chowdhury accepted the invitation to bring his expertise and experience in multilateralism, particularly in advancing the culture of peace, equality and empowerment of women and girls and sustainable development of the most vulnerable countries of the world aimed at promoting the Forum's mission,” noted Forum President Dr Kenneth Stokes.

Remarking on his appointment, Ambassador Chowdhury said “I am delighted to join as a patron and ambassador for the World Sustainability Forum. With a particular focus on the United Nations, my advice and guidance will be always available in articulating the Forum's strategy to advance multilateralism in the best interest of humanity.”

The Founder of the The Global Movement for The Culture of Peace (GMCoP), Ambassador Chowdhury is a champion for sustainable peace and development. He ardently advances the cause of the global movement for the culture of peace that has energized civil society in various parts of the world. A career diplomat, Ambassador Chowdhury served as: Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to United Nations; President of the UN Security Council; President of UNICEF Board; UN Under-Secretary-General; and Senior Special Advisor to the UN General Assembly President. He is a recipient of the U Thant Peace Award; the UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace; the Spirit of the UN Award, and the University of Massachusetts Boston Chancellor's Medal for Global Leadership for Peace. Honoured with the Global Women's Peace Award in 2018, he is also the recipient of the inaugural Global Citizen Award by the Soka University of America located in California and the Visionary Leadership Award from UN's civil society organizations, both in 2021. He is a Patron of the Committee on Teaching About the UN (CTAUN), New York.

In 2003, the Soka University of Japan in Tokyo, conferred on Ambassador Chowdhury an Honorary Doctorate for his contribution to the strengthening of the United Nations. In 2012, he received a Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa degree from the Saint Peter's University of New Jersey. In 2021, the University of La Verne, California, conferred on him an Honorary Doctorate for his work on global peace and development.

## The World Sustainability Forum

Born of the efforts of visionary leaders; the World Sustainability Forum is a summit of minds. Its mission is to accelerate a just, humanitarian, and prosperous transition to sustainable development. The Forum shall help effect this great transformation at the speed that science demands, by identifying innovative solutions, creating new coalitions, and making specific recommendations on global challenges linked to climate change, including peace and finance, the environment, health and more. Its vision is of a world where people live in prosperity and peaceful coexistence, conscious of their common humanity and their shared responsibilities for each other, for the planet, and for future generations.

A beacon illuminating pathways to a new epoch of the people, the Forum embraces the imperatives of life, universal human rights and responsibilities, and a culture of peace. In the words of Nelson Mandela, it shall “support courage where there is fear, foster agreement where there is conflict and inspire hope where there is despair.”

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