



Secretary-General Appoints John Hendra of Canada Assistant Secretary-General for Policy and Programme at UN Women

United Nations, New York, 11 March 2011 — UN Women Executive Director Michelle Bachelet is pleased to announce that today, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon appointed Mr. John Hendra of Canada Assistant Secretary-General for Policy and Programme at UN Women.

In this position within UN Women, Mr. Hendra will be responsible for the leadership and management of the Bureau supporting policy analysis, research and training, programme management and oversight. He will also serve as one of the two Deputies to the Executive Director of UN Women, Ms. Michelle Bachelet.

Mr. Hendra brings a wealth of experience to this position, including more than 20 years' experience in development programming and conducting development policy dialogue with member states at highest levels.

Mr. Hendra's career in the UN system includes experience in three different regions where he served for 13 years as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Vietnam, Tanzania and Latvia. In Vietnam he led a comprehensive UN reform effort at country level — the "Delivering as One" initiative — designed to enhance the coherence, effectiveness and efficiency of the UN's development support.

Mr. Hendra was the Deputy Director of UNDP's Bureau for Resources and Strategic Partnerships from 2000 to 2002 where he was responsible for helping manage relationships with donors, private sector, civil society and foundations.

Mr. Hendra has a Masters in Development Studies from the University of Toronto and a BA from Queen's University in Political Studies.

Born in 1960, he is married and has two daughters.