

URSULA MUELLER

Assistant Secretary-General and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator

In January 2017, Ms. Ursula Mueller was appointed as the UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)

Ms. Mueller has over thirty years of experience in international affairs, global issues and development financing. She has been Executive Director of the World Bank Group since September 2014, responsible for a range of issues including strategy, policy, budget and the approval of programmes worth \$62 billion in 2016. She has consistently worked to foster close cooperation between the World Bank and the United Nations.

Prior to this role, Ms. Mueller served as Director General in Germany's Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (2012-2014), and as Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (2010-2012). Ms. Mueller coordinated a taskforce in the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs to respond to the global Financial Crisis (2009-2010).

Ms. Mueller has significant humanitarian and field experience. She was Germany's Humanitarian Coordinator (2006-2009), during which she managed Germany's multi-million-dollar humanitarian budget, oversaw all of Germany's humanitarian operations and took forward initiatives on landmines and conflict prevention. During this time, she also served on the Advisory Board of the United Nations' Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) and the Advisory Board to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNWRA). Ms. Mueller was Germany's Special Envoy to Afghanistan (2001-2002), and was Germany's Civil Coordinator in Kosovo (2000).

Ms. Mueller studied economics at the University of Hagen, Germany, and graduated from Germany's Foreign Affairs Institute with a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Public Administration.