

Sustainable Development Goals: What Do They Mean for Investors?

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On 1 April 2015, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Elliott Harris as Assistant Secretary-General and Head of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Mr. Harris joined UN Environment as Director of the New York Office and of the Secretariat of the UN Environment Management Group (EMG) in September 2013. Prior to joining UN Environment, he worked as an Economist in the IMF from 1988 to 2013, gaining extensive policy and programmatic experience in African and Central Asian countries, as well as in the Fiscal Affairs Department on public expenditure policy issues. From July 2002 onward, Mr. Harris served as Advisor, Chief of the Development Issues Division, and Assistant Director of the IMF's Strategy, Policy and Review Department. From September 2008 until May 2012, he was also the IMF's Special Representative to the United Nations, and was closely involved in interagency collaboration in the areas of social protection, green economy, and fiscal space for social policy. From September 2009 until October 2013, he was the Vice Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programs (HLCP) of the UN Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

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Simon is co-Director of the UN Environment's Inquiry into the Design of a Sustainable Financial System. He is also currently Visiting Professor at Singapore Management University, a Senior Fellow at the International Institute of Sustainable Development, and Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Academy of Business in Society, and was until recently a Visiting Scholar at Tsinghua School of Economics and Management in Beijing, and was Senior Visiting Fellow at Harvard's J F Kennedy School of Government. He is on the Advisory Board of the leading sustainability investment fund, Generation Investment Management. He founded and was until 2009 Chief Executive of the international think tank, AccountAbility, and before that Development Director of the New Economics Foundation, founding Chair of the Ethical Trading Initiative and on the founding Steering Committee of the Global Reporting Initiative. Simon publishes extensively: his book, 'The Civil Corporation', was awarded the Academy of Management's prestigious Best Book on Social Issues in Management, and his Harvard Business Review article, 'Paths to Corporate Responsibility' is widely used as a reference point in understanding emergent sustainability strategies. He had advised companies worldwide on sustainability issues, and until recently lived in China.
