

Biographical Note

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Stefanos Fotiou is an accomplished and well renowned expert on sustainable development and currently serving in the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) as the Director of the "Environment and Development" Division. Under his portfolio he is planning, coordinating and managing the work of UN-ESCAP on sustainable development, climate change, quality of growth, urban development, natural resources management, and the 2030 Agenda. Prior to this assignment Stefanos worked for 10 years in the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) under various roles including as Head of the "Cities and Lifestyles" Unit.

His professional experience includes assignments for International Organisations, work for the private sector and posts in research and academic institutes. Throughout his professional career, which began in research and has included lecturing assignments at some of Greece's most important universities, Stefanos has taken leading roles in international forums and initiatives and his individual and joint works have been widely published. He has been involved as a lead expert in the development of over 50 national, regional or sectoral strategic studies on sustainable development related issues and has conceptualised and managed a number of programmes, initiatives and projects in more than 40 countries worldwide.

He holds a PhD in Natural Resource Economics, an Executive MSc in Information Systems, and a combined Bachelor and Master Degree in Forestry and Natural Environment Management.