



Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdhury served from 2002 to 2007 as the *Under-Secretary-General and High Representative of the United Nations*, responsible for the most vulnerable countries of the world.

A career diplomat, he served as Ambassador and Nations in New York from 1996 to 2001. He also served as Bangladesh's Ambassador to Chile, Nicaragua, Peru and Venezuela, as well as Bangladesh's High Commissioner to the Bahamas and Guyana.

Ambassador Chowdhury served as *President of the United Nations Security Council* for two terms in 2000 and 2001 and *Chairman (in 1985-86) and President (in 2000) of the UNICEF Executive Board.*

He served as the *Secretary-General of the Almaty International Conference on global transit transport cooperation* in 2003 as well as of the *Mauritius International Meeting on Small Island Developing States* in 2005, both convened by the United Nations General Assembly. He also spearheaded the five-year mid-term review of the Brussels Programme for the Least Developed Countries by the UN General Assembly in September 2006 in New York.

Ambassador Chowdhury successfully negotiated on behalf of the Group of 77 the *adoption of the Brussels Programme of Action* by the Third UN Conference for the Least Developed Countries (LDC III) held in Brussels in 2001.

He spearheaded a pioneering initiative of the United Nations General Assembly in 1999 for adoption of the landmark *Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace* and proclamation of the *"International Decade for Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World (2001-2010)"*.

He was the *Chairman of the Security Council Sanctions Committee on Sierra Leone during 2000-2001*. His initiative in March 2000 as the President of the Security Council achieved the political and conceptual breakthrough that led to the adoption of the groundbreaking *UN Security Council Resolution 1325* on women and peace & security.

He is a recipient of *Good Business International's Trailblazer 2010* Award for championing the causes of women and for his role in bringing about the milestone UN resolution 1325.

He also chaired the Administrative and Budgetary Committee of the United Nations General Assembly in 1997-1998. He was *Vice-President of the Economic & Social Council of the United Nations for two terms* in 1997 and 1998.

In March 2003, the Soka University of Japan, conferred on Ambassador Chowdhury an *Honorary Doctorate* for his work on women's issues, child rights and culture of peace as well as for the strengthening of the United Nations.

He is the recipient of the *U Thant Peace Award and the UNESCO Gandhi Gold Medal for Culture of Peace.*

He has been decorated by the Government of Burkina Faso with the *country's highest honour* "L'Ordre Nationale" on 18 June 2007 in Ouagadougou for his championship of the cause of the most vulnerable countries.

Ambassador Chowdhury is the *Chair of the International Drafting Committee on the Human Right to Peace*, an initiative based in Barcelona, Spain.

He is the *Honorary Chair of the International Day Peace NGO Committee at the United Nations* since 2008.

He is the *Chairman of the Global Forum on Human Settlements (GFHS)*, an organization advancing the UN's Habitat agenda since 2007.

He is an Honorary Patron of the Committee on Teaching About the UN (CTAUN), New York.

Ambassador Chowdhury received the first "*Institute for Global Leadership Lifetime Service Award*" in May 2007 at the conference on New Leadership Models for local and global communities held in Worcester, Massachusetts, USA.

The UN NGO Committee on Spirituality, Values and Global Concerns conferred their first "*SPIRIT OF THE UNITED NATIONS*" Award on Ambassador Chowdhury on 26 October 2007.

Dr. Chowdhury has *structured curricula and taught courses on "The Culture of Peace"* at the Soka University of America, Los Angeles and the City University of New York from 2008. He also served as an Adjunct Professor at the School of Diplomacy, Seton Hall University of the United States.

Public speaking and advocacy for sustainable peace keep him engaged at the present time.

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