

Christophe Bouvier, Regional Office for Europe (ROE)

Mr. Christophe Bouvier, a national of France, is the Director of UNEP's Regional Office for Europe.

Mr. Bouvier joined UNEP in June 2007 with more than 27 years of experience within the United Nations system, and has held posts at increasing levels of responsibility, at country, regional and global levels. Mr. Bouvier has managed and supervised complex operations involving a multiplicity of partners, whether international or local, public or private. He is known for his skills as negotiator and manager, and strong leadership. He received the UNOPS joint Staff Council/Executive award for best human resources management in 1996.

His latest position was that of Senior Strategic Advisor on Iraq for UNDP and as such facilitated the first multi-year UNDP country programme for Iraq in decades, including a joint UNDP/UNEP emergency and environment pillar. He launched a comprehensive local level recovery and development programme and established inter agency agreements between UNDP and UN developmental, environmental and humanitarian agencies.

Prior to above, Mr. Bouvier was the UNOPS Regional Director for Central Asia, North Africa, near East and Europe and Director of its Rehabilitation and Social Sustainability Division. Inter alia he supervised a team of legal, IT, finance and human resource officers providing support to operational teams in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America, and coordinating corporate collaboration with UN entities based in Geneva, Nairobi, Pristina, Guatemala, Rome and Vienna, and helped pioneer partnerships between the UN and the private sector as part of the launch of the Global Compact.

Mr. Bouvier implemented UNDP's PRODERE/CIREFCA programme in Central America from 1989 to 1995 in partnership with ILO, WHO and UNHCR. He negotiated the first operational partnership between the UN and the global associations of Cities and Local Authorities, signed in 1996.

Mr. Bouvier also played a pivotal role in establishing and overseeing FAO's first country representations in Bresil, China, Guatemala and Belize all the while expanding FAO's programme threefold.

Mr. Bouvier holds a post graduate degree from the French Institut National Agronomique, with specialization in economics and comparative development. He speaks five languages fluently (English, French, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese), and still remembers some Chinese.