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Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi is the Deputy to the Director General and a Managing Director of UNIDO since April 2017.

In April 1984, he joined the Government of Japan's Ministry of International Trade and Industry (now known as METI), where he planned and implemented a variety of industrial and technology policies in various sections, including the Planning Office of the Minister's Secretariat, the Natural Resources and Energy Agency, the Small and Medium Enterprises Agency and the Kansai Bureau.

He served as an advisor to the Director General of UNIDO from 2000 to 2004, and made a considerable contribution to UNIDO's strategic pursuits through the coordination of the Board of Directors' Retreats, Industrial Development Forums among other activities.

In August 2006, Mr. Kuniyoshi was appointed Professor at Tokyo Institute of Technology, where he conducted research and education in policy studies related to industry, technology and innovation.

In September 2012, he was appointed Executive Director of the New Energy and Industrial Technology Development Organization (NEDO), one of Japan's largest public organizations in research and development. At NEDO, he was in charge of global collaborative projects for the development of low-carbon technologies such as renewable energy, battery storage and smart grids. He also served as Vice-Chairman of the Global Smart Grid Federation, a world-wide network of national associations for smart grids.

In January 2016, he was appointed Head of the UNIDO Investment and Technology Promotion Office, Tokyo, (UNIDO ITPO Tokyo), where he worked closely with Japanese industries in areas related to technology transfer and investments to developing countries.

Mr. Hiroshi Kuniyoshi holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Cambridge and a Ph.D. in Energy Science from the Kyoto University.