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## **Dr. David Malone of Canada Begins Term as United Nations University Rector**

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**1 March 2013, Tokyo** — The United Nations University (UNU) is pleased to announce that Dr. David M. Malone of Canada today has assumed office for a five-year term as Rector of UNU. In this role, Dr. Malone holds the rank of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The selection of Dr. Malone as the sixth Rector of UNU, to succeed Dr. Konrad Osterwalder of Switzerland (UNU Rector from 1 Sept. 2007 to 28 Feb. 2013), was previously announced by the UN Secretary-General's Office in October 2012.

Prior to joining UNU, Dr. Malone had served (from 2008) as President of Canada's International Development Research Centre, a funding agency that supports policy-relevant research in the developing world. See below for a brief profile of Dr. Malone's career.

"I congratulate Dr. Malone and look forward to working closely with him to strengthen the vital work of the United Nations University", said United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. "Dr. Malone brings a world of experience to the job, and I wish him well as he takes on this important assignment."

On behalf of the governing Council of the United Nations University, Council Chair Prof. Mohamed H.A. Hassan of Sudan said: "We are very pleased with the appointment of Dr. Malone as the sixth Rector of UNU. The members of the Council join me in welcoming Rector Malone to the University community, and we look forward very much to working with him in the coming months and years."

"I have worked alongside the United Nations University and within several UNU projects in the past, and retain excellent memories of those experiences", noted Dr. Malone.

"I am grateful to my predecessor, Konrad Osterwalder, for having worked tirelessly to enhance the research and academic capacities of UNU", he added. "I very much look forward to getting to know the research teams animating UNU's work around the world, and also to meeting its growing faculty and student body."

As Rector, Dr. Malone will be based at UNU Headquarters in Tokyo.

The United Nations University, established in 1975, is a global research and teaching organization with active institutes and programmes in 12 countries worldwide. The overarching goal of UNU is to contribute to global sustainable development that will enable present generations to live a decent life in peace, freedom, safety and good health, without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.

## Dr. David Malone of Canada Begins Term as United Nations University Rector (continued)

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In carrying out its work as the academic arm of the United Nations system, UNU focuses on research, teaching and capacity building, as well as delivering advisory services as a think tank. UNU maintains close cooperative relationships with other United Nations system organizations (agencies, programmes, commissions, funds and convention secretariats) as well as with leading universities and research institutions all over the world.

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### Profile of UNU Rector David M. Malone

Prior to joining the United Nations University on 1 March 2013, Dr. David Malone served (2008–2013) as President of Canada's International Development Research Centre, a funding agency that supports policy-relevant research in the developing world.

Dr. Malone had previously served as Canada's Representative to the UN Economic and Social Council and as Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations (1990–1994); as Director General of the Policy, International Organizations and Global Issues Bureaus within Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT, 1994–1998); as President of the International Peace Academy (now International Peace Institute), a New York-based independent research and policy development institution (1998–2004); as DFAIT Assistant Deputy Minister for Global Issues (2004–2006); and as Canada's High Commissioner to India, and non-resident Ambassador to Bhutan and Nepal (2006–2008).

Dr. Malone also has held research posts at the Economic Studies Program, Brookings Institution; Massey College, University of Toronto; and Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University. He has been a Guest Scholar and Adjunct Professor at Columbia University, and an Adjunct Professor at the New York University School of Law.

He holds a BAA from l'École des Hautes Études Commerciales (Montreal); an Arabic Language Diploma from the American University (Cairo); an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; and a DPhil in International Relations from Oxford University.

Dr. Malone has published extensively on peace and security issues. His most recent books include *Nepal in Transition: From People's War to Fragile Peace* (as co-editor; 2012, Cambridge University Press) and *Does the Elephant Dance? Contemporary Indian Foreign Policy* (2011, Oxford University Press).

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