



**Erik Solheim**

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Erik Solheim was elected to become Executive Director of the UN Environment on May 13, 2016. Prior to joining UN Environment, he was the chair of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development. From 2007 to 2012, he held the combined portfolio of Norway's Minister of the Environment and International Development, and from 2005 to 2007 served as Minister of International Development. This unique portfolio mixture allowed him to bring a coherent approach to development and the environment. Erik Solheim is also an experienced peace negotiator, having contributed to peace processes in Sri Lanka, Sudan, Nepal, Myanmar and Burundi.