

[Main Summer Camp] Opening Remarks



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After 3 years working as the Senior Sustainable Development Expert at the United Nations Office for Sustainable Development (UNOSD), Mr. Jean D'Aragon is now the Officer-in-Charge of UNOSD in Incheon, South Korea. Mr. D'Aragon has over 20 years of international development experience in research, policy advisory, capacity building, and monitoring and evaluation related to sustainable development in America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania. Mr. D'Aragon worked at the UN-Habitat headquarters in Nairobi and the UN DESA United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD) in Nagoya, Japan linking climate change, natural disaster risk and vulnerability reduction, urban planning and governance. He has also been called upon to undertake assignments as Early Recovery Advisor and Early Recovery National Coordinator with the same and other UN agencies, such as UNDP, in various geographical contexts, including disaster-hit regions of the Philippines and Vanuatu or in Cameroon, where he developed and coordinated programmes combining food security and poverty reduction with youth job creation and empowerment, particularly in the Far North Region of Cameroon, which is severely affected by Boko Haram 's insurgency, not to mention land use agro-pastoral conflicts, which are exacerbated by increases in drought and flooding associated with the adverse effects of climate change. Prior to joining the UN, Mr. D'Aragon was Senior Programme Officer at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC - Canada), leading research programmes on the interlinkages between urban poverty reduction, livelihood and food security, access to housing, water and sanitation, solid waste management, environmental protection and resilience building, supporting their integration into territorial planning policies, codes, regulations, plans and programmes.

Mr. D'Aragon also taught and lectured in different universities in Brazil, Portugal, France and in Canada, particularly at McGill University, where he has earned his PhD.