



**Richard Blewitt**  
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**Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint**  
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Mr. Richard Blewitt, a national of the United Kingdom was appointed the United Nations Resident Coordinator and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative for the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, Suriname, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten with effect from 24 April 2013.

Mr. Blewitt brought to his current assignment more than 17 years of leadership experience. Prior to this appointment, he was the Chief Executive Officer of HelpAge International for 6 years. During this time he led HelpAge to win the Hilton Prize for its groundbreaking work on ageing and development. Mr. Blewitt was active for four years in the World Economic Forum, attending the annual meetings in Davos and giving leadership in the area of social protection and pension reform.

He has also held several key leadership posts with humanitarian agencies such as the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent as Director of Movement Cooperation then Acting Director of Policy and Communications; and the British Red Cross Society as Director of Strategy, Planning, Coordination and IT. He has served as a Consultant Advisor with the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. Other key assignments include Save the Children Fund where he was posted in Ethiopia as a Deputy Director, and then Regional Food Security Advisor at the East Africa Regional Office in Nairobi. He also worked for the London Borough of Lambeth, Brixton and the London Borough of Ealing, Paddington in the UK. He began his career in the Ministry of Education, Wad Medani, Sudan, as an English Teacher.

Mr. Blewitt holds a BSc (Hons) in Business Management from the University of Surrey, UK and an MA in Politics and Government from the School of Oriental and African Studies (London University), UK.