

Sir Gordon Conway



Gordon Conway was appointed Chief Scientific Adviser to the Department for International Development at the beginning of 2005. He also holds the title of Professor of International Development at Imperial College, London.

Prior to that he was President of The Rockefeller Foundation from 1998 to 2004 and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sussex and Chair of the Institute for Development Studies from 1992-1998.

His discipline is agricultural ecology. In the early 1960's, working in Sabah, North Borneo, he became one of the pioneers of sustainable agriculture. From 1970 to 1986, he was Professor of Environmental Technology at Imperial College, London. During this period he lived and worked in many countries in Asia and the Middle East.

He then directed the sustainable agriculture program of the International Institute for Environment and Development in London before becoming Representative of the Ford Foundation in New Delhi from 1988 to 1992. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 2004 and is President of the Royal Geographical Society and Chair of Visiting Arts.

He has authored *Unwelcome Harvest: agriculture and pollution* (Earthscan, Island Press), *The Doubly Green Revolution: Food for all in the 21st century* (Penguin and University Press, Cornell); and *Islamophobia: a challenge for us all* (The Runnymede Trust).

