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Ms. Shoko Noda (Japan) is UNDP Resident Representative in India since May 2019, in charge of one of UNDP's largest country programmes globally. She is leading UNDP's work for the SDG localization, climate change and environment conservation, digital health and governance, and skilling. She is a strong advocate for climate action and gender equality.

Previously, she was the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Maldives between October 2014 and April 2019. Effectively engaging key national interlocutors, political parties, human rights defenders, and UN member states, Ms. Noda was pivotal in taking forward both the development agenda and political dialogue in an extremely fluid and challenging context and during the crucial transitional post-election period.

Before that, Ms. Noda was UNDP's Country Director in Nepal from 2011 to 2014. She was UNDP Deputy Resident Representative in Mongolia from 2006 to 2011 and Recovery Coordination Advisor to the UN Resident Coordinator in Pakistan from late 2005 to 2006. From May to October 2005 Shoko served with the UN Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo as Chef de Cabinet to the Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General. She worked in the HQ as Programme Specialist to the Administrator from 2002 to 2005. She was Assistant Resident Representative in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (2001-2002) before serving in Kosovo (2000-2001) and Tajikistan (1998-2000) as Programme Officer. Ms Noda's working career began in 1995 when she was a Researcher in the Behavioural Sciences Department with Mitsubishi Research Institute Inc. in Tokyo.

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