

Judy Cheng-Hopkins



From 15 February 2006 to date, Ms. Judy Cheng-Hopkins is the United Nations Assistant High Commissioner for refugees. This position, graded at the level of United Nations Assistant-Secretary-General, supervises all UNHCR operations in the world. It also oversees the Division of Operational Support which includes the Emergency and Security Service.

Prior to this job, Ms. Cheng-Hopkins was the Director of the World Food Programme Office in New York. She was also Director for Asia and Eastern Europe in WFP (1997-2000) where she oversaw large and complex emergency operations. Prior to that, she served UNDP in Africa for 10 years, first in Zambia (1982-1988), then in Kenya (1988-1992) and as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Africa (2002-2003).

Ms. Cheng-Hopkins received a Master of Arts degree in Economic Development from Columbia University (1978), USA. She has also received diplomas from Université d'Haute Bretagne in Rennes, France and Harvard University, USA.