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Anthony "Tony" Banbury worked for the United Nations (UN) for nearly 30 years, serving in a variety of roles both at UN headquarters in New York and in the field. From 2009 through 2016, Banbury was Assistant Secretary-General for the UN's Department of Field Support. In this capacity, he directed operational support for 36 UN peacekeeping and political missions around the world with a combined budget of more than \$9 billion and with more than 170,000 deployed personnel. He was also tasked with special UN assignments between 2001 and 2015, including leading the agency's response to the Ebola crisis, addressing widespread killings and fears of genocide in the Central African Republic, establishing the Syrian Chemical

Weapons Destruction Mission, leading operational response to the earthquake in Haiti, and chairing the board responsible for advising the Secretary-General on training of UN personnel.

Banbury was also Director for Asia at the UN World Food Programme, where he managed regional operations for the world's largest humanitarian organization from 2003 through 2009. He started his career with the UN in 1988, holding various humanitarian, political affairs and human rights positions in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Cambodia and Thailand.

Prior to his most senior roles with the UN, Banbury worked in the United States government as Acting Senior Director for Democracy, Human Rights and International Operations at the National Security Council (2000-2003) and Senior Policy Advisor for the Balkans Task Force at the Department of Defense (1998-2000).

He holds a master's degree in law and diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, a graduate degree from the Institut Universitaire de Hautes Études Internationales at the University of Geneva, and a bachelor's degree in political science from Tufts University.

Banbury is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Centre for Public Impact and received a Distinguished Service Award from the President of the United States, a Bronze Palm to the Exceptional Civilian Service Award from the Secretary of Defense, an Exceptional Civilian Service Award from the Office of the Secretary of Defense, and a Distinguished Achievement Award from Tufts University.

He is proficient in French and conversant in Thai and Cambodian. Banbury lived abroad for more than 12 years in eight countries in Africa, Asia and Europe, and has visited over 70 countries during his career.