

**KAMALESH SHARMA**  
**Commonwealth Secretary-General**

Kamalesh Sharma is the fifth and current Commonwealth Secretary-General. He took office in 2008, having been appointed by Commonwealth Heads of Government at their Meeting in Kampala, Uganda, in 2007.

During his earlier career as a member of the Indian Foreign Service he served as the High Commissioner for India in London, and as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva and in New York.

He was spokesperson for developing countries in the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, and chaired the Working Group on Financing for Development which led to the Monterrey Consensus adopted in 2002. He was closely involved in the process which led to the formulation and adoption of the Millennium Development Goals.

Mr Sharma served as Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General to Timor Leste. He served as Chancellor of Queen's University, Belfast from 2009-2014.