



Mr. Yuri Afanasiev is the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in India. He assumed his duties in July 2015.

Prior to his current position Mr. Afanasiev served for 10 years as the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Croatia.

Before that he served in Headquarters in New York as Senior Advisor at the Regional Bureau for Europe and the CIS covering 24 countries in the region including Central Asia. He has also served as Deputy Resident Representative at UNDP in Bosnia and Herzegovina after the conflict (1997-2001) and Deputy Director for Finance and Administration at Inter Agency Procurement Services Office (IAPSO) in 1997. Mr. Afanasiev acted as Policy Officer at the Bureau for Finance and Administration (BFA) at UNDP headquarters in New York and Portfolio Management Officer at the United Nations Office for Project Services in Latin America, serving in Ecuador, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay in 1992-1996. He started his development career in Cuba, where he served from 1988 to 1990. Before this, Mr. Afanasiev was in private business.

As a standing member of the crisis response team, Mr. Afanasiev was fielded as UNDP Coordinator for the Response to the Asian Tsunami in 2004-5, Somalia in 2012 and as the Typhoon Yolanda Response Coordinator in the Philippines in 2013. In 2014 he coordinated the UN response to the Balkan floods. He has spent over 14 years in various disaster and conflict duty stations.

Mr. Afanasiev holds an MA in International Economics and Finance from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO). He is married with two sons and a daughter aged 19, 22 and 26.