

JAN MATTSSON

Jan is a leader who can create a vision and implement it in complex stakeholder environments. He has strong in-country, regional and global operational management experience and networks. Jan has created high performing teams and achieved significant turnarounds. He is engaging, creative, reflective and clear in thought. Above all he is passionate about sustainable development and results that matter for people in need.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Jan spent three decades of his career as manager in development agencies of the United Nations. This included responsibilities in the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the World Food Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office of Project Services. There he had people responsibility for tens of thousands of staff and consultants, and budget responsibility for several billion US dollars. During this period he advanced from the position of Junior Professional Officer to UN Under-Secretary-General, reporting directly to the UN Secretary-General.

Appointed by the Board of the World Bank Group, for a five year period from 2014-2019, Jan served as one of three members of its Inspection Panel. This work entailed review and recommendations to the Board of complaints of harm to people or their environments caused by World Bank financed activities. The cases were often complex and involving large investments.

CURRENT ENGAGEMENTS

Jan is currently Board Chair of three enterprises and of the Museum for the United Nations – UN Live.

He is engaged as strategic advisor and leadership coach to the heads of two major international organizations.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Jan has a Ph.D. in Engineering with a thesis focused on management of technological change. He has benefitted from numerous educational and certification opportunities, including leadership, change management, project management and international procurement.