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Surendra Shrestha is the newly appointed Director of United Nations Environment Programme's International Environmental Technology Centre (UNEP IETC). He brings with him over twenty years of experience and expertise mobilizing political and financial support for UNEP's programs and leading multi-disciplinary teams in the areas of assessment, policy development and multilateral agreements at the regional and global level.

Shrestha joined UNEP in 1993 and he has been involved with UNEP as Special Advisor and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Focal Point in New York; Director at the Strategic Resource Mobilization and Special Initiatives in Nairobi; and Regional Director and Representative for Asia and the Pacific in Bangkok. Prior to joining UNEP, he previously held senior positions at the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

A Nepali national, Director Shrestha holds a degree in Economics and Computer Science at the Keele University, United Kingdom and completed his postgraduate studies at AIT. He provided intellectual leadership for the establishment of the global secretariat for Atmospheric Brown Cloud and Black Carbon consisting of over 35 institutions and 250 scientists; the UNEP Eco Peace Leadership Centre in Seoul in 2006; the Asia Pacific Sub-regional Environment Policy Dialogue (SEPD) in 2003; the UNEP-Tongji Institute of Environment for Sustainable Development in 2002; the Regional Resource Centre for Asia and the Pacific (RRC.AP); UNEP presence in Central Asia.