

Development and Sustainability

In an address delivered during his first visit to Bangladesh in March 2001, Secretary-General Kofi Annan called for a break in the political stalemate over environmental challenges.

He noted that one of the main reasons why Bangladesh features so prominently on the world stage is that it is expected to suffer, more than almost any other place on earth, from the devastating impact of climate change. The

Secretary-General used the Dhaka statement (see page 181), to point out yet again the unsustainability of development, as we know it. He acknowledged that, unfortunately, even the worst scenarios did not seem to be enough to inspire people and governments to act, and in his statement pleaded for a break with the harmful practices of the past. (MJ)

