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Professor John BRISCOE is **Gordon McKay Professor of the Practice of Environment Engineering and Environmental Health at Harvard University** where he directs the Harvard Water Security Initiative.

His career has focused on the issues of water, other natural resources and economic development. He has worked: as an engineer in the government water agencies of South Africa and Mozambique; as an epidemiologist at the Cholera Research Center in Bangladesh; as a professor of water resources at the University of North Carolina. In his 20-year career at the World Bank he held high-level technical positions (as the Bank's Senior Water Advisor) and managerial positions (Country Director for Brazil, the World Bank's biggest borrower). Pr. BRISCOE's role in shaping the World Bank's engagement with infrastructure is the subject of a chapter in the definitive recent history of the Bank, Sebastian Mallaby's *The World's Banker* (Penguin, 2006).

He received his Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering at Harvard University in 1976 and his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering at the University of Cape Town, South Africa in 1969.

In addition to his native South Africa, he has lived in the United State, Bangladesh, Mozambique, India and Brazil. He speaks English, Afrikaans, Bengali, Portuguese, and Spanish.

BRISCOE has served on the Water Science and Technology Board of the National Academy of Sciences and was a founding member of the major global water partnerships, including the World Water Council, the Global Water Partnership, and the World Commission on Dams. He currently serves on the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic Forum and as a member of the Council of Distinguished Water Professionals of the International Water Association. He appears regularly in major media (including the NY Times, Wall Street Journal, The Economist, CNN) and has published extensively in professional economic, finance, environmental, health and engineering journals. Recently he authored the World Bank's *Water Sector Strategy*, the *Brazil/World Bank Country Partnership Strategy* and the Oxford University Press books *India's Water Economy: Bracing for a Turbulent Future* and *Pakistan's Water Economy: Running Dry*.