

**U.N. Assistant Secretary-General,
Regional Humanitarian Coordinator For The Crisis in Syria
Kevin Kennedy**

Mr. Kevin Kennedy has served as the Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Crisis in Syria since January 2015. He has extensive experience organizing the international



community's response to humanitarian emergencies worldwide at the strategic, policy, and field levels. He has served as a senior UN official in Somalia, Haiti, Iraq, the Sudan, Timor-Leste, the Balkans, Pakistan and the Occupied Palestinian Territories as well as leading numerous UN missions to Africa, Asia and the South Pacific. Additional assignments include heading the UN Hurricane Katrina team, the first time the UN has served in the field in the United

States, and as the UN support officer to President George H.W. Bush in his capacity as Special Envoy for the Quake in Southeast Asia.

At UN headquarters, he served in the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) as the Director of the Coordination and Response Division for nine years as well as the Acting Head of the Department of Safety and Security at the rank of Under Secretary-General.

A national of the United States and Ireland, he has a Bachelor's degree from West Chester University and Master's degrees from The George Washington University and the U.S. Naval War College. Prior to joining the UN, he served as an infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring at the rank of Colonel. He is married to the former Kathleen Schrandt of Springfield, Pa. They have four children and eight grandchildren.