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From 2002 to 2006, he was Director of the UN Millennium Project and Special Advisor to United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals, the internationally agreed goals to reduce extreme poverty, diseases, and hunger by the year 2015. Sachs is also President and Co-Founder of Millennium Promise Alliance, a nonprofit organization aimed at ending extreme global poverty.

He is widely considered to be the leading international economic advisor of his generation. For more than 20 years Professor Sachs has been in the forefront of the challenges of economic development, poverty alleviation, and enlightened globalization, promoting policies to help all parts of the world to benefit from expanding economic opportunities and wellbeing.

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In 2004 and 2005 he was named among the 100 most influential leaders in the world by Times Magazine, and is the 2005 recipient of the Sargent Shriver Award for Equal Justice.

He is author of hundreds of scholarly articles and many books, including New York Times bestseller *The End of Poverty* (Penguin, 2005).

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