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Between the late 1970s and the mid-1990s, Lenton spent 15 years living and working on water and development issues in South Asia, initially as Program Officer in Rural Poverty and Resources with the Ford Foundation in New Delhi, India, and later as Director General of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Subsequently, he held leadership positions in international policy and practice and research and development, serving as Director of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Division of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), USA; Senior Advisor at The Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA; Co-coordinator of the United Nations Millennium Project Task Force on Water and Sanitation; Chair of the Technical Committee of the Global Water Partnership; Chair of the Inspection Panel of the World Bank (a vice presidential-level position); and, most recently, Founding Executive Director of the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute at the University of Nebraska, USA.

Lenton is a co-author of *Applied Water Resources Systems Planning*; a coeditor of *Integrated Water Resources Management in Practice*; and a lead author of *Health, Dignity and Development: What Will It Take?* - the final report of the United Nations Millennium Project Task Force on Water and Sanitation. He is also the author or co-author of 19 book chapters and some 50 journal articles, conference papers and reports.

Lenton joined the IWMI Board of Governors in February 2018.