

PRESS RELEASE

Former DSD Director is Canada's New Commissioner of Environment and Sustainable Development

Former Director of the OAS' Department of Sustainable Development Scott T. Vaughan is the new Federal Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development in the Office of the Auditor-General of Canada.

The appointment was confirmed in a personal note from Mr. Vaughan to OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza.

The position of Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development was created in December 1995.

The Commissioner reports annually to the House of Commons on the extent to which departments have met the objectives and implemented their Sustainable Development Strategies.

The Report also includes the Commissioner's observations on the number, nature and status of environmental petitions sent to the Auditor-General, and is transmitted to the appropriate minister (s), who must respond directly to the writer within specified time frames.

In addition to assisting the Auditor General with auditing of environmental and sustainable development issues, the Commissioner of Environment and Sustainable Development encourages the government to be more accountable for greening its policies, operations, and programs. .

Mr. Vaughan's successor at the OAS Department of Sustainable Development, Cletus I. Springer expressed his delight at learning of Scott's new appointment describing it as "richly deserving."

"I can think of no one else who is more deserving of this appointment than Scott. His appointment bears testimony to the caliber of person we had in our midst here at the OAS over the last 6 years".

In a note to senior staff at the OAS, Secretary General Insulza described Mr. Vaughan's appointment as "great news"

"Scott did a tremendous job as Director of the Department of Sustainable Development in very challenging circumstances. I wish him every success in his new post as Federal Commissioner for Environment and Sustainable Development of Canada ."

Scott Vaughan's appointment took effect on May 5, 2008.