

PRESS RELEASE

RENOWNED WATER EXPERT JOINS THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES



The Department of Sustainable Development in the Secretariat for Integral Development of the Organization of American States is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Max Campos as the new Chief of its Water Resources Management Section, with effect from October 1, 2009

Mr. Campos, a native of Costa Rica replaces Mr. Jorge Rucks whose retirement from the OAS took effect on September 30, 2009.

Up until his appointment, Mr. Campos served for 10 years as Head of the Secretariat for Water Resources at the Central America Integration System (SICA). His work demanded networking skills and team work, as well as extensive experience in project cycle management.

In addition to these administrative duties, Mr. Campos is an active and valued member of the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) since its establishment and has participated in the drafting of most of its reports, as Lead Author of the Chapters on Climate Change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, in Latin America. His contributions to the IPCC have been recognized through the award of the Nobel Peace Prize which was jointly awarded to IPCC members, and to former Vice President of United States of America, Mr. Al Gore.

Director of the Department of Sustainable Development, Cletus I. Springer has expressed delight at Mr. Campos' decision to join the DSD team.

“Naturally, we’re delighted to have been able to attract someone of the stature of Max Campos. We are aware of the high respect that he commands within the Americas and we are confident that he will build on the impressive foundation of exemplary work that was done by Jorge Rucks.”

Max Campos will be based at the Headquarters of the OAS in Washington, D.C