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Biographical Notes



M. Jean Cinq-Mars was appointed Québec's Sustainable Development Commissioner in September 2009. Before holding this position, he served as a consultant in the sustainable development, environment, natural resources and governance fields. He has carried out missions abroad, notably for the World Bank, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and various development agencies. During the course of his interventions, he has worked in several developed and developing countries. In this respect, he has been a member of environmental performance audit teams for the OECD in France, Denmark and Luxembourg. In Canada, Mr. Cinq-Mars has also served as an advisor to the Federal Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development for various audit engagements. In addition, he has played an advisory role with various companies active in the natural resources sector.

Before becoming a consultant, Mr. Cinq-Mars held the position of President of Wildlife Habitat Canada. He also served as President of the National Forest Strategy Coalition from 2004 to 2006. Moreover, in 2002, he coordinated a team from across Canada charged with the development of this strategy.

From 1997 to 2001, he was head of the Pollution Prevention and Control Division of the OECD. His responsibilities dealt, among other things, with climate change, sustainable transportation, the management and international transfers of residual materials, environmental management systems and eco-efficiency. In this function, Mr. Cinq-Mars set up a group concerned with the analyses of policies dealing with sustainable buildings. As part of these duties, he participated in numerous international meetings, notably the Conference of the Parties on Climate Change of Kyoto (1997) and the Vienna Conference on Sustainable Transportation (2000).

From 1984 to 1997, Mr. Cinq-Mars held the position of Director of the Canada Wildlife Service and that of Director of Environmental Protection for Québec with Environment Canada. His mandates focused, among other things, on wildlife management, endangered species, protected areas, industrial pollution, environmental technologies and emergencies, and the implementation of environmental laws. In the performance of these duties, he coordinated the "conservation" and "environmental protection" components of the St. Lawrence Action Plan.

Mr. Cinq-Mars is a board member of the Canadian Water Network and secretary of the International Initiative for Sustainable Built Environment, director of the association Energy for Solar Solidarity and Sustainable Development and Fellow of the Royal Canadian Geographic Society. He holds degrees in biology and public administration. Mr. Cinq-Mars speaks French, English and Spanish.