

the Congo. From 1984 to 1987, again at CIDA, Mr. Saint-Martin was Vice-President, Policy Branch and from 1977 to 1981 was Director General, Francophone Africa. He joined CIDA in 1975 as regional director for Central Africa. Earlier in his career, he worked with the Office Franco-québécois as Secretary General and with the Fédération des Caisses populaires as an advisor on research and education. Mr. Saint-Martin is married to Anne-Marie Bourcier and the couple has two children. He succeeds K. Robert Higham.

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