



Ian Shugart

Deputy Minister, Environment Canada

Ian Shugart was appointed Deputy Minister of the Environment in August 2008, two years after being appointed Associate Deputy Minister of the Environment. He came to Environment Canada following several assignments in the Health Portfolio where he was Senior Assistant Deputy Minister as well as ADM, Health Policy Branch; Visiting ADM, Health Protection Branch; and Executive Director of the former Medical Research Council (now CIHR).

Mr. Shugart has also been engaged extensively at the international level, serving as Chair of the Global Health Security Action Group, and of the Health Task Force of Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation; and on the Board of the World Health Organization.

Before focusing on health issues, he was Assistant Secretary to the Cabinet for Social Policy and Programs in the Federal Provincial Relations Office of the Privy Council Office. He spent several years on Parliament Hill in senior advisory roles to the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources, National Health and Welfare and Leader of the Opposition. He is a graduate in Political Economy from Trinity College at the University of Toronto.