

CANDIDATE PROFILE



NAME: Luis E. Villalobos

DEPARTAMENT/OFFICE: Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

On 2003, he graduated from the Robert H. Smith School of Business of University of Maryland, College Park obtaining a degree in Business with an specialization in Management. In addition, he obtained his MA in Applied Economics from the Johns Hopkins University where he graduated in 2005. Mr. Villalobos has also studied in other institutions such as the University of Lima in Peru and the National University of Brasilia in Brazil. Mr. Villalobos has fluency in four languages, great skills in computers and has done several classes of economic development, stastical analysis and project management.

EXPERIENCE:

Mr. Villalobos joined the Organization of American States on may of 2000, initially as an intern in the administrative and finance area of the Inter American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD). Over his seventeen years in the organization, Mr. Villalobos has been working in different positions, from intern to administrative clerk, to administrative technician to administrative specialist, to project assistant to program management specialist, and finally as the Administrative and Financial Officer of the new Secretariat for Hemispheric Affairs (SHA) position that he is currently holding. Previous to this position, Mr. Villalobos has been working and collaborating with the coordination and implementation of drug demand reduction programs in all member states. His area of specialization during these years has been project management and finance. In his new role in SHA, he advise the Secretary, Directors and all program managers of 4 departments in all matters relating to Financial Operations, Management and Budgetary procedures.

PERSONAL STATEMENT:

I have previously served at the Staff Association during the period of 2007-2008, where I served my colleagues as a member of the committee and Treasurer where I performed various changes in the way we manage our accounting for activities as well as negotiating memberships for our staff.

Additionally, I have served as a Vice president of the Staff Association during the period of 2013-2014 along with our good friend and colleague Michael Thomas (RIP) where I learned more extensively the role that the staff association plays defending the rights of the staff.

I'm running again as a candidate to work firstly on behalf my colleagues, who day by day work very hard for the member states but also for this great Organization. As a person that has been working here for some many years and in a diversity of roles with different administrations, I have come to learn our Organization very well and I understand the many challenges that we face in the future. I would like you to trust me with your vote especially during these upcoming times of uncertainty so your voices can be represented and heard.