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## Dr. Joshi assumes duties as DG SACEP

Dr. Ananda Raj Joshi has assumed duties as the Director General of the South Asia Co-operative Environment Program (SACEP) in Colombo. He succeeds Mr. Hussain Shihab of the Republic of Maldives who has completed his 3 year tenure of office.

Dr. Joshi, an environmental expert was earlier attached to the Ministry of Population and Environment of the government of Nepal.

He also has several years experience as a university lecturer and chief of Environment and Environmental Policy in the National Planning Commission of Nepal.

The aims and objectives of SACEP are to promote and support the protection and enhancement of the environment of South Asia individually, collectively and co-operatively and encourage the judicious use of the resources of the environment with a view to alleviate poverty, reduce socio-economic disparities and improve quality of life of the people.

The Sri Lanka government provides host facilities in Colombo to the SACEP Secretariat.