

Regional and Transboundary approaches to the Wise Use of Wetlands in Central America: The Role of CREHO - Ramsar.

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Dr. Oswaldo Jordán Ramos is currently the executive director of the Ramsar Regional Center for the Western Hemisphere (CREHO for its acronym in Spanish), one of the three centers for capacity building established by the parties to the Ramsar Convention at the global level (Asia, Africa and the Americas). Dr. Jordan completed his BA in Biological Sciences at the California State University and obtained a Master's Degree in Latin American Studies and a Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Florida, Gainesville. During his professional life, he has worked as a researcher, project manager and consultant in various public institutions, non-governmental organizations and international organizations focusing on the formulation of public policies for the management of protected areas, adaptation to climate change, community participation and reduction of social vulnerability from a human rights perspective.

PRESENTATION SUMMARY

Since its signing as the first global environmental agreement of its kind, and many years before the international rise of sustainable development in the 1980s; the Ramsar Convention has promoted the concept of wise use as a way to reconcile productive activities such as agriculture and tourism with scientifically-proven wetland conservation.

The presentation will showcase three cases in which the doctrine of wise use bears the potential to respond to wetland conservation challenges in Panama and Costa Rica including research that involves UF students from the Levin College of Law. As the Convention nears its fifty year anniversary, this pioneering agreement has proven its innovative capacity to address new issues such as urbanization, transboundary cooperation and climate change.

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