



ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Kathy Abusow, President & CEO, Sustainable Forestry Initiative

Kathy Abusow is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI Inc.), the fully independent, non-profit organization responsible for the Sustainable Forestry Initiative Program. The SFI program is a comprehensive and rigorous sustainable forestry certification system that encompasses more than 160 million certified acres in the U.S. and Canada and includes over 200 program participants. With requirements for both on- and offshore fiber procurement, the SFI Program not only provides the assurance of products from well-managed forests from North America, it also ensures the legality of origin from those products coming from overseas. Before joining SFI, Inc., Kathy operated Abusow International Ltd., a successful forest certification and market acceptance consultancy for almost 15 years. Highly respected internationally as both a technical expert on certification standards (SFI, CSA, FSC, PEFC) and related marketplace issues such as procurement policy design and green building rating tools acceptance of wood and certified products, she has worked with government and corporate agencies around the world. Kathy has authored numerous publications related to forest certification, green building and responsible procurement. She has an undergraduate degree from McGill University and a M.A. from Harvard University with a concentration in sustainable development of natural resources.

Charles Victor Barber, Environmental Advisor, U.S. Agency for International Development

Charles Barber is currently Environmental Advisor with the Office of Environment and Science Policy at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), where he focuses on coordinating and enhancing USAID's participation in multilateral environmental conventions and processes related to biodiversity and natural resources, and USAID programs on forests, marine resources and climate change in Asia. As of April 2009, Dr. Barber will move to the U.S. Department of State as Forests Team Leader, Office of Ecosystems and Natural Resources Conservation. Prior to joining USAID in late 2004, Dr. Barber worked as an independent consultant for several years on a variety of environment and natural resources policy projects for the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, IUCN, UNDP, The Nature Conservancy, and the UN University Institute of Advanced Studies. During this time, he was also Coordinating Lead Author of the forests chapter in the UN's Millennium Ecosystem Assessment. From 2001 to 2002, he served as Washington DC representative of the International MarineLife Alliance, a regional NGO focused on coral reef conservation in the Asia-Pacific Region. From 1989 to 2001, Dr. Barber was a senior research associate at the World Resources Institute, based in the Philippines from 1994 to 2001. During that time, he was closely involved in the UN Earth Summit process, the development of the GEF, and the Convention on Biological Diversity, and wrote numerous publications concerning biodiversity, protected areas, genetic resources policy (i.e. "bioprospecting"), Indonesian forest and biodiversity policy, coral reef conservation and management, linkages between environmental degradation and civil violence, and community-based natural resources management. Dr. Barber lived in Indonesia from 1985-1988, completing his doctoral dissertation research on the politics of community forestry programs, and working as a consultant on forest and land use policy for the Ford Foundation, World Bank, UNDP and others. He received his M.A. in Asian Studies, law degree, and Ph.D. in Jurisprudence and Social Policy from the University of California, Berkeley. He is fluent in Bahasa Indonesia, the national language of Indonesia.

Magnus Björk, IKEA Trading Office, Sweden

Magnus Björk started his career with IKEA in the Test Lab in Älmhult. He quickly worked his way up to become the project leader for quality implementation and quality training for the IKEA Supply Chain. He then moved on to work with product legislation as a manager at the IKEA Test Lab. Since then, he has spent 3 years working with IKEA in the U.S. as a manager of the Product Laws & Standard's team and today Magnus is working as coordinator to assess the test laboratories IKEA uses to verify legal compliance as well as the implementation of new product related requirements.

Duncan Brack, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House

Duncan Brack is a Senior Research Fellow of the Energy, Environment and Development Programme at Chatham House (the Royal Institute of International Affairs) in London in the UK. The Programme is one of the world's leading interdisciplinary research centres for a wide range of major international environmental and energy policy issues. Duncan work focuses on international environmental regimes and institutions, the interaction between environmental regulation and international trade rules, and international environmental crime. He runs Chatham House's programme of research and meetings on illegal logging and the trade in illegally logged timber, which includes maintaining the www.illegal-logging.info website, running six-monthly update and consultation meetings, and carrying out research, mainly into mechanisms to exclude illegal products from consumer markets. Duncan has been a specialist adviser to the House of Commons Environment Select Committee and Environmental Audit Committee. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of VERTIC (Verification Research, Training and Information Centre). Duncan has degrees in politics and economics (Oxford University) and politics and administration (Birkbeck College, London). Before joining Chatham House, he worked in British politics, and from 1988 to 1994 held the post of Policy Director for the Liberal Democrats.

Corey Brinkema, President, Forest Stewardship Council

Corey Brinkema joined FSC in 2007. Corey brings with him more than 20 years of experience and commitment to sustainable development. Prior to joining FSC, Corey served as Executive Director of Minnesota-based Green Institute, a regional leader in green building and clean energy. Corey was also a founder and principal of Trillium Planning & Development which focused on industrial ecology and eco-industrial development. Corey is a graduate of Dartmouth College and earned his M.B.A. at the University of Michigan.

David J. Brooks, Director for Natural Resources Policy & Environmental Reviews, Environment & Natural Resources section, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative

Dr. David J. Brooks is Director for Natural Resources Policy and Environmental Reviews in the Environment and Natural Resources section of the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR). He has responsibility for a wide variety of natural resource policy issues, including wildlife trade, forestry and environmental reviews of trade agreements. Prior to joining USTR, Dr. Brooks was a research scientist and science team leader with the US Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. He has degrees from Trinity College (Hartford, Connecticut), the University of Maine and Oregon State University.

Rachel Butler, UK Timber Trade Federation

Rachel is currently the Head of Sustainability for the UK Timber Trade Federation (TTF) which represents approximately 60-70% of the volume of timber used in the UK. Following graduation from London University with a Masters Degree; Rachel's career began in the public sector within both local and regional government principally working on sustainable development policies and programmes. Moving to the private sector nearly 9 years ago, Rachel joined the international company Finnforest, part of the Finnish Metsaliitto Group. Rachel has been a key player in the UK trade supporting the development of sustainability issues as well as being well-versed in technical issues. She was an original board member of the Central Point of Expertise on Timber (CPET) which advised on implementation of the UK Government's Procurement Policy. She chaired the TTF's Forests Forever Environmental Committee and traveled extensively representing the views of the UK trade. After nearly 7 years at Finnforest, Rachel was Associate Director at ProForest, an internationally recognized consultancy, for a short time. Principally she was working on timber supply chain issues and managing CPET. For the last year Rachel has been in her present position at the UK TTF where she heads up the sustainability unit working closely with the UK Government and European Commission.

Freezailah Che Yeom, Malaysia VPA Negotiator, Malaysia Timber Certification Council (MTCC) and Former Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO)

Freezailah studied at Edinburgh University where he obtained a First Class Honours degree in Forestry (1963) and a PhD in Ecology (1974). His service in the Forestry Department of Peninsular Malaysia included several senior appointments as Deputy Chief Research Officer of the Forest Research Institute; Director of Forestry in the States of Kelantan and Pahang and Deputy Director-General of Forestry. In 1986, Freezailah was appointed the founding Executive Director of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO) based in Japan, to promote the conservation, management and sustainable development of the world's tropical forests. Freezailah served the ITTO for 13 years and contributed to its establishment and development into a respected world body. Amongst others, the ITTO under his leadership pioneered the development of Criteria and Indicators for the sustainable management of tropical forests which provided the basis for forest certification. He was instrumental in initiating the establishment of transboundary conservation areas between neighboring ITTO member countries. He also promoted greater understanding amongst all stakeholder groups. Freezailah returned to Malaysia in 1999 and was appointed

Chairman of another new organization, the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC), established to plan and implement certification of Malaysia's biodiversity-rich forests. Currently he is also Advisor to the Government of Malaysia in negotiations with the EU to conclude the VPA. In addition, he is coordinating studies by several consultants to provide Sarawak's inputs into the Heart of Borneo Initiative. Freezailah has authored many papers and addressed numerous national and international conferences. He is also active in various initiatives on forests, conservation, environment, sustainable management and related issues.

Elinor Colbourn, Senior Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice

Elinor Colbourn is a Senior Trial Attorney with the Environmental Crimes Section, Environment and Natural Resource Division, U.S. Department of Justice. Ms. Colbourn specializes in cases involving violations related to fish, wildlife and plants and has prosecuted numerous cases under the Lacey Act, Endangered Species Act (including CITES-related cases), and Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Many of her cases are international in nature and are conducted in coordination with law enforcement officials in other nations. Ms. Colbourn also has experience in civil defense work with the Wildlife and Marine Resources Section of the Justice Department, and spent eight months on detail working in the Environment Division's Appellate Section. She has received the Justice Department's second highest honor, the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, and the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Director's Conservation Award, among other honors. Ms. Colbourn earned her law degree from the Yale Law School, where she was the recipient of the Harlan Fiske Stone award for best oral argument in the moot court competition. Ms. Colbourn holds a Master of Science in Environmental Sciences from Johns Hopkins University, and a Bachelor of Arts from Wake Forest University. Ms. Colbourn clerked for the late federal district court judge, James B. McMillan, and worked in the private sector before joining the Department of Justice in 1992.

Michael Craig, Chief, Interagency Requirements Branch, Customs and Border Protection

The Interagency Requirements Branch within the Office of International Trade is primarily responsible for cross coordination of trade-related regulatory and enforcement activities and liaison among federal agencies and CBP. Mr. Craig has been the Chief of this Branch and its predecessors since June of 2003. He was previously served as Chief of both the Broker Management Branch and Cargo Release Operations Branch. He has over 29 years experience in a variety of inspectional, operations and formation technology positions within CBP, as well as the former U.S. Customs Service. Mr. Craig's professional awards include being a two-time recipient of CBP's Exceptional Service Award Medal, the EPA Silver Medal for Superior Service, the FDA Commissioner's Special Citation, and the Treasury Department's Albert A. Gallatin Award.

Christopher Davidson, Manager, Environmental Performance, EHS & Sustainability, International Paper

Mr. Davidson is currently the Manager of Environmental Performance, EHS & Sustainability at International Paper. In this capacity, he is responsible for International Paper's SFI, FSC and PEFC certification programs, as well as general product stewardship and life cycle assessment projects within International Paper's North American businesses. Prior to his current position, Mr. Davidson held various management level positions with International Paper in the U.S. He holds a Masters of Science degree in Silviculture, Growth & yield from North Carolina State University and a PhD in Silviculture and Ecology from Virginia Tech.

Don Finkell, President and CEO, Anderson Hardwood Floors, Inc.

Don Finkell is presently CEO of Anderson Hardwood Floors, Inc. Anderson is a leading manufacturer of engineered wood floors in the United States. Mr. Finkell joined Anderson in 1980 and became CEO in 1988 and led the family-owned business until September 2007 when he consummated a sale of all company stock to Shaw World Industries. Anderson continues to operate as a separate company headed by Don. He is a member of the Shaw's Growth and Sustainability Council. Mr. Finkell currently serves on the Executive Committee of the National Wood Flooring Association (NWFA) and is slated to become Chairman in April 2009. The NWFA is a trade association representing over 3500 member firms ranging from manufacturers to distributors, retailers and installers of hardwood floors with membership representing over 55 countries. It is a trade group primarily focused on promoting market opportunities for wood flooring and on improving industry standards and competence through research and education. Don currently chairs the NWFA Environmental Committee and co-chairs the Legislative Relations Committee. He was responsible for NWFA adopting a formal stance against illegal logging leading to support of the Combat Illegal Logging Act (which became federal law in May 2008). He worked with Ed Korzack (Executive Director of NWFA) to develop the NWFA Responsible Procurement Program. From 2002 through 2007 Don represented Anderson as the Engineered Flooring Division Chairman and a board member of the Hardwood Plywood and Veneer Association (HPVA). This association represents over 80% of the decorative panel industry and engineered hardwood flooring industry in North America. Within the HPVA, he teamed with peer firms to promote ANSI flooring standards for over twenty years. As HPVA's engineered flooring representative to the

Hardwood Federation, he promoted environmental initiatives on Capitol Hill and was active in organizing industry support for the Combat Illegal Logging Act.

Jameson French, President, Northland Forest Products

Jameson French is President of Northland Forest Products, Inc, a hardwood distributor, processor and exporter based in New Hampshire with operations in Troy and Manassas, VA. Northland is proud to hold Smartwood COC number 22. The French Family has been in the hardwood industry for more than 125 years. Mr. French is currently Chair of the Hardwood Federation (DC), Treasurer of the New Hampshire Charitable Fund, on the Executive Committee of the National Hardwood Lumber Association, and the President's Council of the National Wildlife Federation. He is past Chair of the FSC-US Board of Directors, past Chair of the Hardwood Manufacturers Association, and past Chair of the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, and also past Chair of AHEC (American Hardwood Export Council). Educated at Phillips Academy, Trinity College and the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) he lives in NH with his wife and three children.

R. Juge Gregg, Attorney, Sidley Austin LLP

Mr. Gregg practices in all areas of environmental law. His practice includes civil and criminal litigation, compliance counseling and regulatory advocacy, with an emphasis on the Clean Water Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, Superfund and international environmental law. He has defended clients in class action litigation and individual party suits over alleged contamination from industrial facilities. He has also represented clients in permit and compliance negotiations with environmental regulators. As senior staff for an international environmental nongovernmental organization, Mr. Gregg worked extensively in Southeast Asia, the United States and Europe on the issues of illegal logging and ozone depletion. He facilitated high-level international efforts to strengthen the Asia Forest Law Enforcement and Governance initiative (FLEG) and participated in meetings of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES), the Asia Forest Partnership and The Forest Dialogue. He has also participated in meetings of the Montreal Protocol on Ozone Depleting Substances. Mr. Gregg teaches international environmental law and policy as a visiting professor at Stanford in Washington.

Malachy Hargadon, Environment Counselor, Delegation of the European Commission in Washington, D.C.

Malachy Hargadon is Environment Counselor for the Delegation of the European Commission to the United States. Prior to joining the Delegation in September 2007, Malachy served as Assistant to the Director-General of the Directorate-General for Environment in the European Commission in Brussels. In his fifteen years at the Commission, Malachy has had responsibility for liaising with the European Parliament and the EU's Council of Ministers on all aspects of transport and environment policy, and for policy coordination within the European Commission. In particular, this included the adoption of the EU's 6th Environment Action Programme in 2002. Malachy received a Bachelor of Arts in French Studies from the London School of Economics and a Masters degree in environmental policy from the UK's Open University, and is an alumnus of the College of Europe in Bruges.

Rick Hilton, SmartSource Manager, U.S. & Canada Rainforest Alliance

As SmartSource Manager, Rick helps develop and provides day-to-day client service and project management for US- and Canada-based wood products companies and their global supply chains. He trains and counsels manufacturers, architects, designers, general contractors and subcontractors to effectively specify, source and document use of Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified and Rainforest Alliance Verified Legal Origin (VLO) wood; and helps FSC-certified manufacturers and distributors successfully navigate communications and recognition programs including LEED and other green building standards and Sustainable Furniture Council member recognition criteria.

Michael Jenkins, President, Forest Trends

Michael is President and CEO of Forest Trends. In 1998 Michael was in a joint appointment as a Senior Forestry Advisor to the World Bank. From 1989-1999 he was the Associate Director for the Global Security and Sustainability Program of the MacArthur Foundation. Michael's responsibilities with the Program included all grant making in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as overarching program management. Before entering the Foundation, he worked for three years as an agroforester in Haiti with the USAID Agroforestry Outreach Program. Previous to that he worked with a Washington-based development organization, Appropriate Technology International, as a technical advisor. In the late 70s, Michael was a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay working in agriculture, apiculture and forestry projects. He has traveled and worked throughout Latin America, Asia and parts of Africa, and speaks Spanish, French, Portuguese, Creole and Guaraní. Michael has contributed to a number of books and articles and published "The Business of Sustainable Forestry, Strategies for an Industry in Transition" with Island Press. He holds a Master's of Forest Science from Yale University.

Mark Johnsen, Asia Forest Specialist, U.S. Department of State

Mark Johnsen is a Foreign Service Officer for the United States Department of State. Since joining State in 1993, he has served in a variety of management and consular positions in Germany, Malaysia, Pakistan, Hong Kong, and Washington, D.C. He is currently assigned as an International Relations Officer in the Department of State's Bureau of Oceans, Environment, and Scientific Affairs. He has a B.A. in Geography from Sonoma State University, and a M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the United States Naval War College.

Harvey Lee, Deputy Director, Office of Environment and Natural Resources Conservation, U.S. Department of State

Harvey is a Foreign Service Officer currently serving as Deputy for the Office of Ecology and Natural Resources Conservation, where he oversees the Office's active biodiversity, forest and ecology/ trade portfolios. In addition, he has direct responsibility for advancing US-China environmental relations, including cooperative Sino-American projects on wetlands conservation, nature reserves, sustainable forest management and illegal logging. Prior to joining the State Department, Harvey worked for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as an environmental assessment specialist. He holds degrees from Stanford University, Columbia University and the National Defense University in Washington, DC.

Jerilyn Levi, Assistant Director, Policy, US Forest Service International Programs

Jerilyn Levi became Assistant Director for Policy in International Programs of the Forest Service in 2002, and in this capacity brokers the expertise of the Agency in policy discussions and international negotiations to advance sustainable forest management globally. She started working for the Forest Service in 1974 as a firefighter in California with field assignments throughout Alaska and Oregon for the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service. She moved to the Washington Office in 1990 and has worked in a number of positions in State and Private Forestry and National Forest System. Jerilyn studied forest management and fire science at Oregon State University and the University of Washington.

Kazuyuki Morita, Counselor, Japan Forest Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Mr. Morita currently holds a position as a Counselor for Intelligence Analysis for International Forest Resources with the Forestry Agency, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries (MAFF) of Japan. In 2002, he was appointed as Chief negotiator for the Timber Products Trade negotiations in the WTO, FTA/EPA, as well as a member of the Japanese delegation to the ITTO, UNFCCC/SBSTA, and G8 Illegal logging experts meeting.

Kyeretwie Opoku, Coordinator, Civic Response

Kyeretwie Opoku is the Coordinator of Civic Response, an NGO based in Ghana that supports civil society platforms in natural resources sectors. He is also on the board of directors of the Rights and Resources Initiative, an organization that works to encourage greater global commitment and action on pro-poor tenure, policy and market reforms.

Scott Poynton, Executive Director, Tropical Forest Trust

Mr. Poynton has served as Executive Director of the Tropical Forest Trust (TFT) since its inception in March of 1999. He anchors the organization with a deep knowledge of timber operations in tropical countries gained from two decades of experience managing a variety of complex public and private sector forestry and wood production initiatives in 19 countries. Poynton helped establish the TFT while working as Managing Director of the Vietnam subsidiary of ScanCom International, the world's largest supplier of wood outdoor furniture products. Poynton presided over tremendous growth in ScanCom Viet Nam while simultaneously developing a company-wide environmental policy to verify the legitimacy of tropical timber used by its Southeast Asian suppliers and manufacturers. Prior to his work at ScanCom, Poynton served as a forestry specialist for the World Bank, where he led forestry-related economic development efforts in Romania, Vietnam and India. In addition, he headed up a variety of projects in Vietnam, Laos, Russia and Papua New Guinea for an international consultancy that helps private sector companies improve forest business and management practices. Poynton began his career in forestry when he was only 21 years old and one of his first jobs involved supervising planning for wood production for a large native Eucalyptus forest in Tasmania. Poynton holds a Master of Science (Forestry) from Oxford University where he was awarded the Oxford Forestry Institute's Jubilee Prize.

Phillip Townsend, International Forest Policy, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, Government of Australia

Mr. Townsend holds tertiary qualifications in biochemistry and economics and is currently completing a PhD in Resource Economics. He has 10 years of experience in forest policy development with both the Federal Government in Australia (through the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry) and with Australia's National Association of Forest Industries. He is currently the Manager of International Forest Policy within the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and is

responsible for developing Australia's illegal logging policy, bilateral and multilateral forestry relationships, and delivery of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Skills and Capacity Building program.

Bill Thomas, Director of Quarantine Policy, Analysis and Support, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Bill Thomas has been with USDA since 1980 and with Plant Protection and Quarantine since 1981. He started his career with PPQ in the port of Philadelphia. He held numerous positions in the port including supervisor and cargo specialist. He joined the staff at headquarters in 2002 as an import specialist where he worked on numerous issues and countries but concentrated on Nursery Stock (Q-37). With the formation of Department of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection he joined the Quarantine Policy, Analysis and Support (QPAS) staff as the National Quality Assurance Coordinator. There he helped develop the Joint Quality Assurance Program with DHS CBP. He became Director of QPAS in October, 2004 and was responsible for a varied program including agriculture policy, preclearance and treatment policy. He is currently the Associate Executive Director of Plant Health Programs, within PPQ, but will be returning to his position within QPAS soon.

Sascha Von Bismarck, Executive Director, Environmental Investigation Agency

Alexander is the Environmental Investigation Agency's Executive Director in Washington. EIA is a non-profit environmental organization that has for over 20 years investigated environmental crime and campaigned to seek lasting solutions to global environmental challenges. Alexander started with EIA in 1995 and spent much of the last decade investigating international trade in environmentally sensitive products, including chemicals and illegally sourced timber. His field work has focused on China, Southeast Asia and Central America. During this time, EIA has pioneered undercover techniques for environmental research and has collaborated with local NGOs in producer countries to document illegal logging from the 'stump' to the consuming markets in the U.S., Europe and Japan. Alexander's academic background includes ecological research in the Lake Victoria region in East Africa, papers on the impacts of global change on the marine environment, and a Master of Science in Environment and Development at the London School of Economics. For EIA, Alexander has focused on developing mechanisms to improve international cooperation on environmental enforcement, most recently co-authoring a United Nations funded study to improve the Montreal Protocol's tracking of ozone depleting substances.

Alex C. Wiedenhoef, Botanist, Center for Wood Anatomy Research at the Forest Products Laboratory

Mr. Wiedenhoef is a botanist with over 13 years of experience identifying wood and conducting research in the Center for Wood Anatomy Research at the Forest Products Laboratory. He has authored and co-authored scientific, technical, and trade papers in the fields of botany, traditional and forensic wood anatomy, and wood technology, as well as a field wood identification manual for CITES tropical timbers. He is currently writing a field identification manual for the commercial timbers of Central America. He co-authored the wood structure chapter in the 2006 CHOICE Award winning textbook, Handbook of Wood Chemistry and Composites, and was a member of an international committee that organized the IAWA List of microscopic features for softwood identification. He has been an Associate Editor for the International Association of Wood Anatomists Journal since 2003. He has a special love of teaching, and has presented wood identification courses for a variety of US Government agencies, appears as an annual guest lecturer in UW-Madison's Wood Identification, Dendrology, and Plant Anatomy courses, and has taught CITES wood identification workshops in Nicaragua, Honduras, and in Southeast Asia.