



North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production & Consumption

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Advancing Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) in North America

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Wednesday, December 12, 2012: 8:30am – 12:00pm

Venue: UNEP Regional Office of North America
900 17th Street Northwest, Suite 506, Washington, DC 20006

This workshop is a sharing and strategy session among stakeholders engaged in advancing sustainable consumption and production (SCP), including US and Canada government representatives, civil society, academia, private sector and international organizations. This meeting is organized by the North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production and Consumption (NARSPAC) in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Programme – Regional Office for North America (UNEP RONA). It includes representatives of the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Production and Consumption (GRF-SPC) from the North American region. The results of the meeting will be shared at UNEP RONA's North American Major Groups and Stakeholders consultation (12-13 December).



1. Amy Fraenkel

**Regional Director,
United Nations Environment Programme
Regional Office for North America (UNEP RONA)**

Amy is Director and Regional Representative of the UNEP’s Regional Director Office for North America (RONA), a post she has held since January 2008. Previously, Amy worked for the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation, serving as Senior Counsel of the Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee; and at the US EPA, where she served as a senior policy advisor in the Office of International Affairs.

The United Nations Environment Programme’s Regional Office for North America (RONA) is one of six UNEP regional offices. UNEP’s regional offices aim to ensure that UNEP global programs satisfactorily address regional needs and priorities and to enhance regional cooperation. RONA works with the region’s government agencies, academic institutions, businesses, environmental think tanks, and advocacy and inter-governmental organizations to harness their technological, financial and intellectual resources to benefit the global environment. UNEP RONA has supported two North American workshops on sustainable consumption and production, the first held in Washington, D.C. in November 2008 and the second in Ottawa in early 2011.



2. Angie Leith

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Resource
Conservation and Recovery (US EPA)**

Ms. Leith is a Senior Policy Analyst at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She specializes in materials management policy, life cycle policy approaches and environmental innovation issues. She is an active participant in several international activities focusing on materials and life cycle assessment, including the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative, the OECD project on Sustainable Materials Management and Resource Productivity, and the current effort through UNEP to promote LCA under the auspices of the 10YFP on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

As part of the Rio document on the 10YFP on Sustainable Production and Consumption, EPA has proposed advancing a voluntary international cooperation partnership to promote the development and application of LCA and life cycle approaches to encourage greener products and sustainable supply chains. This would be facilitated by UNEP. This was tentatively agreed to at an international LCA workshop in September 2012 attended by EPA and the State Department; a follow-up meeting to discuss a framework will be held in the spring, 2013.



3. Anna Awimbo

**Director- Collaborative Communities Program,
Center for a New American Dream**

Anna Awimbo is an expert on issues related to the impact of technological and cultural changes on the economy, society, and the environment. She directs the Collaborative Communities Program at the Center for a New American dream.

The Center for a New American Dream (New Dream) seeks to cultivate a new American way of life—one that emphasizes community, ecological sustainability, and a celebration of non-material values. Through its programs and campaigns, New Dream has raised awareness of the negative impact of a hyper-consumer culture, helped define conscious consuming and green living, focused on downshifting and finding balance, and helped large institutional buyers shift their procurement to greener alternatives.

New Dream also seeks to inform, inspire, connect, and catalyze action in ways that are fun and creative and that stir people’s minds and imaginations. The organization wants to tell a new American story that showcases new pathways and positive visions that promote a more socially and ecologically balanced society. In addition, New Dream aims to change social norms around consumption and consumerism and support the local movement of individuals and communities pursuing lifestyle and community action. For more information visit our website: www.new-dream.org.



4. Betsy Taylor

Breakthrough Strategies & Solutions

Betsy Taylor is president of Breakthrough Strategies & Solutions, a small consulting firm that focuses on catalytic initiatives to address climate change and promote a sustainable culture and economy. Betsy specializes in high impact philanthropy and social change advocacy. She has decades of experience helping diverse leadership groups successfully tackle complex problems in search of results-oriented strategies. Recent clients include New Energy Economy, Washington Progress Alliance, Garfield Foundation, Children's Investment Fund Foundation, Sustainability Funders, Janelia Foundation, E3, and the Better Tomorrow Fund. Betsy previously served as executive director of the Ottinger Foundation, Stern Family Fund, and Merck Family Fund from 1986 – 1998.

She helped launch the Nuclear Weapons Freeze Campaign, Environmental Grantmakers Association, Funders for Sustainable Consumption and Production, Iraq Peace Fund, National Voice, State Voices, Center for a New American Dream and 1Sky, all initiatives to move the nation in a fundamentally more just, peaceful and sustainable direction. She served as executive director of the Center for a New American Dream, a national organization dedicated to sustainable consumption and as co-founder and president of 1Sky, a network of over 500 organizations and 200,000 citizen activists dedicated to achieving bold policy solutions to climate change.

She has written two books and contributed to several collected volumes of essays on sustainability. She received her BA from Duke University and MPA from Harvard University. She chairs the 350.org Action Fund and is on the boards of Greenpeace USA, Center for a New American Dream, and Town Creek Foundation.



5. Chantal Line Carpentier

Sustainable Development Officer, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA)

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA) is the operational arm of the UN Secretariat that supports governments in developing and implementing policies to accelerate the achievement of sustainable development. UN DESA is responsible for implementing the 1992 Earth Summit and its follow-up processes: the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development and the Rio+20 Conference. Its Division for Sustainable Development is entrusted with a strong mandate to engage a broad range of stakeholders toward providing policymakers with the most relevant scientific guidance needed to drive national and regional implementation of sustainable development.

In light of the adoption of the 10-year framework of programmes on sustainable consumption and production in para 226 of the Future We Want, the Secretary General appointed UNEP as the lead agency and DESA as well as others in the UN system <http://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/followupbyunsystem.html> to follow-up on this decision. Dr. Carpentier, from Canada, joined the DSD/DESA as a Sustainable Development Offer in 2007. She is a focal point for sustainable consumption and production and sustainable agriculture, and is the Major Groups programme coordinator.

She holds a Ph.D. from Virginia Tech and M.S. and B.S. degrees from McGill University in Agricultural and environmental economics, and completed a post doctorate in the Brazilian Amazon with the International Food Policy Research Institute as well as conducting field work in Chile and Mexico. She is a 2006 Yale World Fellow. Dr. Carpentier regularly publishes journal articles, book chapters, and Secretary General Reports on the intricate relationships between sustainable development policies, trade and development. She is an accomplished martial artist, compete in triathlon several times a year and is a three times ironman.



6. Charles Arden-Clark **Head of the Goods and Services Unit, Sustainable Consumption and Production, UNEP Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (Video Conference)**

Charles has served as Head of the Goods and Services Unit in the Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Branch of UNEP's Division on Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE) in Paris since January 2007. Prior to this, he worked with UNEP's Economics and Trade Branch in Geneva; with the Political Ecology Research Group, a non-profit making environmental consultancy in the UK; and with WWF International.



7. David Levine **Cofounder and Executive Director, American Sustainable Business Council**

David is the co-founder and CEO of the American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC). The American Sustainable Business Council (ASBC) is a growing coalition of business networks and businesses committed to creating a vision and framework and advancing policies to support a vibrant, just and sustainable economy. Founded in 2009, ASBC and its organizational members represent more than 150,000 businesses and more than 300,000 individual entrepreneurs, owners, executives, investors and business professionals across the United States. These diverse business organizations cover the gamut of local and state chambers of commerce, microenterprise, social enterprise, green and sustainable business groups, local living economy groups, women business leaders, economic development organizations and investor and business incubators. ASBC informs and engages business leaders, while educating policy makers and the media about the need and opportunities for a sustainable economy. www.asbcouncil.org



8. Derry Allen **Counselor, Office of Strategic Environmental Management
Office of Policy,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)**

Derry Allen is Counselor, Office of Strategic Environmental Management, at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In this job he is involved in a number of issues concerning sustainability, environmental stewardship, environmental innovation, planning and information, working on both national and international projects.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has long had a variety of activities relating to sustainable consumption and production, and more generally to sustainability. For instance, EPA was active in negotiating the 10-Year Framework of Programs on Sustainable Consumption and Production at the U.N. and is currently involved in the implementation of the 10YFP. Many of the agency's other sustainability activities are described at: <http://www.epa.gov/sustainability/>. The agency is currently considering its future role in this area.

With this in mind, in November 2010, EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson asked the National Academy of Sciences to advise EPA on its role in promoting the growing interest in sustainability. Their report, "Sustainability and the U.S. EPA," issued in 2011, concluded that incorporating sustainability more fully and systematically into the agency's policies and programs is essential to fulfilling its statutory mission to protect human health and the environment. The Administrator then asked for input from our stakeholders and staff. Early this year EPA heard from several of its outside advisory committees, more than 500 external organizations and individuals, staff from other federal agencies and numerous members of our own staff. Based upon all this input, and our rich experience to date in the sustainability arena, the agency is developing a response to the NAS report.



9. Diallo Shabazz

Managing Director, Radical Ideas LLC

Diallo Shabazz is a Managing Director for Radical Ideas, and responsible for a portfolio including education, organizational development, and green job training. Diallo has worked with government agencies, Fortune 100 corporations, and communities in the United States and abroad, and has held Director-level positions at the New York City Department of Education, NAACP National Office, and Solar One. He is a certified Green Professional by the U.S. Green Building Council, holds a B.S. from University of Wisconsin-Madison, and currently serves as a North American Civil Society Representative for UNEP.

Radical Ideas promotes education for sustainable development as an access point to support progressive policies and strategies related to sustainable consumption and production. One of our principles is to create a global citizenry where every individual is an agent for sustainable development. Our consulting firm facilitates public-private partnerships between government agencies, business and industry, and workforce development organizations. By influencing policy for curriculum standards, supporting credentialing models for green jobs, and providing training for students and workers, Radical Ideas supports a top-down and bottom-up approach to sustainable development. Radical Ideas LLC is a New York-based consulting company specializing in developing leaders, programs, and organizations across the industries of education, renewable energy and energy efficiency, workforce development, and technology.



10. Donna M. McIntire

Chief, Energy & Sustainable Design, U.S. Department of State

Donna McIntire serves as Chief of Energy & Sustainable Design for the Department of State's Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations. She leads a team of multi-disciplinary professionals responsible for greening U.S. embassies and consulates around the world and compiling a greenhouse gas inventory for the Department's ~19,000 building portfolio. As evidence of progress, the Department has earned LEED® Certification for 14 new U.S. embassies and consulates and has another 32 registered. To support existing buildings, the Department produced the Green Guide for Embassy and Consulate Operations, which has proven to be a valuable tool in improving building performance and the Department's platform for eco-diplomacy.

In 2009, Secretary Clinton launched the Greening Diplomacy Initiative (GDI). GDI challenges the Department to fulfill its environmental responsibilities by improving its policy and operational assets to support effective agency-wide solutions that are comprehensive, cohesive, and coordinated. GDI oversees the implementation of the agency's Strategic Sustainability Plan; Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Reduction Plan; and Climate Change Adaptation Plan including reductions in energy and water use intensities. One measure of success is demonstration and transfer of green building best practices and technologies. For example, the Department has over 20 photovoltaic projects underway that, when complete, will total over 5 mega watts of solar power to our missions. Additionally, the Department is designing its first wind turbines to be placed at the embassy in Bridgetown, Barbados. And, this year, the Department occupied the new embassy in Monrovia, Liberia, the first embassy to use rainwater as its primary water source.



11. Elise Golan

**Director of Sustainable Development,
United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

The USDA Director of Sustainable Development leads and coordinates cross-mission area work in sustainable development and represents the Department in both domestic and international arenas on issues relating to sustainable development. Elise Golan, who has held the position since November 2011, received her Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of California at Berkeley. Prior to this position, Elise served as the Associate Director of the Food Economics Division at the Economic Research Service, USDA. She served as a senior staff economist on the President's Council of Economic Advisers from 1998-99.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture supports a wide range of programs and activities promoting sustainable food and agricultural production and consumption, both domestically and internationally. Programs such as the Conservation Reserve Program and the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program support domestic land management practices designed to protect and enhance the nation's natural-resource base. Programs such as the Farm-to-School program and the "MyPlate" outreach program promote locally sourced and nutritionally balanced diets. Programs such as the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative and the USDA Life Cycle Assessment Digital Commons support advances in science-based sustainable agricultural development. Programs such as The Norman E. Borlaug International Agricultural Science and Technology Fellowship Program support improvements in the agricultural research capacity of developing countries. One USDA cross-cutting priority project for 2013 that is of particular relevance for sustainable consumption and production focuses on reducing food loss and waste along the entire U.S. food supply chain.



12. Emily Werner

**Consultant, United Nations Environment Programme
Regional Office for North America (UNEP RONA)**

Emily works as a consultant on climate change and resource efficiency with UNEP RONA, as well as supporting RONA's Rio+20 efforts. Previously, Emily worked with The Alliance for Climate Protection, a non-governmental organization working to raise awareness of the urgency and solvability of the climate crisis.



13. Emmanuel Prinnet

Policy Director, One Earth Initiative

Emmanuel Prinnet is Policy Director of One Earth (www.OneEarthWeb.org), which focuses on transforming production and consumption patterns. He leads One Earth's work on policy and green urban design, working with partners around the world from the local to international level. In partnership with Light House Sustainable Building Centre and others, One Earth is developing a Metro Vancouver regional industrial symbiosis project, to include on-the-ground eco-industrial networks and hubs. He contributes to research and writing, including as lead author in the Industry Canada-commissioned "North American Actor & Activity Map on Sustainable Consumption and Production" (2011), which explores the 'communities of practice' in North America that are acting on specific leverage points within and across the SPC system. Emmanuel led the research and publication of the Eco-Strata Guide, a guide for reducing the ecological footprint of existing multi-family dwellings.

In 2010 and 2011, he served as the civil society representative on the Canadian delegation to the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, where he built on his decade of active engagement with the UN and the Marrakech Process leading to a 10-Year Framework on Sustainable Consumption & Production. Fluently bilingual, he built and facilitated a French network of more than 120 NGOs in the lead-up to the UN World Summit on Sustainable Development, while living in Paris. More recently, he helped facilitate the pan-Canadian We Canada civil society initiative, and particularly the development of its policy recommendations to the UN's Rio+20 conference on carbon pricing, measuring wellbeing and fair trade. Emmanuel holds an MSc in Community and Regional Planning from the University of British Columbia.

14. Erika Harms

Previous Executive Director, Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC), United Nations Foundation



15. Greg Crosby

National Program Leader, Sustainable Development, Institute of Bio-energy, Climate, and Environment (IBCE), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), US Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Gregory Crosby is the national program leader for sustainable development at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA); represents the agency on the USDA Sustainable Development Council; and was a U.S. delegate to the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) and past UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) negotiations.

He serves on the NIFA AFRI Agricultural Science for Climate Variability and Change Program Team within the Institute of Bioenergy, Climate, and Environment. He is one of the founding members of the U.S. Cooperative Extension System's eXtension (electronic extension) initiative and serves on the governing, director, and finance committees. He is serving on the OSTP CENRS integrating science and technology for sustainability writing team and is a member of the NAS/NRC Climate Change Education Roundtable.

Current international activities include: serving on the steering committee of the Global Partnership on Nutrient Management; implementing sections of a USDA MOU with the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and the CABI Plantwise Initiative; and general consulting with the public and private sector on how to mobilize agricultural extension and rural advisory services using information and communication technologies in developing and emerging countries such as the Philippines to serve small holder farmers.

Past work includes: agency lead on the integrating web-based reporting systems through a OneSolution business process; directing a competitive Geospatial Extension Specialists Program; chair of interagency group on education for sustainability through a National Sustainable Development Extension Network, a program leader for the 4-H and youth development science and technology education program, associate director for a public private coalition focused on science, engineering and mathematics education; aerospace education specialist with NASA, research associate for NAS/NRC, and several years as a secondary biology teacher.



16. Hilary French

Programme Officer, Climate Change and Resource Efficiency, United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for North America (UNEP RONA)

Hilary is a Program Officer at UNEP RONA, where her work currently focuses on climate change and resource efficiency. She has previously been an advisor to UNEP on a broad range of issues and worked for the Worldwatch Institute, where she served as Vice President for Research, as Director of the Globalization and Governance Project, as Senior Advisor for Programs, and as a Senior Researcher.

UNEP's Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) Branch is part of the organization's Paris-based Division of Technology, Industry and Economics (DTIE). The SCP Branch works with public and private sector organizations to collectively address new public policies and improved application of policy tools in support of sustainable consumption and production. UNEP works with these stakeholders to build capacity in the introduction of design for sustainability and labeling schemes. UNEP also works with various industries and centers in the field of cleaner production, to develop and support the introduction of new management tools such as environmental management systems and reporting. Together with the U.N.

Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), UNEP's SCP Branch served as the Secretariat for the Marrakech Process on Sustainable Consumption and Production. The SCP Branch will house the Secretariat for the newly adopted 10 Year Framework of Programs on Sustainable Consumption and Production.

17. Hodayah Finman

**Senior Adviser for International Organizations,
US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)**



18. Jack Luskin

University of Massachusetts Lowell (Emeritus)

Jack Luskin, Senior Associate Director at the Toxics Use Reduction Institute (emeritus) at UMass Lowell, developed and managed certification training for Toxics Use Reduction Planners in Massachusetts. He was also Director of the University's Program for the Practice of Sustainability. This program worked with various audiences (e.g. faculty, NGOs,) to help facilitate the integration of sustainability concepts and practices into organizations. His has worked with the Department of Commerce Manufacturers Extension Partnership designing and facilitating annual meetings and co-developed a national training program linking Lean and Clean manufacturing. Dr. Luskin was an advisor and partner to the UNEP/UNIDO National Cleaner Production Centers program, which is responsible for promoting the adaptation and adoption of Resource Efficient and Cleaner Production (RECP) methods, technologies and systems by enterprises and other organizations in developing and transition countries.

Jack has presented at international conferences on Sustainability in Supply Chains, and on Sustainable Production and Consumption. He served as an advisor to the European Roundtable on Sustainable Consumption and Production, and was on the editorial board of the Journal of Cleaner Production. Jack was one of the founders of the North American Sustainable Consumption Alliance. Dr. Luskin holds a BA in Sociology, MA in Education, MS in Radiological Health Physics, and PhD in Training and Learning.



19. Janis Brizga

**Board of Directors, Green Liberty,
Northern Alliance for Sustainability (ANPED)**

Janis Brizga is Head of the Board at the NGO Green Liberty in Latvia and chair of NGO network ANPED – The Northern Alliance for Sustainability. Green Liberty is national environmental NGO doing research, information and advocacy campaigns about sustainable development. ANPED is an international not-for-profit organization representing a vast network of NGOs in the Northern hemisphere with a mission to pro-actively promote the agenda on environmental justice and systemic change for the Economy.

Janis has received a Ph.D. in geography, Environmental Science and Master of Social Science in Public Administration at University of Latvia. He is working on issues of sustainable development and sustainable consumption governance and environmentally friendly behavior. He is the member of Global research forum on Sustainable consumption and Production and ELEEP Network.



20. John Cavanagh

Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies

John has a BA from Dartmouth College and a MA from Princeton University. He worked as an international economist for the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (1978-1981) and the World Health Organization (1981-1982). He directed IPS's Global Economy Project from 1983-1997. He is the co-author of 10 books and numerous articles on the global economy, including Development Redefined: How the Market Met Its Match (2008, Paradigm Publishers), written with Robin Broad.



21. Jeffrey Barber

**President/ Executive Director,
Integrative Strategies Forum (ISF)**

Jeffrey Barber is Executive Director of Integrative Strategies Forum (ISF), a nonprofit organization in the United States just outside of Washington, DC. The main work of ISF is to encourage dialogue, collaboration and alliance-building among public interest organizations promoting sustainability. Over the years we have worked closely with the Citizens Network for Sustainable Development, the NGO Caucus on Sustainable Production and Consumption (SPAC Caucus) at the Commission on Sustainable Development; the SPAC Working Group of ANPED; and the SPAC Issue Group of the European ECO Forum. ISF was one of the founding members of the North American Sustainable Consumption Alliance (NASCA), the International Coalition for Sustainable Production and Consumption (ICSPAC), the Sustainable Development Issues Network, and most recently the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Production and Consumption as well as the North American Roundtable on Sustainable Production and Consumption.

Publications include *Minding Our Business: The Role of Corporate Accountability in Sustainable Development* (1997), *Can Corporations Be Trusted? Towards Social and Environmental Responsibility and Accountability in the Corporate Sector* (1999), *Waiting for Delivery: A Civil Society Assessment of Progress Toward Sustainable Production and Consumption* (2002), the chapter "Production, Consumption and the World Summit on Sustainable Development" in *The World Summit on Sustainable Development: The Johannesburg Conference* (Springer, 2005), "Mapping the Movement to Achieve Sustainable Production and Consumption in North America," *Journal of Cleaner Production* 15 (2007), the chapter on "Sustainable Consumption and Green Consumerism in North America," in *Green Consumerism: Approaches and Country Experiences* (ICFAI Books, 2008), and upcoming "Connecting Communities of Practice Towards Sustainable Production and Consumption" in *Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy*, and "Mapping Communities of Practice Towards Sustainable Production and Consumption" in the *Journal of Cleaner Production*.



22. Karen Onthank

Deputy Director, Integrative Strategies Forum (ISF)

Karen Onthank is Deputy Director of the Integrative Strategies Forum (ISF). ISF was created to encourage and promote creative dialogue, partnerships and integrative action strategies among networks and organizations working to build just and sustainable communities, both locally and globally. ISF does so by working with national governmental departments and agencies, international intergovernmental agencies, and local, national and international organizations and networks to develop sustainable development policy and strategy, especially concerning sustainable production and consumption. ISF's programs aim to assist and highlight the work of its partner networks and organizations in meeting the challenge of systemic change and the commitment to building a sustainable future. ISF strives to identify and bring attention to the kinds of systemic thinking and action taking place to address these crises. ISF has a long history with the United Nations, beginning with the conferences of the 1990s through Rio+20. Currently, ISF works in collaboration with the Citizens Network for Sustainable Development (CitNet), SCORAI, the International Coalition for Sustainable Production and Consumption (ICSPAC) as well as GRF.

Karen has more than 20 years of experience working for international human rights, environment and sustainability organizations, including the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization, as Executive Director of the Americas office, as well as for Greenpeace International. Karen has worked and studied overseas in England, the Netherlands, Italy and Ecuador and holds an undergraduate degree from Smith College and an MBA from the Yale School of Management.



23. Katya Kuang-Idba

Environmental Policy Intern, United Nations Environment Programme Regional Office for North America (UNEP RONA)

Katya supports RONA's regional initiatives on climate change and resource efficiency as the office's Environmental Policy Intern. Previously, Katya worked with Worldwatch Institute's Climate and Energy program and as an editor and consultant in China, covering technology and energy issues.



24. Lewis Akenji

Research Fellow, Senior Consultant, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies

Lewis Akenji is currently a Research Fellow and Senior Consultant at the Japan-based think-tank IGES (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies); his focus is on Sustainable Consumption and Production. Lewis has been Policy Coordinator and Director of International Affairs at the Central and Eastern European Network for SCP, and managed projects under the European Union PHARE/Transition Facility. He has also consulted with international organisations such as the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP), Consumers International, and the Asia Development Bank.

He has a background in Sustainable Resource Management (Technische Universität München, Germany) and Environmental Diplomacy (University of Geneva, Switzerland). He has published on SCP, Environmental Economics and Sustainability Governance, and has been active in Marrakech Process consultations from the beginning. He is also one of the main organizers of the Global Research Forum on Sustainable Consumption and Production, which will convene at Rio in June 2012 for the first time.



25. Lukas Gudinkas

First Secretary (Environment), Canadian Embassy in Washington

Lukas Gudinkas is the First Secretary (Environment) at the Embassy of Canada in Washington. He has been in his current position for two years and covers files that include climate change, GHG emission, renewable energy and the electricity file. His previous postings include Afghanistan and Pakistan. Canada is attending the meeting as an observer to gain a greater understanding on the various sustainable consumption and production (SCP) activities that are taking place globally. The Government of Canada is continuing its efforts to improve sustainable development and improve overall environmental standards in Canada. Canada was proud to host the last North American regional meeting on SCP in 2010 with the US and UNEP-RONA and facilitated by One Earth.



26. Maggie Comstock

**Policy Associate,
Advocacy and Public Policy, U.S. Green Building Council**

Maggie Comstock is a policy analyst at the U.S. Green Building Council working on international green building and climate affairs with special expertise in sustainable cities, resiliency and carbon markets.

The U.S. Green Building Council is committed to creating better buildings that complement our environment and enhance our communities. Green building efficiency can meet 85 percent of future demand for energy in the United States and has the potential to generate 2.5 million jobs. The LEED rating system is the most widely used green building program across the globe and works towards guiding the design, construction, operations and maintenance of green buildings. The rating system encourages sustainable building features such as increased water and energy efficiency, reduced materials usage, and increased indoor environmental quality. These features provide residents, students, and employees with better, brighter and healthier spaces to live, work and play. Today, nearly 50,000 projects are currently participating in LEED, comprising more than 8.9 billion square feet of construction space. The Council also works hand in hand with legislators at all levels of government to provide them with the necessary tools and strategies in order to inspire action towards legislation that promotes and incentivizes green buildings. USGBC's mission is to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmental and socially responsible, healthy and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life for all.

27. Maurie Cohen

**Associate Professor of Environmental Policy
and Sustainability, New Jersey Institute of Technology**



Dr. Maurie Cohen is Associate Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Environmental Science at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and Director of the Graduate Program in Environmental Policy Studies and the Program in Science, Technology, and Society. He is also Associate Faculty Member in the Division of Global Affairs at Rutgers University and Senior Fellow at the Boston-based Tellus Institute. Dr. Cohen has held prior academic positions at the University of Leeds, Binghamton University (State University of New York), Mansfield College (Oxford University), and Indiana University. Dr. Cohen is a co-founder of the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative (SCORAI), an international knowledge network comprising academics, policy makers, and practitioners working at the interface of material consumption, sustainable systems innovation, and economic transition. He in addition serves as the editor of Sustainability: Science, Practice, and Policy, an open-access e-journal dedicated to the wide dissemination of scholarly research and professional insights on sustainability.

Dr. Cohen's books include Innovations in Sustainable Consumption: New Economics, Socio-technical Transitions, and Social Practices, (with Halina Szejnwald Brown and Philip Vergragt) and Exploring Sustainable Consumption: Environmental Policy and the Social Sciences (with Joseph Murphy). He holds a master's degree in urban and regional planning from Columbia University and a PhD in regional science from the University of Pennsylvania.

28. Monika Thiele

**Programme Officer/Focal Point for North America,
Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species,
United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)**



Monika assists with implementing UNEP RONA's programme of work on Ecosystems Management and represents the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species in North America. She has been working in the international environment and conservation sector for 14 years and has experience in both the federal government and the nonprofit sector.

29. Patricia (Kit) Norland

**United Nations Environment Programme Desk Officer,
US State Department (UNEP)**



30. Peter Adriance

**Representative for Sustainable Development
Baha'is of the U.S., Office of Public Affairs**

Having represented the Baha'is of the U.S. on issues of sustainability since 1990, I am vitally interested in the discourse on sustainable consumption and production, particularly from an ethical and values perspective. I am also interested in learning practical means for achieving SCP and eliminating the extremes of wealth and poverty often associated with unsustainable consumption and production practices.



31. Peter Denton

**Professor, Ethics and Sustainability,
Red River College, Winnipeg**

Red River College (RRC) is Manitoba's second-largest post-secondary educational institution, with more than 32,000 enrolments in over 200 applied learning programs on eight campuses. Sustainability is a key initiative in the current Strategic Plan, with RRC participating in the STARS program and working to integrate sustainability education throughout its curriculum. Innovation in both new building design and building conversion is a hallmark of recent RRC campus development, all of which are leading examples of sustainable design, construction and operation.

The Centre for Applied Research in Sustainable Infrastructure (CARSI) tested key technologies used in Manitoba Hydro's new headquarters – one of the most energy efficient office buildings in North America. A \$2.3-million NSERC CCI grant to RRC in 2010 created the Sustainable Infrastructure Technology Research Group (SITRG) to improve energy performance in commercial and industrial buildings. Sustainable energy is a second important research focus. The Advanced Transportation & Energy Centre (ATEC) hosted the Red River Raycer (solar car), along with hybrid hydrogen internal combustion engine and hydrogen fuel cell bus demonstrations. Recent projects at RRC's Electric Vehicle Technology & Education Centre (EVTEC) include an all-electric transit bus and charging system; and plug-in hybrid electric vehicle fleet conversion, demonstration, and evaluation.

Peter Denton, Ph.D., teaches ethics and sustainability at RRC. A cultural systems analyst with expertise in science and technology, he is the author of *Gift Ecology: Reimagining a Sustainable World* (2012), Associate Professor of History at the Royal Military College of Canada and an ordained minister of the United Church of Canada.



32. Philip Vergragt

Fellow, Tellus Institute; Professor Emeritus of Technology Assessment, Delft University of Technology; Research Professor, Clark University

Philip J Vergragt PhD is an academic and activist; a Fellow at Tellus Institute, Boston; and a Research Professor at Marsh Institute, Clark University, Worcester, MA; formerly a Professor of Technology Assessment at Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands. He has co-authored more than 80 scientific publications and three books; his main research interests are sustainable technological and social innovations; socio-technical transitions; sustainable consumption and production; and TA of new technologies. At Tellus and Clark he has been the co-founder of SCORAI, the North American (and European) Sustainable Consumption and Action Initiative; of NARSPAC, and of GRF-SPC, the Global Research Forum on SPC, which held its inaugural meeting in Rio de Janeiro in June 2012.

Tellus Institute www.tellus.org is an internationally well-known think tank that specializes in developing scenarios towards a sustainable society; most well known is the Great Transition scenario. It also sponsors the Great Transition Initiative and The Widening Circle. Tellus has sponsored SCORAI, NARSPAC, and GRF-SPC both materially and in-kind.

George Perkins Marsh Institute is a research institute at Clark University with a mission to research and promote sustainability transitions; it has sponsored SCORAI. At Clark SCORAI will organize a major conference on Sustainable Consumption June 2012; a program will soon be available; see <https://www.confmanager.com/main.cfm?cid=2645>

SCORAI www.scorai.org is an international network of academics and practitioners working to address challenges at the interface of material consumption, human fulfillment, lifestyle satisfaction, and technological change. Network members are seeking to facilitate the design of a coherent research program that forges connections between scholars and communities of practice and contributes to an ongoing policy dialogue on these interrelated issues.

GRF-SPC <http://grfscp.wordpress.com/> brings together individuals and organizations engaged in research and its applications on the transition towards sustainable production/consumption systems from various regions of the world. It builds on a 20+ year research tradition on SCP by numerous researchers, institutes, and networks around the world, and on many successful attempts to apply research findings into policy, civil society, and business.



33. Sarah Dayringer

Energy Policy Consultant

Sarah Dayringer primarily consults on energy efficiency policy and sustainable development strategy, and was the Rio+20 Assistant Coordinator for US non-profit SustainUS. She began her work at SustainUS as an intern and quickly advanced from Intern to official SustainUS Delegate and Assistant Coordinator for the delegation to the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development, known as "Rio +20."

Sarah led fundraising and outreach for the SustainUS Rio+20 Delegation. She drafted policy proposals for the Rio+20 negotiating document and lobbied for text and language proposals throughout the duration of the Rio+20 political process. Sarah was one of five organizers for the US/Canada Citizens' Summit for Sustainable Development, which took place in March of 2012 at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. Her involvement on the United Nations Environmental Programme's TUNZA program steering committee was focused on leading the creation of the Bandung Declaration, which is representative of over 1400 children and youth from over 15 countries. From that experience she became a research associate conducting research on global energy policy, intergenerational participation and leadership models for global North-South relations. As an organizer for the Rio+20 Official Conference of Youth, she helped develop the concept, proposal, budget and program for a five-day convention of over 2,000 participants from around the globe. Sarah holds a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy from Central European University. There she focused on energy policy and was a part of the Energy Policy Research Group.



34. Ted MacDonald

**Office of Global Affairs and Policy,
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA)**

Ted MacDonald works in EPA's Office of Global Affairs and Policy (OGAP), where he manages an international cooperation portfolio focused several multilateral sustainable development and Green Economy initiatives, including with UNEP's Resource Efficiency/SCP Programmes, OECD's Environmental Policy Committee Green Growth agenda, and new efforts emerging in follow-up to the "Rio+20" UN Conference on Sustainable Development.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implements a wide array of regulatory strategies, economic instruments, voluntary partnerships, technical assistance programs, information-driven initiatives, promotes innovation, and supports research, data gathering and analysis, in seeking to achieve the Agency's mission of protecting public health and environment. These include a number of specific initiatives aimed at promoting industrial eco-efficiency, sustainable materials management, as well as development of, and demand for, more sustainable products and services—key elements of a sustainable consumption and production (SCP) and sustainability agenda. Examples of such initiatives were compiled as a U.S. government submission to the Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD) meeting in 2010-11, that reviewed international experiences with SCP and sought to formally launch the "10-year framework of programs on sustainable consumption and productions" (10YFP)—as originally called for at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development.

With the formal adoption of the 10YFP at the U.N. Conference on Sustainable Development (aka "Rio+20"), EPA plans to continue a key role in advancing this voluntary framework for international cooperation, through engaging with the 10YFP secretariat and board, and with several possible new voluntary partnership programs under the 10YFP. Key areas of EPA interest are international cooperation related to sustainable public procurement; improving life-cycle assessment tools, data systems and database interoperability; and contributing to the compilation and dissemination of public domain information resources, and promoting professional networking and research cooperation, using emerging Green Growth and SCP knowledge platforms.



35. Vanessa Timmer

Executive Director, One Earth Initiative

Vanessa Timmer is the Executive Director of One Earth (www.OneEarthWeb.org), a nonprofit focused on advancing sustainable consumption and production. One Earth works with local to global partners to highlight the links between who we are, what we buy, where we live, what we make, what we trade, and how we live together. One Earth is working towards North American leadership in this area, with partners including The Story of Stuff Project and The Sustainability Funders. One Earth designed and delivered the 2nd North American Sustainable Consumption Workshop to promote bi-national collaboration on green building, hosted by the Governments of Canada and the United States as well as the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). Locally, she has advised the City and Metro Vancouver and promotes eco-industrial networking regionally. Vanessa writes, speaks and teaches on social change, SPC, leadership, systems thinking and sustainability.

A recent publication highlights key elements for a Canadian policy strategy on sustainable household consumption. One Earth actively supports two SPC research-practice networks, one at the global level (the Global Research Forum on SPC, launched at Rio+20 in 2012) and the other at a North American scale (the Sustainable Consumption Research and Action Initiative, or SCORAI). Vanessa led the design and facilitation of the third SCORAI workshop as well as the GRF launch workshop. Vanessa is one of two North American civil society representatives to UNEP's Governing Council. She co-hosts the Metro Vancouver television show, *The Sustainable Region*, and is part of the Creative Team for *The Future We Want*, a global campaign to create positive and compelling visions of life in a sustainable future. She is an Associate with the Sustainability Science Program at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. Vanessa co-leads the systems thinking working group for the Smart Civil Society Organizations (Smart CSOs) initiative.



36. Wendy Philleo

Executive Director, New American Dream

Wendy has been affiliated with New Dream for the last 10 years as a board member and donor. She brings 20 years' experience in the nonprofit and philanthropic fields in the areas of environment and natural resource management, community development, women's empowerment, advocacy, and civic engagement. Prior to joining New Dream, Wendy ran a philanthropy and nonprofit consulting business. She also worked as a program officer at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, focusing on protecting freshwater, public lands, and wilderness in the west. Prior to that, she served as a program officer at the David and Lucile Packard Foundation where she designed and ran a \$25 million, five-year cross-cutting initiative on population, health, and environment.

Before working in philanthropy, Wendy was a program officer at the World Wildlife Fund working on the adoption of a priority-setting strategy for global biodiversity conservation (Global 200) and on developing an ecoregional approach to conservation. She has also worked for WorldWIDE Network (Women in Development and Environment) and for the United Nations Environment Programme. She received her B.A. from the University of Colorado and her M.A. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.