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Biographies of Speakers, Panelists and Moderators

Sheila Abed de Zavala, Executive Director, Instituto de Derecho y Economía Ambiental (IDEA), Paraguay



Ms. Abed is the Founder and Executive Director of the Paraguayan Environmental Law and Economics Institute (IDEA) and has had a vast and varied array of experience as a practicing environmental lawyer, representing the interests of government and civil society. IDEA works closely with parliamentarians, the judiciary and prosecutors, and is the permanent advisor to both Chambers of the Paraguayan Parliament, including the Commissions in charge of Natural Resources and the Environment. Under her guidance IDEA has received support of prestigious private, public and multi-lateral agencies. Sheila was recently elected President of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law.

Maria Amparo Alban, Centro Ecuatoriano de Derecho Ambiental, Ecuador



Maria Amparo Alban is an Ecuadorian Lawyer graduated from Pontifical Catholic University (PUCE) based in Quito. In 1995, obtained a master degree in Economic Law with a mention in International Negotiations and Environment, from Andean University Simon Bolivar (UASB). In 1995-1996 served as a political advisor for Vice-president Candidate Diego Cordovez, in charge of his political agenda. In 1996 co-founded CEDA – Ecuadorian Center for Environmental Law, with a group of Ecuadorian environmental lawyers. From 1995 has been linked with the Academia, teaching a course on trade and environment in the Schools of Economics and Law at PUCE, and other courses and seminars in other universities, national and international. She has worked in different legislative processes related to environment, in particular in charge of drafting the Biodiversity Law and the Access to Genetic Resources and Biosafety By-laws. Has been invited to participate and lecturer in different international meetings on Environmental Law and Trade and Environment, and has coordinated different research projects on that regards, with OAS, UNEP and UNCTAD. She has hosted an international civil society meeting on trade and environment within the FTAA Quito Ministerial Conference in 2002, and has published several articles in national and international journals. She served as executive director for the Ecuadorian Center for Environmental Law-CEDA, since 2000 to 2004. And in May of 2004 she joined the negotiating team for the Free Trade Agreement with the United States in the environment group on behalf of the Ministry of Environment

of Ecuador and has been an associate consultant for CEDA in other sort of projects.

Patricia Barbuscia, Instituto Ethos de Empresas e Responsabilidade Social, Brazil

Patricia Barbuscia, is a graduate in Economics from Mackenzie University, São Paulo, Brazil with an M.A. in Latin American Politics and Government from Essex University, UK. In 2003 Patricia joined Ethos Institute, a non-for-profit-organization working with Corporate Social Responsibility - CSR, as a board member advisor. In 2004 she set the new Public Policy area becoming its manager. In 2005 she joined Uniethos – the educational initiative of Ethos Institute in building capacity and research on CSR and Sustainable Development - where she is currently fulfilling the position of Executive Manager.

Her previous professional experience includes finance industry (Citibank N.A., French and Brazilian Bank-linked to Credit Lyonnais); foreign trade (Fluxo Trading – Bahia, Brazil – a unit of the Fluxo Group comprising engineering solutions and petroleum); class entities and political articulation (American Chamber of Commerce, S.Paulo, Brazil); education and research (Funcex, S.Paulo - education and research in foreign trade); and some experience in the marketing industry. Patricia is literate in English, French and Portuguese and has working knowledge of Spanish and Italian as well. Brazilian by birth and a French national as well, she lived few years abroad experiencing the cultural and social diversity of Europe and Asia (France, UK and India).

Giselle Beja Valent, Coordinator of Foreign Affairs, DINAMA, Ministry of Housing, Land and Environment (MVOTMA), Uruguay



Giselle Beja is the Coordinator of Foreign Affairs, of the National Directorate of Environment (DINAMA) of the Ministry of Housing, Land and Environment. She has been working at DINAMA since 1992, where she has held post such as Technical Advisor of the Water quality department, Technical Advisor of the Environmental Management Unit, and Technical Advisor for Foreign Affairs. Among her areas of expertise are, implementation of the UN Convention on desertification, cleaner production, water quality and trade and environment. Since 2003, she's the Oficial alternate Coordinator for Uruguay's participation in MERCOSUR group 6 on environment. Ms. Beja holds a degree in Biology, with a specialty in Hidrobiology from the University of the Republic in Uruguay. She also holds a master degree in Environmental Science from the same University. She has completed graduate studies in human resources and administration and obtained various Diplomas from the National Office of Civil Service.

Daniel Berrettoni, Executive Director Centro de Economía Internacional (CEI) Argentina

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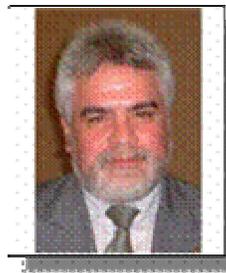
Argentina, where he previously served as Senior Economist. Mr. Berrettoni has a bachelor degree in economics from the National University of La Plata, a master degree from the Torcuato Di Tella Institute in Buenos Aires and a master in economic sciences from the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom. He is a Professor of the master in International Relations and of Economy at the University of La Plata, where he is also Adjunct Professor for the Seminar on Labor Economy. He has published extensively on issues related to economy, Foreign Trade, integration and MERCOSUR.

Victor Canton, Ministry of Housing, Land and Environment of Uruguay.



Mr. Canton serves as Subdirector of the National Direction of the Environment (DINAMA) of the Ministry. He is a Geographer graduated of the University of the Republic in Uruguay, where he also obtained a master degree in Land Management. Mr. Canton has been a member of the Uruguayan representation for MERCOSUR group 6. His expertise includes areas such as Biodiversity including implementation of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity, Climate Change and Environmental Impact Assessments. He is a Professor of Geography at the University of the Republic .

Ariel Carbajal, Director, Technological Center for Sustainability, Universidad Nacional Tecnica, Argentina



Ariel Carbajal is a chemical engineer, graduated from *Universidad Tecnológica Nacional*, where he is the Director of the Technological Sustainability Center of the *Universidad Tecnica Nacional de Argentina*.

He is also the actual Director of Ordenamiento Ambiental (DOA) of the Secretariat of Environment of Argentina. Mr. Carbajal has an outstanding experience in his field, supported by the numerous training and specialty courses he has participated in. He has been an international consultant for the INCYTH, IADB and UNDP.

Mr. Carbajal has also followed the Sustainable Production and Consumption process. He is the author of the Manual "*Minimización de Desechos de la Industria de Acabado de Metales*" edited by the Panamerican Center for Sanitary Engineering and Environmental Sciences (CEPIS) from the Panamerican Health Organization (PAHO), and the World Health Organization (WHO), sponsored by the GTZ.

Mariano Castro, Executive Secretary, Consejo Nacional del Ambiente (CONAM) Peru.

Mariano Castro is a Lawyer graduated of the Catholic University of Peru. He's an auditor of environmental management systems. He has a degree in high level management of the University of Piura and currently serves as Executive Secretary of the National Council of Environment of Peru.

Pierre Defraigne, Former Deputy Director General, DG Trade, European Commission



Pierre Defraigne is former deputy director general of the Directorate General for Trade at the European Commission in Brussels, Belgium. He is the former head of cabinet for Pascal Lamy, European Commissioner for Trade. Mr. Defraigne also teaches European economic policy at the Catholic University of Louvain. An economist, he began his career as a civil servant with the European Commission in 1970.

From 1970 to 1974, Mr. Defraigne was a member of the cabinets of several European Commissioners. From 1974 to 1976, he was the head of the Unit for Agricultural, Regional, and Social Budgets in the Directorate General XIX for Budgets. He served as the chief of the Cabinet of Industrial Affairs from 1977 to 1983 under Mr. Davignon, the vice president of the European Commission. From 1985 to 1999, Mr. Defraigne was the director for north-south relations in the Directorate General for External Relations.

Mr. Defraigne's interests include international economic policies, political economy, and relations with developing countries. His work focuses on major bilateral and multilateral European Union trade issues. He received a B.A. in political and social sciences and a B.A. in economics from the University of Liège.

Amb. Raul Estrada Oyuela, Special Delegate International Environmental Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina



Ambassador Raúl Estrada-Oyuela is a career diplomat who has been posted in Washington D.C., Vienna, Brasilia, and Santiago, and was the Argentine Ambassador to the People's Republic of China until December 1997. Mr. Estrada-Oyuela was a member of the National Commission on Global Change of the Argentina, and has served in Buenos Aires, inter alia, as Deputy Director for South American Affairs, Deputy

Director General for International Organizations, Director General of the Special Unit on Environment in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director General for Cultural Affairs, and currently serves as Ambassador at large for Environmental Negotiations.

He was elected Vice-Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change (INC/FCCC), Chairman of the Committee of the Whole of the First Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and Chairman of the Ad Hoc Group on the Berlin Mandate (AGBM), created to negotiate a legally binding instrument on climate change, today known as the Kyoto Protocol.

Raimundo Florin, Director, Centro Empresario Argentino para el Desarrollo Sustentable



Raimundo Florin studied Sociology and Economy at *Universidad de Buenos Aires- UBA*. He then obtained a Master of Philosophy on Economic Development from the University of Sussex (England) and a Master of Arts in Economics and Doctor of Philosophy in Economics (Ph D.) from the University of Illinois (USA).

He has worked in private banking and as counselor for the Industry Department of the National Ministry of Economy, the World Bank, the Inter American Bank Development (IADB), and for the Department of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development of the Argentine Government, as well as counselor for the private sector, both in industrial and financial areas.

Julio A. Franco, Economic Advisor, Cámara Mercantil de Productos del País, (Chamber of Commerce), Uruguay



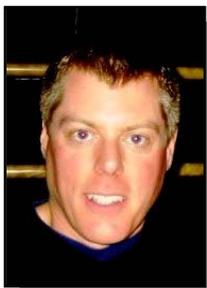
Julio Franco is a Public Certified Accountant with several years of experience in trade negotiations and investment. He serves as Economic Advisor to the Cámara Mercantil de Productos del País in Uruguay, and other private sector entities. He has served as special advisor to the Uruguayan delegations for WTO rounds and has represented Uruguay in the private sector forums parallel to European Union-MERCOSUR and FTAA negotiations.

Carlos Galperin, Centro de Economía Internacional (CEI)



Carlos Galperin obtained his degree in Economics from the *Universidad de Buenos Aires*, and holds a Master in Economics and Business Administration from *ESEADE*, with an honor diploma. He is currently a Senior Economist at the *Centro de Economía Internacional (CEI)* –Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Cult of Argentina. He is a professor for undergraduate and graduate course, and has published extensively in national and international academic magazines, books and other documents regarding trade politics, economic integration, environmental economy and agricultural biotechnology, among other subjects.

Geoffrey Garver, Director, Submission on Enforcement Matters Unit, North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC)



Geoff Garver joined North America's Commission for Environmental Cooperation in December 2000 as Director of the Submissions on Enforcement Matters Unit. The Unit handles assertions by North American citizens that one of the NAFTA countries – Mexico, the United States and Canada – is failing to effectively enforce its environmental law.

Previously, he spent nine years with the U.S. Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division as a trial attorney and then an Acting Assistant Chief, handling cases concerning land and natural resource management, water rights and environmental impact assessment. His major cases included suits dealing with Everglades water quality, winter use and bison management in Yellowstone National Park and water rights in Idaho and Oregon. He was also part of the U.S. team negotiating with Canada and Mexico toward an agreement on transboundary environmental impact

assessment, and he helped develop federal agency guidelines for conducting environmental reviews of trade agreements.

From 1993 to 1995, he was special assistant and Senior Policy Counsel to the Assistant Administrator for Enforcement and Compliance Assurance at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. While with USEPA, he directed the process for revising the USEPA's environmental auditing policy. Before joining the U.S. Justice Department in 1989, he was a judicial clerk for the Hon. Conrad Cyr in the U.S. District Court in Maine. He received his B.S. in chemical engineering from Cornell University in 1982 and a J.D. from the University of Michigan Law School in 1987.

Daniele Giovannucci, Senior Adviser, World Bank and other International Organizations.



Daniele Giovannucci is a Senior Trade and Marketing Specialist advising governments, development agencies, and businesses on markets and agro-enterprise development. He specializes in practical approaches developed as a former senior business executive in several food-related industries where he acquired broad expertise in product development, strategic planning, marketing, and international trade and management. He has worked in more than 20 countries and is the author and editor of numerous publications.

Marcelo Halperin, Latin-American Integration Institute, University of La Plata, Argentina. MERCOSUR Department Argentinean Industrial Union.

Marcelo Halperin is a member of the Latin-American Integration Institute, of University of La Plata, in Argentina and of the MERCOSUR Department of the Argentinean Industrial Union. He serves as Legal Advisor to Institute for International Agriculture Negotiations and as a Consultant for the Latin-American integration institute of the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). He is a Professor of the Graduate Programs at the University of La Plata and the University of Buenos Aires. Mr. Halperin has served as advisor to the private sector on issues as the impacts of economic integration on productivity. He has published extensively on issues such as the effects of regulations and international Commitments for developing countries, and related to MERCOSUR, FTAA and ALADI. One of his most recent publications covers the incorporation of operational financial and technical cooperation clauses within economic integration agreements subscribed by industrialized countries.

Mirta Elizabeth Laciari, Director, Trade, Investment and Environment Unit-Secretariat of Environment of Argentina.



Dr. Laciari is a lawyer from *Universidad de Buenos Aires-UBA*, and holds a M.S.C. in Natural Resource Legislation from the same institution.

In addition to being the actual coordinator of the Trade, Environment and Investment of the Secretariat of

Environment of Argentina, she is the alternate coordinator for the MERCOSUR working group number six-environment- for Argentina.

She has been a governmental advisor in several occasions, on issues related to trade and environment. She is also a member of the official delegations in international and regional trade negotiations. In 1987, she was given the annual Energy Award from the *Instituto Argentino de la Energía General Mosconi*.

Enrique Leff, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean

Maria Leichner, Executive Director, ECOS, Uruguay



An Argentinian based in Uruguay, is the executive director and co-founder of the Fundación Ecos. She holds a Doctorate at Law (Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina), and lectures in law, also organizes seminars and capacity building workshops for Latin American NGOs, lawyers, trade negotiators and the media. In 1993, she co-coordinated "Informa Mercosur" a UNDP program to promote Mercosur for the civil society and the academia sector. She has written "La estructura orgánica del Mercosur" (1993) and several other articles, and she organized conferences to facilitate the participation of Mercosur-based civil society organizations in the regional integration process.

In recent years, she has carried out consulting for World Wildlife Fund US and published with them "Mercosur: Su dimensión ambiental" (October, 2000) and she also participated as an expert in the project "Trade Rules and Sustainability in the Americas" (TRSA), and "Ecological Rules and Sustainability in the Americas" (ERSA), of the Institute for International and Sustainable Development. She was recently appointed a 'Global Leader of Tomorrow' with the World Economic Forum, for her work on civil society participation mechanisms and corporate social responsibility.

She also participates as an expert in the Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI), a collaborative effort between the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy, the Global Leaders for Tomorrow Environmental Task Force, the Center for International Earth Science Information and the World Economic Forum. Before joining Fundación Ecos, Dr. Leichner Reynal served as Professor at the Universidad de Buenos Aires.

Mauricio Lopez Dardaine, Director, Chamber of Exports of, Argentina

Mauricio López serves as Director of the Chamber of Exports of Argentina. He is an Industrial Engineer from the *Universidad de Buenos Aires-UBA*, and a trade consultant with worldwide experience. He is also the founder and Senior Partner of the *Mauricio Lopez Dardaine Studio* since 1984, and a member of the Foreign Trade Council for MERCOSUR. He has been the Chamber's representative in the Latin America Integration Association-ALADI negotiations, MERCOSUR and FTAA, since 1981.

Maria Fabiana Oliver, Director Trade and Environment, Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN)



Maria Fabiana Oliver is a Lawyer, with an Honor Diploma from Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, and a Masters Degree in Environmental Law from Universidad del País Vasco, Study Society Eusko Ikaskuntza and the international environmental arbitration and mediation Cort in Spain.

She has extensive experience environmental, trade and governance issues, and in coordinating projects related to the promotion of sustainable development.

She is currently the Director of the Trade & Sustainable Development Area of the Fundación Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (FARN), Buenos Aires - Argentina. She is also the Adjunct Director of the Editorial Staff of the "Suplemento de Derecho Ambiental" FARN -La LEY.

Marcos Orellana, Center for International Environmental Law

Marcos A. Orellana is Senior Attorney at CIEL since November 2002, where he focuses on trade, finance, and human rights. Prior to joining CIEL, Mr. Orellana was affiliated as a Fellow to the Lauterpacht Research Centre for International Law of the University of Cambridge, UK. He also was a visiting scholar with the Environmental Law Institute in Washington DC.

Previously, Mr. Orellana lectured on international law and environmental law at the Universidad de Talca, Chile, and provided legal support to various non-governmental organizations in Chile. In 1997-8, Mr. Orellana was awarded a scholarship to undertake the LL.M. program at American University, during which time he also worked as an intern at the World Bank's Inspection Panel.

Mr. Orellana has previously acted as a consultant to various international governmental and non-governmental organizations. He also has provided legal counsel to the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs on international environmental issues, and in that capacity has joined official delegations to meetings of select MEAs. Mr. Orellana currently lectures on the Law of the Sea and on International Institutions and Sustainable Development at American University, Washington College of Law.

Ambassador Angelos Pagkratis, Head of European Commission Delegation in Argentina

Ambassador Pagkratis is currently the Head of the European Commission Delegation in the Argentine Republic. He has worked for the Commission since 1981, holding several posts in Brussels, as well as diplomatic posts, such as Counsellor and Deputy Head of Delegation of the European Commission in the Republic of South Africa, Head of Delegation *ad interim* of the European Commission in the Republic of Korea and First Secretary at the European Commission in the Republic of Korea.

Ambassador Pagkratis holds a Diploma in Economics, a post-graduate Diploma in International Economics, Monetary Policies, Banking and Finance, a PHD in International Economics, Monetary Policies and Finance, and a post-graduate Diploma of the Centre for European Studies from Université Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne. He also obtained a Diploma in Management and Marketing from the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers and a post-graduate Certificate in International Law from Université Paris II, Institut des Hautes Études Internationales.

Eric Peters, Directorate General of Trade, the European Commission



Eric Peters is a graduate from the Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural des Eaux et Forêts, the leading French forestry and land management/economics school, and is a former student of the Ecole Normale Supérieure de Lyon. He started his career in public service, served in the Agriculture Ministry in the French Overseas Department Martinique and in the French National Forest Office where he was responsible for public forest management, including trade in wood.

In June 2001, he was appointed as National Expert to the European Commission, Directorate General for Trade, Unit for Sustainable development. Since then, he has been responsible for the coordination of Sustainability Impact Assessments of trade negotiations, for the integration of sustainable development issues into regional trade agreements and for forest related trade policy. Eric is married and has three daughters.

Jason Potts, Coordinator Sustainable Commodity Initiative, International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD).



Jason Potts is Coordinator of the Sustainable Commodity Initiative—a joint IISD/UNCTAD venture committed to identifying proactive market-based policies and related instruments for promoting sustainable development across different commodities sectors. Mr. Potts is a lawyer by training with LLB and BCL degrees from McGill University and a specialization in trade law, sustainable development law and corporate social responsibility.

Prior to joining IISD, Mr. Potts worked with the Trade, Employment and Competitiveness Program at the International Development Research Centre, as well as the Commission for Environmental Cooperation on issues at the nexus of trade, environment and international development. Mr. Potts has published on competition policy, food policy, fair trade and the relationship between corporate social responsibility and sustainable development more generally.

Robin Ratchford, Directorate General of Trade, the European Commission

Robin Ratchford is a graduate of the University of Buckingham (UK), the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Switzerland) and the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University (USA).

Before joining the European Commission he worked as a political advisor to the European Peoples' Party in the European Parliament. He began his career in the European Commission in DG Enterprise and since 1996 has worked in DG Trade on a range of sustainable development issues. In January 2003 he was appointed Deputy Head of Unit of the unit dealing with sustainable development and dialogue with civil society.

Julie Raynal, Directorate General of Trade, the European Commission

Ms. Raynal is currently the European Commission Directorate General Commercial Administrator, focusing on foreign direct investment and commercialization of services. A lawyer with a Masters in European Law, with a concentration on International Relations of the European Union, from the *COLLEGE D'EUROPE de Bruges*.

Eda Rossi, Trade Negotiator, Chile



Eda Rossi is currently the Chief of the Trade and Sustainable Development Department of the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs-General Directorate of International Economic Relations (DIRECON). Dr. Rossi is DIRECON's representative in the Environmental Performance Evaluation (EDA), and is the coordinator of all environmental issues contained in trade negotiations that are in process or are going through the study of perfectibility phase. She is also the leader of the negotiation team for environment, in the Chile-New Zealand-Singapore (P3)

Free Trade Agreement that is currently under negotiations; Ms. Rossi is also the team leader for Chile-USA Free Trade Agreement negotiation group.

Focal point for the implementation of Chapter 19 (environment) for the Chile-USA FTA, and delegate at the World Trade Organization's Environmental Committee, and at the sub-working group # 6 of the MERCOSUR: environment.

Ms. Rossi holds a degree in Political and Administrative Sciences, from the *Universidad de Chile*.

Claudio Sabsay, Undersecretary of Agricultural Policy, Argentina.



Mr. Sabsay has extensive experience in the agribusiness sector, and working with the government. He has coordinated various projects for the promotion of agrarian exports, and assessed many economic government initiatives. In 2002 he became the Second Vice-president of the Investment and External Commerce Bank S.A. (BICE S.A.). He has also published various market studies for different countries, as well as articles on agricultural exports and external commerce.

Mr. Sabsay has a Master in Environment, Economy and Society from FLACSO, and is an active member of the Fundapaz Administration Council, the Okita Foundation Directing Council, and Argentinean Center for Environmental Conservation Council, among others.

Ambassador. Eduardo Sigal, Under Secretary for American Integration and MERCOSUR



Ambassador Sigal is currently the Under Secretary for American Integration and Mercosur of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Cult of Argentina. He has extensive experience on issues related to MERCOSUR and FTAA.

Luis Trama, Instituto Argentino de Normalización y Certificación (IRAM)



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Gilney A. Viana, Secretary of Sustainable Development Policies of the Ministry of Environment of Brazil



Dr. Viana is currently the Secretary of Sustainable Development Policies of the Ministry of Environment of Brazil.

Dr. Viana is a Medical Doctor specialized in epidemiology, with a doctorate in health and environment from the Collective Health Institute of *Universidade Federal de Mato Grosso* where he is a professor.

Former Parliament Representative for the Province of *Agua Formosas*, State of Mato Grosso, Brazil from 1964-1984. Author of several publications, involving social and environmental issues.

During his parliamentary career, some of his government policies included environmental causes. Particularly, policies included the construction of a new sustainable pattern of the Amazon's natural resources. Policy issues also included protection of ethnic minorities, specially the advocacy of the indigenous people's constitutional rights, and the safeguard of the human rights.

Rene Vossenaar, Former Head of Trade, Environment and Development Branch, Division on International Trade in Goods and Services, and Commodities, UNCTAD



René Vossenaar is the former head of the UNCTAD Trade, Environment and Development Branch. He has been with UNCTAD since 1985. He retired on 1 April 2005. From 1971 to 1985 he worked for ECLAC in Santiago de Chile (7 years), Buenos Aires (2 years) and Brasilia (5 years). He has very extensive experience in trade and sustainable development issues, through intergovernmental work, policy analysis and technical cooperation/capacity building activities in a large number of developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin

America. Until the end of 2005, he will continue to be involved in UNCTAD's capacity building activities, especially in Central America, and its Trade and Environment Review. He has extensively published. He is a national from the Netherlands (Breda, 27 February 1945). He has a Masters degree in economics from the University of Tilburg, the Netherlands

Juan Rodrigo Walsh, Expert, World Wild Life Fund (WWF)



A lawyer from *Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA)*, with a master in Environmental Law (LLM from King's College - Aberdeen University- Scotland), Specialization in Natural Resources and Environmental Law (Faculty of Law and Social Sciences-UBA), Environmental Management (Faculty of Ingeniering-UCA), Petroleum and Gas Law (Faculty of Law and Social Sciences-UBA).

Dr. Walsh was the Director of the environmental supplement of *La Ley* Magazine (1994-2003) and he is a member of the Editorial Counsel RECIEL. He has been a consultant for several international organisms, and the sub-secretary of environment for the city of Buenos Aires. Dr. Walsh is currently a consultant for the World Wild Life Fund-WWF, and for Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina (FVSA), working in the Forest Conversion Initiative- FCI and the conformation of the Sustainable Soy Round Table. He is the author of numerous publications; his most recent publication is the book "Environment, Law and Sustainability" (Buenos Aires Editorial Fund for Law and Economics, La Ley, 2000. Co-author and editorial direction).