



**PANEL OF EXPERTS ON THE EFFECTS OF TRADE ON SUSTAINABILITY IN THE AMERICAS**

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***Biographies of Speakers and Panelists***

***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 Abed was recently elected President of the IUCN Commission on Environmental Law.

***David Brooks, Director for Natural Resources Policy and Environmental Reviews Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR).***

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 coordinating U.S. interagency work on environmental reviews of trade agreements and for USTR's contributions to a variety of natural resource policy issues, including wildlife trade and forestry. 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.

***Silvia Chaves Quesada, Executive Director Centro de Derecho Ambiental y Recursos Naturales (CEDARENA)***

Silvia Chaves is the Executive Director of CEDARENA. She obtained her Law degree at the University of Costa Rica. She also has a Masters degree in



Geography with specialization in Land Management. She has been a member of CEDARENA since 1989 and has directed several projects including strategic alliances in areas such as water resource management, protected areas, decentralization and local management of natural resources. She has served as President of the Board of Directors of CEDARENA since 1998 and as such has focused on research and analysis and legal and political reform at the national and regional level for natural resource management.

***Joseph Ferrante, Director Trade and Environment Program, Office of International Affairs, US Agency for Environmental Protection (USEPA).***

Mr. Ferrante has a Masters Degree from the University of Rochester in Applied Economics and Public Policy Analysis. He has worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Since 1985. Currently he is of the Director of the Agency's Trade and Environment Program, within the Office of International Affairs. In this capacity, he serves as the Agency's lead for coordinating trade policy review and development. In addition, during his career at EPA, he has performed the following functions: Senior Economist of the Office of Policy Economics and Innovation and Senior Regulatory Analyst of the Office of Pesticide Programs and Office of Air and Radiation. He has also been on two detail assignments to the Executive Office of the President where he served in the following capacities: Director for Environmental Reviews and Land Use Policy at the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and as staff on an interagency floodplain management committee.

***Jan Gilbreath, Coordinator for Environmental Reviews, Office of International Affairs, Office of International Policy, US Agency for Environmental Protection (USEPA).***

Jan Gilbreath is the coordinator for Environmental Reviews at the USEPA Office of International Affairs. She is an International Trade Policy Specialist, and formerly a senior fellow in the Americas Program of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where she co-published a book on the Mexican environmental capacity building with Yale's Center for Environmental Law and Policy. Jan Gilbreath has done extensive research and published on NAFTA's environmental impacts, differences in environmental policy implementation between the United States and Mexico, and other trade and investment trends under NAFTA. She worked as a political writer for The Houston Chronicle covering Texas legislature, particularly the state's natural resource policy within the context of the U.S.-Mexican border region. She was also the freelance Texas correspondent for The Economist for about five years, and coordinator of a U.S.-Mexican Policy Studies Program at the University of Texas, for eight years. She holds a PHD from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs of the University of Texas, and has an M.A. from the UT's Institute of Latin American Studies.



***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 degree in Law from Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina. In 1993, she co-coordinated "Informa Mercosur" a UNDP program to promote Mercosur within civil society and the academia sector. She has published the following articles "La estructura orgánica del Mercosur" (1993) "Mercosur: Su dimensión ambiental" (2000) amongst others. In recent years, she has carried out consulting for World Wildlife Fund US and 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.

***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 Court 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.



***Robin Rosenberg, University of Miami***

Doctor Robin Rosenberg is senior Research Associate at the University of Miami and a Senior Associate at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development in Geneva. He holds a PHD in International Affairs and has published widely on trade, sustainable development and multilateral processes in the Western Hemisphere.

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Ronaldo Seroa obtained a Doctorate in Economics degree from the University College of London, Department of Economics, University of London. He is currently the Environmental Studies Coordinator for IPEA (Institute of Applied Economic Research) and a Professor at Santa Úrsula University, Rio de Janeiro, and Environmental Economics. He has conducted diverse projects relating to environmental policy such as market mechanisms, economic valuation, social accounting of natural resources, and distributional effects and economics of environmental regulation policies. Additionally, he has conducted research for World Bank projects and the OAS. He has also served as regional Latin America coordinator for United Nations Development Programme projects and been the Brazilian coordinator for Environmental Accounting of Forests project of FAO/United Nations.

***Scott Vaughan, Director, Office for Sustainable Development and Environment, Organization of American States.***



Scott Vaughan is the Director of the Office for Sustainable Development and Environment of the OAS. Previously, he was Visiting Scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Head of Trade and Economics at the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation; Counselor at the World Trade Organization; Coordinator of the Trade and Finance division, as well as Senior Policy Analyst to the Executive Director, at the United Nations Environment Programme; Analyst Head Office, Royal Bank Financial Group, and Policy Advisor to the Canadian Federal Minister of the Environment.