

## Biographies Co-Chairs

**Glenn  
Mason**  
(co-Chair)



Glenn Mason is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canadian Forest Service (CFS), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). He joined NRCan in 2011, as Director General, Policy, Economics and Industry Branch, CFS. Prior to that, he was Director of Strategic Operations for the Social Development Policy Secretariat in the Privy Council Office (PCO), where he was responsible for supporting the Social Policy Committee of Cabinet, and the health, aboriginal and justice/public safety portfolios, which earned him the Clerk's Award for Policy Excellence.

Before joining PCO, Glenn was the Director of Strategy at Human Resources Development Canada. Previously, he worked at PCO Intergovernmental Affairs, covering western Canada and NWT. In the 1990s, Glenn worked at Transport Canada on governance and commercialization reforms within the domestic marine sector. Glenn later worked for three years at the Ministry of Finance in Georgetown, Guyana, implementing budgeting reforms to enhance their national financial management system.

Glenn is currently chair of the North American Forestry Commission of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and co-chair of MegaFlorestais, an informal network of public forest agency leaders from the largest forested countries. He serves on the Boards of FPInnovations, one of the world's largest private, non-profit research centres working in forest research, the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Centre, and the Forest History Society. He also serves in an advisory capacity on the external Advisory Councils for the Faculties of Forestry at the University of Toronto and the University of British Columbia.

Glenn holds a M.A. in Development Economics from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, a B.A. (Hons) in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario, and a Diploma in economic history from the London School of Economics, and is a graduate of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. Glenn lives in Gatineau, Québec with his wife and two children and is an avid photographer and hockey dad.

**Sally  
Collins**  
(co-Chair)



Ms. Sally Collins served as the first Director of the USDA Office of Environmental Markets (OEM) prior to retiring from USDA. OEM was established to advance markets for ecosystem services provided by farms, forests, and ranches across the country. She has spent more than 25 years in natural resource management, working at the "field level" as a forest manager for 20 years prior to coming to Washington DC. Her last field assignment was Forest Supervisor of the 1.6 million-acre Deschutes National Forest. For eight years, she served as Associate Chief for the U.S. Forest Service, sharing responsibilities with the Chief for management of all of the 155 National Forests and Grasslands, providing support to tribal, state and private lands, and overseeing the International Program Office. She currently works as a Fellow with the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) to help the largest forested countries of the world establish secure tenure arrangements and laws for their forested estates. For over ten years, she has served (and continues to serve) as Co-chair of MegaFlorestais.



Tim  
Sheldan  
(co-Chair)



I was appointed Deputy Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on October 9, 2013, after spending five years in Edmonton, Alberta as a Director General for Natural Resources Canada. Prior to this time, I spent the majority of my career working in the BC Public Service, for the former Ministry of Forests and Range. I spent 23 years in various field, operational and management positions at the regional and district level in many locations across British Columbia - culminating in my appointment as Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations, from 2003-2008.

Before my government experience, I worked for several years in the forest industry and consulting on the coast, as well as spending time as a city councillor in Merritt, B.C. I graduated from Vancouver Island University in Nanaimo, B.C. and I am a graduate of several management and executive development programs.

My personal approach to leadership is to demonstrate that successful delivery of results is based on an organizational vision that's shared by the staff and modelled by its Executive. Executive and staff need to be connected and engaged. To deliver on results, we need personal networks and continuous positive dialogue about the goals and mission, but equally important, the culture and ways to continually improve business processes and attainment of results.

## Invited Speakers

Larry Grant



Larry Grant, Musqueam Elder, was born and raised in Musqueam traditional territory by a traditional hənq̓əminəm' speaking Musqueam family. After 4 decades as a tradesman, Larry enrolled in the First Nations Languages Program, which awoke his memory of the embedded value that the hənq̓əminəm' language has to self-identity, kinship, culture, territory, and history prior to European contact. He is presently assisting in revitalizing hənq̓əminəm' in the Musqueam Language and Culture Department, and co-teaching the introductory hənq̓əminəm' course through UBC.

Larry is the Elder-in-Residence at UBC's First Nations House of Learning. He is a Faculty Fellow at St. John's College, and the inaugural Honorary Life Fellow for Green College. In 2010, he received the Alumni Award of Distinction from Vancouver Community College, and in 2014, he became an Honorary Graduate from the Native Indian Teacher Education Program (NITEP) at UBC.

John Innes



John Innes is Dean of the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia. He teaches in the field of international and sustainable forestry. He is Chair of the Commonwealth Forestry Association (since 2010), Chair of the Standing Committee of the Heads of Forestry Commonwealth Countries, Chair of the Association of University Forestry Schools of Canada, a Board Member of the International Union of Forestry Research Organizations and Chair of the Asia-Pacific Forestry Education Coordination Mechanism. He is a member of the Advisory Group on Forestry Education of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. He is an Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne School of Land and Environment at the University of Melbourne and Honorary Professor at four different Chinese universities. John also serves on the Genome BC and National Forestry Sector Steering Groups, and the Forestry and Fibre Work Group of the BC Forest Sector Bio-Economy Transformation Council.

John came to British Columbia in 1999, having previously worked as a Section Head in the Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research. Since arriving in BC, he has worked on a range of issues associated with forest management. He is actively involved with climate change research, particularly its effects on forest ecosystems and the development of appropriate management strategies for adaptation, and in 2007 was part of the IPCC team that shared the Nobel Peace Prize with Al Gore.

As Dean of the UBC Faculty of Forestry, he is encouraging greater international involvement of the Faculty, and entrenching its position as the leading Faculty of Forestry in the world. Under his leadership, the Faculty has taken significant steps toward broadening the curricula and academic content to reflect changing realities in the forest and conservation sectors, also enhancing interdisciplinary and continuing education for forestry professionals and scholars from around the world.

Trevor  
Stuthridge



Dr. Trevor Raymond Stuthridge holds the position of Executive Vice President at FPInnovations. FPInnovations is a not-for-profit world leader that specializes in the creation of scientific solutions in support of the Canadian forest sector's global competitiveness and responds to the priority needs of its industry members and government partners.

FPInnovations' 525 employees and R&D laboratories are located in Quebec City, Montreal, and Vancouver, and it has technology transfer offices across Canada. Before joining FPInnovations, Trevor was the General Manager, Sustainable Design at Scion, a New Zealand Crown Research Institute in the forestry sector, where he also previously held the position of Unit Leader, Eco-Smart Technologies. In between times, he served as General Manager of the Bioresource Processing Alliance, New Zealand's largest research initiative dedicated to improved utilization of solid wastes and wastewaters. Prior to these responsibilities, he served as environmental research group leader, visiting scientist and post-doctoral scientist in New Zealand, Norway, Canada and the U.S., at leading institutes and councils. Moreover, he has long experience as chairman and member of numerous research and advisory boards in Canada, the U.S. and New Zealand.

In fact, he has served as a committee member or chairperson for over 25 national and international organizations/initiatives relating to wood processing innovation, waste management, environmental sustainability and impacts assessment, biofuels and bioenergy, clean technologies, climate change, pollution and toxicity as well as life-cycle management. He has been New Zealand's representative on multiple international wood processing, sustainability, biofuel, clean technology and industrial biotechnology government missions with Canada, Chile, China, Korea, the United Kingdom, and the U.S.

In addition, he has developed and maintained numerous collaborations in academic research, government investment, commercial science and innovation as well as multi-national initiatives. And in technology development, he has strong technical experience and executive accountability to his credit, in intellectual property development and technology transfer for research platforms, processes and sustainable consumer products associated with the forestry, solid wood processing, pulp and paper and clean technologies sectors.

Trevor has a Ph.D. in Environmental Chemistry as well as an M.Sc. (Hons) in Chemistry and a B.Sc. (Tech) in Chemistry, all from the University of Waikato in New Zealand, plus a certificate and diploma in Company Management and Executive Management from specialized New Zealand institutes.

Andy  
White



Andy White is Coordinator of the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). He also serves as President of the Rights and Resources Group, the non-profit coordinating mechanism of the RRI Coalition based in Washington, D.C. Prior to co-founding RRI in 2005, Andy served as Senior Director of Programs at Forest Trends and Natural Resource Management Specialist at the World Bank, as well as worked as a consultant to the International Food Policy Institute, Save the Children Federation, and the Inter-American Foundation. He has worked extensively in Haiti, Mexico, and China. As Coordinator of RRI, he advises policy research, advocacy, and engagement in Asia, Latin America, and Africa and leads initiatives and networks to advance RRI's mission. His research and publications have focused on forest tenure and policy, forest industry and trade, as well as the role of forests, communities, and institutions in climate change. Andy has a PhD in forest economics, a M.A. in anthropology from the University of Minnesota, and a B.S. in forestry from Humboldt State University.

Duncan Macqueen



Duncan Macqueen is the Leader of IIED’s Forest Team where he has worked for 17 years. He works on investing in locally controlled forestry in multiple countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America and has published numerous articles and books on supporting small forest enterprises, successful locally controlled forest business models, and forest ethics. Prior to joining IIED, Duncan was Deputy Programme Manager of DFID’s Forestry Research Programme. He has also spent periods working in Central America and Brazil as a botanist and forest seed collector. He has a Masters Degree in Forestry and its relation to land use from the University of Oxford. He grew up in the rainforests of Sumatra, Indonesia.

Richard Donovan



Richard has led the Rainforest Alliance forestry programs since April 1992. Today he is a member of Rainforest Alliance’s Management Team and senior advisor/leader for multiple high-profile initiatives. He represents Rainforest Alliance to the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), the Tropical Forest Alliance (TFA) 2020, High Conservation Value (HCV) Resource Network, Consumer Goods Forum, Forest Guild, and is an Advisor to the WWF Global Forest & Trade Network (GFTN) globally and North America, and others. Richard was instrumental in the development of the FSC, was as a Founding Member and also co-chair of the original FSC Principles and Criteria Working Group. He is a Lead Forest Auditor with extensive/intensive field experience in 50+ countries in tropical, temperate and boreal forests. Recent work includes senior oversight of Rainforest Alliance’s work on Community Forest Enterprises (CFEs) in Latin America and Southeast Asia, and innovation around new systems for auditing and certifying small forest ownerships, indigenous and community operations. He is also working to engage forest products buyers (major retailers/brands) on deforestation and sustainable sourcing, including with CFEs. Prior to Rainforest Alliance Richard was a Peace Corps volunteer in Paraguay, a natural resources specialist with ARD, Inc. (consulting firm) and project director in Costa Rica of the BOSCOA project with the Neotropica Foundation in Costa Rica. Richard has an MS in natural resources management and administration from Antioch New England Graduate School.

Cécile Ndjebet



Mrs. Cécile Ndjebet is an Agronomist and Social Forester by profession. Gender specialist and Women Leadership trainer and adviser; she holds a M.Sc. degree in Social forestry from Wageningen Agricultural University in The Netherlands.

With 32 year of field experience, Cécile started her professional career as a Cameroonian Civil servant. In 1997, she joined the civil society Organizations. She is one of the well-known leaders of CSO REDD&CC platform in Cameroon where she is a National REDD+&CC Steering Committee Member; and Regional Coordinator of CSO REDD+&CC Platform of Central Africa. To promote women’s direct and effective participation in natural resources management in Africa, Cécile founded in 2009 the “African Women’s Network for Community Management of Forests (REFACOF)” a regional network with 17 countries from West and Central Africa. For the past 6 years, Cécile is mobilizing rural women in mangrove restoration along the coastal area of Cameroon.

In 2012, Cécile was elected Climate Change Champion of the Central African Commission on Forests (COMIFAC).

At international level, Cécile is an active member and well-known woman advocate of global women networks such as Global Gender and Climate Alliance (GGCA), Gender and Water Alliance (GWA), Women’s Environment & Development Organization (WEDO), Women’s Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural resources management (WOCAN) and

Global Women Tenure Network (GWTN). She is a Steering Committee member of The Forests Dialogue (TFD), Focal Point of the Women Major Group of the United Nations Forest Forum (UNFF), Woman Observer in the World Bank Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and Africa Focal Point for International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), Civil Society Advisory Group (CSAG).

John  
Mason



John J. Mason, a Canadian citizen, is Founder and Executive Director of the Nature Conservation Research Centre (NCRC) - the leading conservation NGO in West Africa. Having been born and raised in Nigeria, Mason has been based in Ghana for 25 years and is regarded as one of the leading voices for local participation in conservation initiatives in West Africa. An advocate of local ownership of biodiversity conservation processes, he has worked with communities, traditional leadership, governments and civil society in Ghana, Nigeria, Liberia and Sierra Leone to develop conservation initiatives that are owned and managed by forest communities. He pioneered the development of the highly successful Community Protected Areas model which is being adapted to address the challenges of delivering community benefits under PES and REDD initiatives. He is in demand as a speaker at international conferences and a frequent instructor at specialist workshops. He is a member of the IUCN African Elephant Specialist Group and regularly provides expert advice to various international development organizations and governments in Africa. He holds three degrees from the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, University of Waterloo and University of Guelph in Canada.

Diane  
Nicholls



Diane Nicholls was appointed ADM/Chief Forester in February, 2016. Diane has a passion for forestry which is rooted in a breadth and depth of more than 25 years in combined industry and government experience.

A Registered Professional Forester, she began her career as a forest technician from BCIT. From there she continued her studies at the University of Alberta with the completion of a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from UBC. Diane is a leader who confronts challenges head on and consistently holds herself to the highest professional standards.

Christine  
Gelowitz



Christine Gelowitz, RPF has been the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of BC Forest Professionals since February 2016. The ABCFP is responsible for registering and regulating British Columbia's registered foresters and forest technologists. Here in BC, the practice of professional forestry has been regulated since 1947 when foresters first agreed to help protect the public's interest in the province's forests in return for the exclusive right to practise forestry. With 5,400 registered members, the ABCFP is the largest professional forestry association in Canada and the first to include forest technologists.

Christine holds a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Management, Forestry Major and has been a Registered Professional Forester since 2003. Prior to joining the staff of the association, Christine spent nearly 20 years with the British Columbia Provincial Government, working in a number of ministries and Crown Corporations with forests and natural resource management responsibilities.

Tim  
Ryan

Tim Ryan has worked in the forest sector for more than 37 years, the past 25 in leadership positions in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario and Minnesota.



Tim spent much of his career with Ainsworth Lumber Co. Ltd., where he was Vice President for Timberland Operations and Government Affairs. He was Chief Forester and Director of Woodlands Operations with Vancouver's Leducor Resources and Transportation. He also served as the Manager of Forestry with the Cariboo Lumber Manufacturers Association, worked as an Area Engineer with British Columbia Forest Products, and is past president of the Alberta Chamber of Resources and former board member of the Alberta Forest Products Association.

Tim Ryan is a Registered Professional Forester in BC and he holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry from the University of Alberta.

Claire  
Biaison-  
Lohier

Ms. Claire Biaison-Lohier is the Director of the Coalition and Strategic Networks Program at Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). She joined RRI in March 2011 and is now focusing on strengthening the RRI Coalition and enhancing and consolidating support to strategically relevant global and regional networks.



Prior to joining Rights and Resources, Claire worked at the Academic Council on the United Nations System and at the Stimson Center. She received her Master's degree in European and International Affairs and diploma in Political Science from the Institute of Political Science in Aix-en-Provence, France, in 2009.

Don  
Roberts



Don G. Roberts is the chief executive officer of Nawitka Capital Advisors Ltd, a firm that provides advice on strategic direction and raises capital for companies in the renewable energy, clean technology, and forest products industries. In 2012, Corporate Knights named Mr. Roberts the individual in the financial services sector who most contributed to sustainable development in Canada. Institutional investors surveyed by Brendon Woods and/or Greenwich Associates ranked Roberts Canada's best analysts for the paper and forest products sector seven times between 1997 and 2008, and in 2006, Forbes Magazine named him one of the best brokerage analysts in North America.

Prior to starting Nawitka in July 2013, Mr. Roberts was a vice-chair of wholesale banking and a managing director in investment banking with CIBC World Markets Inc. In this capacity, he founded and led CIBC's cross-functional Renewable Energy & Clean Technology Team, whose mandate was to establish CIBC as the dominant investment and commercial bank serving Canada's renewable energy and clean technology sector. The team achieved this goal in 2009. While at CIBC, Mr. Roberts also provided senior coverage for companies in the global forest products industry.

Mr. Roberts is known for advising ministers and premiers in Canada and internationally on financing and strategic growth in the resource sectors. Early in his career, he spent ten years as a senior economist and a chief economist in the Department of Forestry, Government of Canada.

In addition to his work with Nawitka Ltd., Mr. Roberts is an adjunct professor in the Department of Forest Resource Management at the University of British Columbia and a member of the boards of directors/advisors of Kruger Inc. (Montreal), Endurance Wind Power (Vancouver), Ensyn Technologies Inc. (Ottawa), and the Rights and Resources Institute (Washington DC). In addition, he advises a range of government, industry, and NGO groups.

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Mr. Roberts holds a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics from the University of British Columbia, a master's degree in forestry economics from the University of California at Berkeley, and an MBA and credit for doctoral studies in international finance and economics from the University of Chicago. He is a certified board director with the Institute of Corporate Directors.

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Rory  
Gilsenan



Rory is currently the Acting Director General, Science Program Branch of the Canadian Forest Service at NRCan. His responsibilities include: ensuring alignment of the CFS S&T portfolio to Government of Canada and departmental priorities; communicating the impact of NRCan's work to partners and stakeholders; creating an environment to sustain excellence in science; advancing science-policy integration; furthering the integration and performance of the forest sector innovation system; and, supporting the delivery of key programs including invasive alien species, climate change and adaptation, and genomics.

Rory was previously the Director of Strategic Policy at the Canadian Forest Service, overseeing the Aboriginal Forestry Initiative, the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers, and a variety of forest sector policy files. Prior to joining the Canadian Forest Service, Rory worked as an economist for the World Bank and a number of international clients in both the public and private sectors in North America, Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

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Ric  
Slaco



Ric has worked in the B.C. forest sector throughout his career that has covered a broad range of forest policy, environmental sustainability, and trade related issues. He was industry lead for the development of the new Forest and Range Practices Act, the Forest Sector Climate Action initiative and the Joint Solutions Project which has brought new thinking to agreements made in the Great Bear Rainforest.

Vice President and Chief Forester at Interfor since 2002, Ric is currently responsible for forestry, environment and trade for the company's Canadian based operations. He has been the Interim President of the BC Lumber Trade Council, Chair of the Coast Forest Conservation Initiative, and is past Chair of the Forestry Innovation and Investment Strategic Council.

Ric is a graduate from UBC Forestry (BSc 79) and became a Registered Professional Forester in 1981.

Interfor is a growth oriented company with operations in Canada and the United States. The company has an annual production capacity of approximately 3 billion board feet and offers one of the most

Dallas  
Smith

Born in White Rock, but has lived in the riding for 23 years; age 42. Married with two daughters.



President of Nanwakolas Council, a coalition of the Kwakwaka'wakw First Nations, for 10 years. Founder of the Tl'axsam Scholarship Fund at North Island College. Represented First Nations in the Great Bear Rainforest for 20 years protecting old growth rainforest and ensuring a viable economy; vice-president of the B.C. Amputee Golf Association; minister's council for people with disabilities; premier's council on the environment. Helped bring together government, indigenous communities, industry, and environmental groups to reach the Great Bear Rainforest agreement.

Jody  
Holmes



Jody Holmes is the Project Director for the Rainforest Solutions Project (RSP), a coalition of Greenpeace, Sierra Club of BC and Stand.org (formerly ForestEthics) and has dedicated 20+ years to achieving healthy human and ecological systems in the Great Bear Rainforest. She was one of the primary architects for the Great Bear Rainforest Agreements announced by First Nations and the Province of BC on February and March 1st 2016 which formalize a globally significant model of shared decision making, community wellbeing, rainforest conservation, ecologically responsible forestry and a burgeoning conservation economy in the Great Bear Rainforest. She is passionate about systems thinking and finding durable, innovative solutions to seemingly insoluble problems through conflict resolution and consensus decision making. In addition to being an avid kayaker, she has a Ph.D. in biology, an eclectic mix of leadership and negotiation training, and professional certifications in quantum energy medicine, body based psychotherapy and Core Energetics.

Herman  
Sundqvist



Herman was appointed Director General of SFA on Feb 25, 2016. Before that he was Head of Forest Management in the state owned forestry company Sveaskog in Sweden. Herman has had various positions in Sveaskog and AssiDomän. His main responsibilities has been forestry, forest management, nature conservation, real estate and forest research.

Before the position as Director General, Herman was involved in several boards, e.g. chairman of Skogforsk (the Forestry Research Institute of Sweden), chairman of the Swedish Forestry Association, SweeTre Technologies (biotechnology company), Setra (the largest sawmill company in Sweden). He also chaired one working group in the National Forest Programme of Sweden.

Herman is a doctor of Forestry at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (1993). His thesis was on Regeneration potential of Scots pine advance growth in northern Sweden.

Herman lives in Luleå in the far north of Sweden together with his wife and a 15 year old daughter. The two sons, 20 and 23 are studying at the Universities of Umeå and Gothenburg, respectively. When not working, Herman likes to take care of his own forest and a small herd of sheep. He is also a very interested ornithologist, as you will probably be aware of...

Peter  
Blombäck

Peter joined SFA in 2003, as International Coordinator and soon thereafter became Head of the International Secretariat. In 2006 Peter became Head of the newly created International Division which coordinated all SFA international activities. Following a reorganisation in 2010, which resulted in a merge with the Analysis Division, Peter assumed his current position as Head of the Policy and Analysis Division.



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Prior to joining SFA, Peter worked for the International Labour Organization (ILO) 1994-1998 and 2000-2003. Peter joined the ILO in 1994 as an associate expert and later held the position of the ILO Forestry and Wood Industries Specialist. Peter served in various capacities including providing support to ILO projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America and Secretary for the Joint ILO/FAO/ECE Committee on Forest Technology, Management and Training.

Peter holds a Msc of Forestry from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (1991). After his exam he worked three years for Svenska Kraftnät, the authority responsible for the national electricity grid.

Peter lives in Jönköping, some 300 km south of Stockholm, together with his wife and three children, one boy and two daughters. Peter is a keen hiker and sailor. He enjoys summers at their cottage on an island outside Gothenburg at the Swedish west coast and at his parents' place in Kalix in northern Sweden.

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