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Presenter Bios

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Toutes nos excuses aux lecteurs francophones.)*

John Bennett - Senior Policy Advisor Energy, Sierra Club of Canada and Executive Director, Climate Action Network of Canada (CANet)

CANet is an association of close to 100 groups from across Canada working to protect the climate from global warming. He was a founding member of CANet in 1989 and has served as its co-ordinator for the last three years. He has represented CANet on the Canadian delegation to climate change negotiations in Bonn and The Hague. He also served on the Public Education and Outreach Table of the National Process on Climate Change and now is a member on of the Advisory Committee on the Climate Change Hubs.

Over the last two years he has led the Sierra Club of Canada's CAFÉ Canada campaign to ensure the federal government lived up to its promise to negotiate an agreement with the automobile industry to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new cars. The agreement was finally signed on April 6, 2005. This was one of the club's most successful campaigns a to date.

For the last three years he has headed the Club's atmosphere and energy campaigns which include climate change, air pollution (The Ontario Campaign), energy policies and renewables and the nuclear campaign. He also is a member of the executive committee. John has also previously worked as a community journalist and as a campaigner for Greenpeace International's Oil Campaign and Greenpeace Canada's Atmosphere and Energy campaign.



Matthew Bramley Ph.D. - Director, Climate Change, Pembina Institute for Appropriate Development

Matthew Bramley leads the Pembina Institute's policy research, analysis and advocacy activities on climate change. His expertise encompasses government climate policy in general, climate policy as applied to industry in particular, greenhouse gas emissions trading, measurement and reporting, green power, and the current state of knowledge in climate change science and economics. Dr. Bramley is frequently cited in the media, and has been the lead researcher and author of numerous Pembina Institute publications and commissioned reports. He has been a key participant in projects to provide climate change policy advice to both government and corporate clients, and a member of several key national multistakeholder bodies on climate change. Dr. Bramley represented the Pembina Institute at the Sixth Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany (COP-6 part II, July 2001). He has a Ph.D. in theoretical chemistry from the University of Cambridge.

Gary Cook – US Climate Action Network (USCAN) Director

Gary came to USCAN in October 2003 after six years working for Greenpeace USA, where he served as Legislative Director and Coordinator for their Global Warming & Energy Campaign. Gary has been engaged in the UN climate negotiations since the Berlin Mandate negotiations in 1997, and was project leader for the Greenpeace Student Climate Summit in 2000, which brought over 200 US college and graduate students to COP 6 negotiations in the Hague. As Network Director, Gary is working to strengthen the coordination and collaboration across the network, particularly in efforts at the state and regional level, and to broaden the base of USCAN membership to include potential allies in other communities important to leveraging change both at the state and federal levels

Meinhard Doelle – Dalhousie University

Meinhard Doelle, BSc (Chemistry), LLB, LLM, JSD, is a full time faculty member at Dalhousie Law School, specializing in environmental law. From 1996 to 2001, he was the Executive Director of Clean Nova Scotia, whose mandate is to pursue an environmentally healthy and sustainable society in Nova Scotia. From 1990 to 1996 he practiced environmental law in Nova Scotia and was involved in drafting the NS Environment Act.

Meinhard also served as a policy advisor with the Federal Environmental Assessment Review Office (FEARO) during the development and passage of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act and regulations. From 2000 to 2004 he was an environmental representative on the Canadian Delegation for negotiations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. He has been a member of the Editorial Advisory Board for Canadian Environmental Regulation and Compliance News since 1997. Meinhard has written on a variety of environmental law topics, including climate change, invasive species, environmental assessments, and public participation in environmental decision making. His forthcoming book is entitled From Hot Air to Action: Climate Change, Compliance and the Future of International Environmental Law.

Jeff Fiedler – Climate Policy Specialist, Natural Resources Defense Council

Jeff Fiedler is a Climate Policy Specialist at the Natural Resources Defense Council, focusing on policies to cut global warming pollution from power plants, motor vehicles, and other major industries. His areas of specialization include the emerging domestic and international emissions trading systems; greenhouse gas accounting; and the land-use change and forestry sectors. Jeff Fiedler joined NRDC in 1999, after working for 8 years on global warming policy as a consultant to the US Environmental Protection Agency, private business, and NGOs. Jeff Fiedler holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry and a master's in environmental studies, both from Brown University.

The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is one of the oldest and largest environmental NGOs in the US, established in 1970 and representing over half a million members. NRDC has a staff of over 200 lawyers, scientists and other specialists. NRDC's 12-person Climate Center combines policy expertise, communications, organizing, and advocacy at the federal, state and local levels.

Raphaëlle Gauthier – Jurist & Climate Change Campaigner, Climate Action Network – France, and Special Advisor for COP11/MOP1, Équiterre

Raphaëlle Gauthier is a jurist & climate change campaigner and since 2000 has been directly engaged in international climate change negotiations. Ms. Gauthier's expertise and responsibilities includes the follow-up and analysis of European Policies on Climate Change, especially the set-up and implementation of economic tools (CO2 market, flexible mechanisms, certificates, etc.), as well as the analysis of French policies on climate change, especially related to industries and buildings. Ms. Gauthier holds a Masters in Environmental Law and a Masters in International & European Public Law. She is currently Équiterre's special advisor for COP11/MOP1.

Steven Guilbeault – Director, Greenpeace Québec and Climate and Energy Campaign director, Greenpeace Canada

Arguably the most well-know environmental leader and communicator in Quebec, Steven Guilbeault has been the director of Greenpeace Québec since 2000 and has been responsible for Greenpeace Canada's Climate and Energy campaign since 1997. In 2003, he coordinated Greenpeace International's Kyoto Protocol campaign. He also escalated the world's tallest tower, the CN tower in Toronto, in 2001 to hang a banner asking the Canadian government to ratify the Kyoto Protocol and installed solar panels on Ralph Klein's cottage to bring attention to renewable energy in Alberta.

Mr. Guilbeault has participated in many international environmental conferences, including the Johannesburg Earth Summit in 2002, the third United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 3) in 1997 in Kyoto, Japan, and half a dozen sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UNFCCC. The Montreal United Nations Conference on Climate Change will be his 7th COP meeting.

Bill Hare - Visiting Scientist, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research

Ilyse Hogue - Global Finance Campaign Director, Rainforest Action Network

Ilyse Hogue is Rainforest Action Network's Global Finance Campaign Director. Ilyse came to RAN six years ago to begin a corporate campaign against Citigroup, the largest financial institution in the world, for its lead role in investments that result in ecosystem destruction and climate change. The campaign ultimately resulted in the first voluntary agreement from the financial sector that provided a range of policy measures addressing deforestation, reducing the greenhouse gas footprint, indigenous rights and illegal logging. She then went on to lead the charge to convince Bank of America and JPMorgan Chase, respectively, to adopt even more comprehensive policies that have expanded the climate commitments to include a public advocacy commitment and increased resources for renewable energy and technologies. Before joining RAN, Ilyse worked with Greenpeace USA on the Ancient Forest Campaign, shifting American markets away from import and sales of old growth wood from endangered ecosystems. Ilyse has worked with the global justice movement in the United States and abroad in building alliances from global North to global South around issues of economic globalization and proposed solutions including localization and ecological debt. Participating in mass mobilizations around the world, Ilyse has experience working and training on tactical issues, strategic analysis, media, and direct action. Ilyse holds a Master's of Science in Resource Ecology Management from the University of Michigan and a Bachelor's of Art in Environmental Science from Vassar College.

Jennifer L. Morgan - Director, Global Climate Change Program WWF International

Jennifer Morgan joined the Worldwide Fund for Nature in July 1998. She leads WWF's Global Climate Change Programme, present in over 30 countries around the world. In that role, she heads the WWF delegation to the Kyoto Protocol climate negotiations, formulates and advocates climate change policies on the international and national level and directs WWF's science, business and communications efforts.

Before joining WWF Ms. Morgan worked for the US Climate Action Network, a network of over 200 environmental groups worldwide with eight regional offices working on global climate change. She took a leave of absence from CAN in 1996 to accept a fellowship with the Robert Bosch Foundation in Germany. During her year in Germany she worked for the European Business Council for a Sustainable Energy Future and for the Federal Ministry of Environment, during which time she worked for the head of the German delegation to the UN climate change negotiations.

Before her time at CAN, Ms. Morgan worked for the International Council for Local Environmental Issues in Freiburg, Germany on the Cities for Climate Protection campaign. Prior to that she worked on international trade issues at the Natural Resources Defense Council and World Bank policy at the National Audubon Society.

She has a Bachelor of Arts from Indiana University in Political Science and Germanic Studies and a Masters of Art from the School of International Service, The American University in International Affairs.

Hugo Séguin - Coordonnateur des communications et des changements climatiques, Équiterre

Trained in international affairs at the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (Ottawa) and holder of a degree in political science from the Université de Montréal, Hugo Séguin has been Équiterre's Communications Coordinator since 2003. He also coordinates the *Centre québécois d'actions sur les changements climatiques*, Quebec's climate change hub created by 6 environmental groups in December 2004, and is a Greenpeace Quebec board member.

Before joining Équiterre, Mr. Séguin worked for many Quebec government ministries, including the Ministry of the Environment where he was involved with three main mandates : the National Water Policy, ratification of the Kyoto Protocol in Canada and climate change.

Hugo Séguin now heads Équiterre's ENGO Secretariat (*Secrétariat des ONGE*), the United Nations' official local partner, which will offer logistical support to all ENGO delegates that will participate in the Montreal United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 11/ MOP1). He is also one of the main speakers in *Alerte Climatique*, a road show that is presented this Fall by Équiterre and Greenpeace Quebec in 5 cities to raise awareness about this important environmental issue.

Stephen A. Smith, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy

Stephen A. Smith, DVM has been Executive Director of Southern Alliance for Clean Energy since 1993 and has actively worked with numerous non-profit organizations addressing energy, water, forest, air, nuclear weapons production and nuclear waste issues since 1982.

Dr. Smith received a Doctorate in Veterinarian Medicine from the University of Tennessee (1992) and a Bachelor of Science in biology from Kentucky Wesleyan College (1988). In 2000, Dr. Smith's environmental passions led him to set aside his veterinary practice to devote himself fulltime to Southern Alliance for Clean Energy.

Currently, Dr. Smith serves as co-chair for the U.S. Climate Action Network board of directors; the national governing board of the Center for Resource Solutions' National Green Power Accreditation; TVA's Green Power Marketing Committee where he chairs the Third-Party Certification workgroup; and Florida Power and Light's Green Power public advisory committee.

Dr. Smith is a frequent speaker at public events on topics of energy policies and issues. Some of Dr. Smith's experience includes testifying before the Georgia Public Service Commission to advocate for the development and regulatory approval of a Georgia Power and Savannah Electric accredited green power program; testifying before Great Smoky Mountain Congressional Caucus on air quality problems at the National Park; testifying on the operations of the Tennessee Valley Authority before U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Public Works and Transportation, Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight; serving two terms on TVA's Regional Resource Stewardship Council, a federal advisory panel to make recommendations on TVA's management of the Tennessee River watershed; serving on the U. S. Department of Energy, Tennessee Valley Electric System Advisory Committee.

Richard Worthington – South African Climate Action Network & Earthlife Africa

Richard Worthington is project co-ordinator of the Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Project (SECCP), project of Earthlife Africa Johannesburg and WWF Denmark. The project, which has five staff, including one based in Denmark, is funded by the Danish Government, DANIDA (formerly through the DANCED programme). His responsibilities include project management and development, advocacy and outreach content and co-ordination & research management - SECCP studies include: 'Policies and Measures for Renewable energy and energy Efficiency in South Africa' by EDRC with ERI (UCT, 2003); 'Employment Potential of Renewable Energy Technologies in South Africa' by AGAMA Energy (Nov. 2003); 'Green Power, Public Benefits and Electricity Sector Restructuring' by H Winkler and J Mahvangu, (EDRC, 2002);