

Profiles of the Speakers



Björn STIGSON
President, WORLD BUSINESS COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
Geneva, Switzerland

Björn Stigson has been President of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), a coalition of some 200 leading international corporations, since 1995. He also serves on the boards of committees advising the Chinese government, the Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes, the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Clinton Global Initiative and the Global Reporting Initiative.

Mr Stigson began his career as financial analyst with the Swedish Kockums Group. From 1971-82, he worked for ESAB, an international supplier of welding equipment, where he was responsible for finance, operations and marketing. In 1983 he became President and CEO of the environmental control technology company Fläkt Group. Following the acquisition of Fläkt by ABB, in 1991 he became Executive Vice President and a member of ABB Asea Brown Boveri's Executive Management Group. From 1993-94 Mr Stigson ran his own management consultancy.

Lewis FULTON
Senior Transport Energy Specialist, INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY
Paris, France



Lewis Fulton is a senior transport energy specialist at the International Energy Agency and has been working in the areas of transport and energy for more than 20 years overall.

He was involved in developing and implementing sustainable transport projects around the world with the UN Environment Programme in 2006 and 2007, leveraging funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF). His IEA reports have dealt with transport, energy and CO₂ issues, including in particular fuels and biofuels and future bus systems. Before, Mr Fulton has worked at the U.S. Department of Energy (1992-1996) and at the Independent University in Bangladesh (1996-1997).

Lewis Fulton holds a PhD in Energy Management and Environmental Policy.





Ivan HODAC
Secretary General, ACEA

Ivan Hodac has been Secretary General of ACEA since 2001. Building on a large experience in EU affairs, he maintains close relationships with the European Commission, the European Parliament and the representatives of the EU Member States. Representing the 15 major European automobile manufacturers at EU level, he is also counterpart for other industry associations, NGOs and consumer organisations. Before joining ACEA, he was Senior Vice President and Head of Time Warner Europe office.

Ivan Hodac studied mechanical engineering in Prague. He completed his education at the University of Copenhagen (economics and political science) and the College of Europe in Bruges (European studies).

Kathryn CLAY
Director Research, ALLIANCE OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS



Kathryn Clay is the Director of Research for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

Previously, she served as a member of the professional staff of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. While on the Committee, she worked on the development of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005. She was also centrally involved in the development and passage of legislation such as the America COMPETES Act of 2007 to promote federal investment in science and the development of innovative technologies. Ms Clay has also served in positions with the staff of the Energy Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science, at the Massachusetts Division of Energy Resources, and as a research fellow in the Alternate Fuels Vehicle Division of Ford Motor Company.

Kathryn Clay holds a PhD in physics and Masters Degree in electrical engineering.



Akihiko HOSHI
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Akihiko Hoshi has been Director of the Environment Division at the MLIT since 2008.

He joined the Ministry in 1997, and became Senior Officer for vehicle safety regulations and international harmonization in the following year. From 2001-2003, he was responsible for international negotiations on automobile affairs. For the Japanese Foreign Affairs Ministry he then worked on a grant aid project for Pakistan, Iraq and Cambodia until 2005, when he became a transport specialist at the Mission of Japan to the European Union in Brussels.

