



EUROPEAN FREE TRADE ASSOCIATION

# Speakers CVs

Joint EFTA Parliamentary and Consultative Committees  
Conference

Solstrand Hotel, Bergen  
Monday 13 October

## **Svein Roald Hansen**

Chairman of the EFTA  
Parliamentary Committee



Member of the Storting for Østfold County since 2001

### ***Storting Committees***

2005: Member of the Standing Committee on Scrutiny and Constitutional Affairs

2001-2005: Member of the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs

### ***Delegations***

2005: Head of the Norwegian delegation to the EFTA and EEA Parliamentary Committees

### ***Government positions***

1992 -1995: State Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister

1986 -1989: Political adviser, Office of the Prime Minister

### ***Local government***

1995-1999: Chairman of the Fredrikstad Municipal Council

1993-1995, 1999: Member of the Fredrikstad Municipal Council

## **Liv Monica Bargem Stubholt**

State Secretary,  
Norwegian Ministry of  
Petroleum and Energy



### **Work experience:**

- 2007 - State secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Energy
- 2005-2007 - State secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- 2000-2005 - Partner, law office Bugge, Arentz-Hansen & Rasmussen (BA-HR)
- 1997-2000 - Project Manager, Norsk Investorforum
- 1993-2003 - Guest Lecturer in Community Law for the Master of International Business programme, Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration
- 1995-1997 - Political Adviser to the Centre Party Parliamentary Group (to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs)
- 1990-1995 - Associate/advocate, law office Bugge, Arentz-Hansen & Rasmussen (BA-HR)
- 1990 - Trainee, European Commission (Legal Services), Brussels
- 1987-1990 - Associate, law office Jens B Heggemsnes and Bredo Stabell

### **Education:**

- 1987 - Graduate degree in law, University of Oslo
- 1989 - Studies in European community law, University of Oslo
- 1999 - Studies in computer law, University of Oslo

### **Areas of Legal Expertise:**

Substantive EEA and community law, litigation, aquaculture, real estate

### **Political Portfolio:**

High North, EU and EEA, WTO, energy and environment, business related topics

### **Previous and Present Appointments:**

- Member of the board, Statnett SF
- Member of the Disciplinary Council for the Oslo branch of the Norwegian Bar Association
- Deputy member of the board of the Institute for Social Research
- Anti-Money Laundering Co-ordinator (BA-HR)
- Supervisory Committee Anti-Money Laundering (appointed by the Ministry of Finance)
- Committee of State Secretaries on International Strategy for Social Corporate Responsibility
- Contributor to the aquaculture periodical Aquatic and the fisheries periodical Kystmagasinet

## **Nils Morten Udgaard**

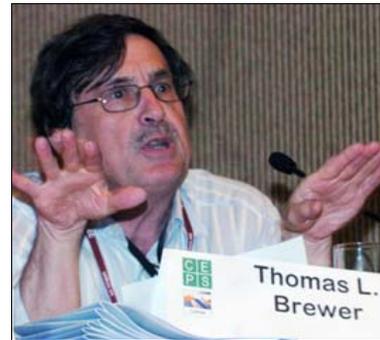
Former Foreign Affairs Editor,  
Aftenposten



Nils Morten Udgaard is a commentator on foreign affairs, history and politics. He is a former foreign editor of Aftenposten – Norway’s leading newspaper - and has been the paper’s correspondent in London, Moscow and Bonn, as well as an editorialist in the head office in Oslo. Nils Morten Udgaard served as State Secretary and foreign policy adviser to Prime Minister of Norway, Kaare Willoch, 1984-1986, and held a position as adjunct professor of Soviet and Russian studies at the University of Bergen 1991-1997. Udgaard has published widely on international affairs and history in his paper, in journals and in a number of books in several countries. He is educated at the University of Oslo and earned a Ph. D. in international relations at the London School of Economics. Udgaard speaks English, German and Russian.

## Thomas L. Brewer

Professor, Georgetown University, Washington  
Associate Fellow, Center for European Policy Studies  
brewert@georgetown.edu



Professor Brewer specializes in issues associated with climate change, including the intersections of climate change issues with international trade, technology transfer and investment issues. His publications include numerous articles in the refereed journal *Climate Policy* as well as chapters in books published by Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press and other leading publishers. He has made presentations on climate change issues at The Brookings Institution in Washington, the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London, the European Union and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) in Brussels, the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) in Tokyo, the 2005 COP/MOP climate change conference in Montreal, the 2007 COP/MOP climate change conference in Bali, the Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome, the World Bank in Washington, DC, and conferences of the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in Geneva and Shanghai, as well other conferences for academic, business and government audiences. He is a participant in the European network of climate change scholars, Climate Strategies. He has authored or edited numerous books and published articles in a wide range of refereed journals on international business issues, including trade and investment issues at the World Trade Organization (WTO). For five years, he was the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of International Business Studies*, a leading academic journal for interdisciplinary social science studies. He has been a consultant to the World Bank (including IFC and MIGA), the United Nations (UNCTAD), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). He is on the faculty of the Georgetown University McDonough School of Business in Washington, DC.

## **Pramod Dev M**

Policy Analyst,  
CUTS Centre for International Trade,  
Economics & Environment



Pramod Dev M is a Policy Analyst at the Centre for International Trade, Economics & Environment (CUTS CITEE) of CUTS International, India. At CUTS CITEE, he is engaged in research related to trade and environment, and trade and development issues. He has been working on trade and environmental issues for the past eight years. He has worked with different national and international organisations and conducted extensive field research in India and few countries of Asia-Pacific region.

Pramod has produced research reports on issues related to trade and environment, trade policy formulation and development for CUTS-CITEE and United Nations Development Programme(UNDP). He has worked closely with Ministry of Environment and Forest, India on policy issues. He has contributed to the development of Climate Change Programme at CUTS International.

He holds an M Phil Degree in South Asian Studies and read international relations and economics for his Post Graduate and Bachelor Degrees, respectively. He is currently a Doctoral candidate at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, trying to understand the impact of European ecolabels on garment exports from India. His research interests are environmental norms, textiles, and development. He is also a part-time documentary film maker, focussing on environmental and social issues.

## **John Evans**

General Secretary,  
Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD



John Evans is General Secretary of the Paris-based Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD (TUAC).

Mr. Evans is a British national. Prior to joining TUAC, his previous appointments have included Research Officer at the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) in Brussels, Industry Secretary at the International Federation of Commercial, Clerical and Technical Employees (FIET) in Geneva and Economist in the Economic Department of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) in London. Mr. Evans has a degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford University (1973). He is currently a member of the Board of the Global Reporting Initiative, and member of the Helsinki Group.

TUAC was founded in 1948, and following the creation of the OECD, it was recognised as an independent body entitled to represent the views of trade unions vis-à-vis the OECD. Along with the International Trade Union Confederation and the Global Union Federations it is a member of the Council of Global Unions and also coordinates union input to the G8 process. It comprises 58 national trade union centres in OECD Member countries, and thus represents some 66 million organised workers.

## **Prof. Dr. Reinhard Quick**

Head of Liaison Office, Brussels  
Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V.



Reinhard Quick received his legal education in Germany (Dr. iur.) and a Master of Laws (LL.M.) from the University in Michigan. During this period he was a stagiaire with the EC Commission in Brussels and the GATT Secretariat in Geneva.

In 1984 Reinhard Quick became a Trade Policy Adviser for the German Chemical Industries Association (VCI) in Frankfurt. In 1987 he was appointed Head of the Legal Service of the European Chemical Industry Council (CEFIC) based in Brussels. Since October 1993 he heads the VCI Liaison Office in Brussels.

Reinhard Quick is currently vice-chairman of the WTO Working Party of BUSINESSEUROPE and chairman of the Trade and the Environment Working Group of BUSINESSEUROPE. He has been appointed honorary professor for international economic law at the University of Saarland in Saarbrücken where he teaches a course on trade and environment. He gives lectures on specific WTO subjects at the London School of Economics and at the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

### **Education**

1973-78	Legal studies at the University of Mannheim
1981-83	Junior Lawyers' Training (Referendarzeit)
1983	Dr. jur., University of Mannheim
1978/79 & 1981	Internship with the EC-Commission and the GATT-Secretariat
1983-84	Post graduate studies at the University of Michigan Master of Laws (LL.M)

### **Professional Background**

1987-93	Head of Legal Service, CEFIC, Brussels
1984-87	Trade Policy Advisor, Verband der Chemischen Industrie e.V., Frankfurt/Main

## **Michela Beltracchi**

European Policy Coordinator,  
International Emissions Trading Association (IETA)



Michela has joined IETA as European Policy Coordinator in May 2007.

Until 2007 she worked as environmental policy officer at Confindustria, the Italian business federation. Before then she worked as parliamentary assistant to Chris Davies MEP, a member of the European Parliament's Environment Committee and for General Electric Oil & Gas in Florence.

Michela graduated in International Relations at the University of Trieste Italy, and took a MA in European Studies at the College of Europe in Warsaw, Poland.

## **Vilhjalmur Egilsson**

Secretary General of SA-Confederation of Icelandic Employers



### **Professional background:**

Secretary General, SA – Confederation of Icelandic Employers from March 2006

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries 2004 – 2006

Executive Director, International Monetary Fund, 2003 – 2004

Member of Parliament 1991 – 2003

Secretary General, Iceland Chamber of Commerce 1987 – 2003

Economist, CIE 1982 – 1987

### **Educational background:**

Ph.D. Economics, University of Southern California 1982

## **Oliver Schäfer**

Policy Director,  
European Renewable Energy Council (EREC)



Oliver is policy director of the European Renewable Energy Council (EREC), representing the whole renewable energy industry, trade and research in Europe. He is responsible for all policy matters and representing the renewable energy sector throughout the world.

Before he joined EREC, he was working in the European Parliament as advisor for energy policy for several years.

He started his career in Germany as campaigner for a major political party.

Oliver studied political science and modern history.

Oliver was born in Germany.

## **Ronald Steenblik**

Senior Trade policy Analyst,  
OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate



Ronald Steenblik is a senior trade policy analyst in the OECD's Trade & Agriculture Directorate, responsible for the Directorate's work on trade and the environment. Ronald's current work is focused on the nexus between trade and climate change. This includes identifying tariff and non-tariff barriers to trade in technologies for mitigating climate change, and analyzing the contribution to greenhouse gas emissions of transport in the service of international trade.

In 2006 and 2007, Ronald served as the Director of Research for the Global Subsidies Initiative (GSI), an ambitious new program developed by the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD) aimed at improving information on the extent and effects of subsidies, especially those that are harming developing countries or the environment. During that time, he oversaw and undertook a number of studies on government support to biofuels – studies that have had a profound influence on the biofuels policy debate in Europe and North America. He continues to follow that debate and to speak on the topic.

Ronald's professional career spans three decades — in industry, academia, the U.S. federal government, non-governmental and inter-governmental organizations — generally on policy issues related to natural resources, the environment, or trade. Ronald holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Cornell University's School of Natural Resources (1974) and a Master's of Science degree in Energy Management and Policy from the University of Pennsylvania (1985).

## **Chris Davies**

Member of European Parliament



Chris Davies is a Liberal Democrat MEP representing the Manchester/Liverpool region of the UK. A graduate of Cambridge University, and a former Housing Chairman on Liverpool City Council, he was a member of the House of Commons before his election in 1999 to the European Parliament. Outside politics he ran his own business as a marketing consultant to industry.

In Brussels his work over the past nine years has concentrated on environmental matters. He is the lead spokesman for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats (ALDE) on the Parliament's Environment Committee, and is rapporteur for the draft EU Directive on the Geological Storage of Carbon Dioxide.

## **Agneta Rising**

Vice President Environment,  
Vattenfall Group



Agneta Rising is Vice President Environment at Vattenfall AB since 2003. Prior to holding the position as Head of Environment she was Director for Nuclear Business Development for several years at Vattenfall Generation. Since 1980 working at Vattenfall AB (formerly Swedish State Power Board) with radiological protection issues related to the nuclear fuel cycle. Appointed specialist, at the highest level within the Vattenfall Group, in the area of nuclear energy and environment.

Agneta Rising was elected Chairman of the World Nuclear Association (WNA) in May 2000. She is also the former President and co-founder of Women In Nuclear (WIN), a worldwide organisation with 2000 members in 54 countries. She was President of the European Nuclear Society and President of the Swedish Nuclear Society. She is appointed by the Swedish Minister of Environment as a member of the Liability Board of the Environmental Liability Insurance. Agneta has also been an advisor to the government's programme analysing and reporting on the development of new reactors in the world, appointed by the Swedish Minister of Industry and Trade. Agneta Rising is appointed, 2007-2011, as a member of INSAG, the International Nuclear Safety Group. INSAG is a group of experts with high professional competence in the field of safety working in regulatory organizations, research and academic institutions and the nuclear industry. INSAG is convened under the auspices of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) with the objective to provide authoritative advice and guidance on nuclear safety approaches, policies and principles. In particular, INSAG will provide recommendations and opinions on current and emerging nuclear safety issues to the IAEA, the nuclear community and the public.

## **Frederic Hauge**

President, The Bellona Foundation



In 1986, Frederic Hauge established BELLONA, which has facilitated concrete changes in environmental policies among political and industrial leaders in Norway and internationally. Today, Bellona is an international scientific and technology based environmental NGO. In 2007, Mr. Hauge was elected Vice Chairman of the Advisory Council for the European Commission's Technology Platform for Zero Emission Fossil Fuel Power Plants (ZEP).

## **Gudni Albert Jóhannesson**

Director General of The Icelandic  
National Energy Authority



**Education:** MSc in Engineering Physics 1976, PhD in Building Technology 1981 and associate professor (docent) 1982 from the University of Lund, Sweden.

### **Employment record:**

1975-1981 Research and teaching assistant at the Dep. of Building Technology, University of Lund.

1981-1982 Assistant professor at the Dep. of Building Technology University of Lund.,

1982-1984 Part time specialist at the Icelandic Building Research Institute.

1982-1990 Own consultancy firm in building physics in Reykjavík.

1988-1990 Part time as research supervisor at the Division of Applied Physics at the University of Umeå

1990 - Appointed as a professor in Building Technology and Energy Conservation at KTH

1994 - Appointed as a full professor in Building Technology at KTH.

2008 - Appointed as Director General for the National Energy Authority in Iceland

### **Professional experience**

Research and teaching within the field of building physics, building technology and energy conservation in buildings and standardization. Consultant in building technology, building physics and HVAC systems in buildings. Board member of several companies within the building sector. Founder and first national president of the co-operative housing union Búseti in Iceland. Holder of three patents within the HVAC and building sector of which two are in production. Participated in three international standardization groups and in three annexes within the International Energy Agency. Participation in several industrial development projects.

### **Academic record**

Since 1992 acting as full professor and leader of the division for The Division of Building Technology. During this time six doctoral dissertations have been defended and five new licentiate exams have been passed at the division. Several tasks at KTH such as ad vice faculty dean, member of the Faculty Board at KTH, deputy head of the Department for Building Sciences, member of the Central Faculty, Research and Education board for the Civil Engineering program, evaluation committee for excellence stipendiums. Served as the faculty opponent at disputations on eleven different occasions at KTH, LTH, DTU, NTNU, UU and at Helsinki University. Expert in nomination of professors and higher academic staff at KTH, CTH, LTH, UmU, DTU, NTNU, HU and the universities in Stuttgart and in Botswana.

## **Gunnar Eskeland**

Climate Professor,  
Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration



Eskeland holds a PhD in economics from Norwegian School of Economics and Business Administration (NHH). Before joining NHH as a professor, he has held senior research and director positions at The World Bank and Center for Climate Research. Eskeland has 20 years international experience with research on various areas of public policy, predominantly on environmental issues. He has worked on issues as varied as air pollution control in Mexico City, on government decentralization, on education policies, and on international cooperation on climate issues. Most recently, Eskeland has worked on energy and climate issues in Europe, raising questions about insufficient attention paid to research and development, including in international treaties.