

Mr. Steve Sawyer

Secretary General, Global Wind Energy Council

Mr. Steve Sawyer is Global Wind Energy Council's first Secretary General. A US and Dutch citizen, he has thirty years of international experience in the area of energy and climate change policy.

Mr. Sawyer is widely recognized as one of the greatest experts on international policy coupled with an in-depth understanding of climate change and renewable energy and is a strong advocate of wind energy and other renewables technologies.

Mr. Sawyer has spent 30 years working for Greenpeace, primarily on a wide range of energy issues. He was the CEO of both Greenpeace USA ('86 to '88) and Greenpeace International ('88-93'), and he served as Head of Delegation to many sessions of the Kyoto Protocol/ UN Framework Convention on Climate Change negotiations, as well as heading delegations to the Johannesburg Earth Summit in 2002 and numerous sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development. Mr Sawyer is also a founding member of the REN21 Renewable Energy Policy Network and was a Member of the Steering Committee of the Renewables 2004 ministerial conference in Bonn.

Since 2004, Mr. Sawyer has been an expert advisor to the Chinese government on the formulation of the country's Renewable Energy Law, which entered into force in 2006. Moreover, Mr Sawyer has provided expert advice to the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), and he is a reviewer for the Working Group III Report, which will be published on 4 May 2007.

Mr. Sawyer has worked closely with the renewable energy industry in the framework of his activities. In particular, he was involved in a number of joint publications with GWEC (Wind Energy Outlook 2006), EWEA (Wind Force 12), EPIA (Solar Generation 2006) and EREC (Global Energy Scenario 2006).