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George Greene has worked since 1973 in the fields of environment, nature conservation and sustainable development internationally and in Canada. He has held leadership positions with international organizations, the Canadian government, resource sector companies, consultancies and non-governmental organizations. He has worked in Canada, Indonesia and Switzerland with assignments in Africa, Asia and travel in Latin America.

Posts he has held include Assistant Director General IUCN (1995 – 1999); Director General Policy Development and Director Environment at the Canadian International Development Agency (1990- 1995); and, President and Chair *Stratos strategies to sustainability* (2000 – present). At Stratos he has provided strategic counsel and conducted organizational reviews of international organizations including lead of the international Advisory Panel for the World Bank Environmental Performance Review in 2000; management review of the Secretariat to the CBD (2007) and the conduct of the Third Review of the Effectiveness of the Financial Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity (GEF) for the CBD Conference of Parties (2008). He has worked with government and industry leaders on integrating sustainability into their business strategies and management processes.

He was a Member of the Council of the Global Environment Facility from 1993-1995; and, Co-Chair of the preparatory committee which established the World Commission on Dams in 1998. He has led negotiating teams to the Convention to Combat Desertification, the World Summit on Social Development, and the Bonn Guidelines on Access and Benefit Sharing under the CBD.

He has served with IUCN over 25 years as volunteer (Chair of the Canadian National Committee of IUCN), Secretariat executive staff (Assistant Director General), and Regional Councilor since 1998 where he serves as Chair of IUCN's Governance Committee. He has long experience with not-for-profit organizations including the Alberta Wilderness Society in Canada in the 1980s and was a member of the Sierra Club of Canada Foundation from 2003 to 2008.