

## **GREENE, George (Canada)**

### **Current employment and position/title:**

Chair, Stratos Inc. *Strategies to sustainability*

### **Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:**

George Greene has long experience with international institutions and domestic NGOs, government and business involved in environment and nature conservation.

He was a member of the GEF Council, and lead negotiator for the Convention to Combat Desertification, and the Bonn Guidelines for Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing. He has evaluated the performance of the Biodiversity Portfolio of the GEF for the CBD COP, and reviewed the functioning and structure of the CBD Secretariat in support of implementation of the decisions of the COP.

He led the drafting of the sustainable development policy base for the Canadian International Development Agency, was Director Environment at CIDA and Jakarta-based project manager for the Environmental Management Development in Indonesia capacity building project for 3 years.

Domestically he has been an active member, Board member and advisor to the Canadian Environmental Network, the Alberta Wilderness Association, Sierra Club of Canada and the SCC Foundation, and the International Institute for Sustainable Development. He has worked with the natural resource sectors to put in place programmes to improve their environmental and social performance.

### **Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:**

George Greene has been active in IUCN since 1984, serving in many capacities including member of the Commission on Environmental Planning, Chair of the Resolutions Committee at the Buenos Aires General Assembly, Assistant Director General from 1995–1999, Chair of the Canadian Committee for IUCN from 2004–2008, and member of the Council from 2009–the present.

George works actively to support and represent the Canadian and North American and Caribbean Members of IUCN including through regular reporting on the work of Council and active participation in National Committee meetings and regional forums. His particular contribution is in governance of the Union, having a deep understanding of how IUCN works and of the functioning of boards.

He is Chair of the Council Governance Committee, member of the Finance and Audit Committee, and has served as member of the Congress Governance Committee. Key governance improvements he has championed include improving the effectiveness of Council, strengthening the role of National and Regional Committees and integration of the Commissions and IUCN Members into the IUCN Programme through the One Programme Charter and supporting implementation measures.