

**Senate Select Committee on California Mexico Cooperation**  
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**Speaker biographies**

**Dr. Duncan Wood**

Duncan Wood is the Director of the Mexico Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. For 17 years, Dr. Wood was a professor and the director of the International Relations Program at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City. He also held the role of researcher at the Centro de Derecho Económico Internacional (CDEI) at ITAM. He is a member of the Mexican National Research System (level 2), a member of the editorial board of *Foreign Affairs Latinoamerica* and has been an editorial advisor to *Reforma* newspaper. In 2007, he was a non-resident Fulbright Fellow. Between 2007 and 2009, he was technical secretary of the Red Mexicana de Energia, a group of experts in the area of energy policy in Mexico. He has been a Senior Associate with the Simon Chair and the Americas Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington D.C. His research focuses on Mexican energy policy, including renewable energy, and North American relations. He studied in the UK and Canada, receiving his PhD in Political Studies from Queen's University, Canada in 1996.

**Dr. Janaa Remes**

Dr. Jaana Remes is a partner at the McKinsey Global Institute (MGI), McKinsey's business and economics research arm, based in San Francisco. Since 2003, Dr. Remes has led MGI's research on productivity, urbanization, competitiveness, and growth. Her most recent research looks at the cities and the shifting global company landscape, the rising urban consuming class and shifting economic power of cities, as well as the patterns of urban growth and renewal across the Americas. Other recent work sheds light on the changing global manufacturing landscape through case studies of diverse industries and draws implications for companies and policy makers. Her previous research includes an in-depth analysis of how different policies have contributed to industry competitiveness and growth; the impact of multinational companies on emerging economies; as well as in-depth assessments of the barriers to competitiveness and growth across a range of economies, including the US, Canada, UK, Finland, Sweden, Brazil, and South Korea. She also has also led MGI's research agenda on energy, with a focus on understanding the microeconomic underpinnings of global energy demand growth and the opportunity to reduce energy demand growth through higher energy productivity. She advises global business and government leaders on related topics and frequently contributes to policy debates through articles and conference presentations.

Prior to joining MGI, Jaana was a consultant on McKinsey corporate finance and strategy projects in the US and Mexico, primarily working with software, semiconductor, and financial sector clients. Before joining McKinsey, she worked as a research fellow and consultant at several international development agencies and universities.

#### **Dr. Edward Taylor**

J. Edward Taylor is Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis, where he teaches courses on international development economics and econometric methods. He is also co-editor of the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* and founder of the alternative textbook initiative, RebelText.org. Taylor has written extensively on the economy-wide impacts of agricultural and development policies and on immigration. He co-authored *Village Economies: The Design, Estimation and Use of Villagewide Economic Models* (Cambridge University Press) and *Worlds in Motion: Understanding International Migration at the End of the Millenium* (Oxford University Press). He is listed in *Who's Who in Economics* and has advised a number of foreign governments and international development agencies on matters related to economic development. His website is : <http://jetaylor.ucdavis.edu>.

#### **Mr. Jose Dueñas**

Mr. Jose Dueñas is currently the President and CEO of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Alameda County in California, where he represents over 18,000 Hispanic owned firms. He leads the charge of building a sustainable economic and financial foundation for Latino businesses to grow and prosper through shared business partnerships, alliances and workforce development in the county. During his tenure, he has also helped create a Latino PAC to help promote Latino candidates and relevant policy issues. He also runs his own company, Global 8 Partners, focusing on international trade, government affairs and Hispanic business marketing. Prior to coming to the chamber, Mr. Dueñas created a Small Business Development program that served Alameda County through the Peralta Community College. The purpose of this program was to provide technical assistance to new and existing businesses. He was the President & CEO of the Bay Area World Trade Center (BAWTC), where he managed international trade functions for the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior to his position with BAWTC, Mr. Dueñas was a senior manager for the Port of Oakland, the fourth largest Port in North America. Mr. Dueñas is an active member of many community organizations.