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Keynote Speaker: Stephen Tapp is the Deputy Chief Economist at Export Development Canada (EDC) and oversees EDC's global economic and export forecast as well as the research program for the Corporate Research Department. Before joining EDC, Stephen was a research director at the Institute for Research on Public Policy, where he managed the International Trade and Global Commerce research program.

Stephen entered the federal government through the Recruitment of Policy Leaders program to work as a senior economist and adviser on economic and fiscal issues for Canada's first parliamentary budget officer. He has also worked as an economist and forecaster at the Bank of Canada, as a researcher at Finance Canada and the C.D. Howe Institute and as an economics instructor at Queen's University. His research has been published in academic journals, such as the Canadian Journal of Economics and Canadian Public Policy. Stephen is on the board of the Ottawa Economics Association.

EDC is Canada's trade finance agency, providing knowledge and innovative commercial solutions to help Canadian companies of all sizes go, grow and succeed internationally.



Walter (Buddy) Baker is an experienced Global Trade Finance Banker, Letter of Credit Expert, Global Trade Risk Management Consultant & Trainer. With over 30 years of experience in international trade finance, he is a recognized expert and author of numerous magazine articles and the books *Users' Handbook for Documentary Credits under UCP 600*, *Documentary Payments & Short -Term Trade Finance*, and *The Regulatory Environment of Letters of Credit and Trade Finance*. He makes frequent presentations for national associations of exporters, importers, bankers, and lawyers. Mr. Baker is actively involved in establishing national and worldwide standard practices for L/Cs, such as the latest revision of the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits (referred to as "UCP600"), the official ICC guide for examining letter of credit documents, called the International Standard Banking Practices for the Examination of Documents under Letters of Credit ("ISBP"), the "eUCP" supplement to the UCP, dealing with electronic documents, the International Standby Practices ("ISP98"), and Article 5 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

He has acted as an advisor to the Wolfsberg Group, an international group that includes most of the largest banks in the world, whose purpose is to set standards for combating money laundering, and to the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice.



Chris Caparon is the COO and VP of Professional Services at Cforia Software, a global enterprise software provider, delivering industry leading working capital and accounts receivable (A/R) automation software. Over 230 enterprises in 55 Countries are managing \$250 billion in run-rate A/R portfolios with Cforia today.



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Richard Clark is the Director of Corporate Credit for Parker-Hannifin Corporation, based in Cleveland, Ohio. Parker is a \$11 billion global revenue company and is a leading world-wide manufacturer of motion and controls technologies and systems. Prior to Parker, Richard served as the Director of Global Credit for the Industrial Technologies Sector of the Ingersoll-Rand Company.

Richard has thirty years of experience in credit and trade finance and has been actively engaged in global markets and risk management. He has been active with various trade associations, both international and domestic and has also served on the Board of Directors for two International Groups. He is currently the Chairman for ICTF. Richard has made numerous presentations on international credit and trade finance and has sat on many panels throughout his career.

He has traveled extensively, to over forty countries world-wide, and has managed teams that support both export trade and international, in-country receivables.



Dr. Ken DeWoskin, the founder of the China Research and Insight Centre at Deloitte China, currently serves as Senior Advisor and Eminence Fellow to Deloitte LLP for China research and insight, and provides research and thought leadership and consults with C-Suite executives on critical financial, economic, and business issues.

Dr. DeWoskin's direct experience with mainland China goes back to 1977. He has served numerous clients in financial and strategic investment, automotive and industrial sectors, energy, telecommunications, consumer products, retail, entertainment, media, and IT, software, pharmaceutical, logistics, and financial service industries.



Mike Dunn, RGCP, CICP currently serves as the Corporate Credit Manager for Neenah Incorporated, a leading global specialty materials company, focused on premium niche markets that value performance and image. In his current role, he is responsible for optimizing cash flow, managing global client accounts and mitigating credit risk. In addition, he provides leadership and guidance while developing best practices that drive operational efficiencies to the Credit Department. Prior to his current role, Mike held positions with Motorola Inc., Compass Group LLC, and Automatic Data Processing.



Madeleine Féquière, CCP, CICP is currently Director & Corporate Credit Chief at Domtar. With over 20 years of experience, Ms. Féquière is a specialist in risk management and operations associated with business credit, improving credit conditions and in global trade. She has worked on several continents in various sectors of the economy. She is recognized for her leadership and her ability to develop and manage complex international business strategies. She serves on the boards of public, governmental and non-profit organizations. Ms. Féquière has received many awards in recognition of her achievements and has published various white papers in reputable credit risk & collections magazines. A leader in her field, she is also a respected lecturer.



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Angela Hodges, RGCP is Latin America Credit Supervisor for Eastman Chemical Company, which manufactures and markets chemicals, fibers and plastics worldwide. She has responsibility for Eastman's regional credit employees based in Mexico City and São Paulo. Prior to joining Eastman Chemical, Angela spent almost 14 years with Alcoa Inter-America, Inc. (a wholly owned subsidiary of Alcoa Inc.) where she managed their entire export region portfolio, including Latin America, Caribbean, Europe and Asia. Since obtaining her Master's degree in International Management from the Thunderbird School of Global Management, Angela's career has been focused entirely on international credit challenges. Angela has garnered over 20 years of experience in credit management, all with Fortune 500 corporations. Last but not least, Angela is extremely proud to serve on the Board of Directors for ICTF.



Michael "Bret" Hood is a financial crimes, ethics, money laundering and leadership expert with 25 years' experience in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During his career, Bret has worked on some of the most infamous cases in American history to include 9/11, the Oklahoma City Bombing and the multi-billion dollar HealthSouth fraud case. Because of his experience, Bret was chosen to be an adviser when the FBI created their executive leadership development programs as well as being chosen to be a leadership instructor at the FBI's National Academy, a 10 week college program for law enforcement executives from all over the world.

Bret has led over 50 United States government delegations to foreign countries and has been accepted as an adjunct professor of leadership for the University of Virginia. Bret has instructed and created blocks of instruction on a range of topics to include forensic accounting, executive leadership, crisis management, Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, money laundering and anti-bribery compliance programs. Some of the venues in which Bret has instructed include the National Executive Institute, the Association of Certified Fraud Examiner's Global Fraud Conference, the University of South Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Institute of CPAs, the Malaysian Federal Reserve, regional/international law enforcement executive development seminars as well as International Law Enforcement Academies in Hungary, Dubai and Botswana.