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Biography

“My first experience with FSC was as a graduate student participating in a forest management certification audit of my school’s forests.” Sophie Beckham is the Senior Manager of Natural Capital Stewardship at International Paper (IP), where she manages a diverse array of initiatives aimed at improving International Paper’s environmental footprint and promoting the long-term sustainability of natural capital.

Prior to joining IP, Ms. Beckham applied her training as a forester to work in domestic and foreign contexts, holding positions with forest management organizations and home furnishings retailers. Sophie’s interest in the transformation of materials into products that people use every day stems from a lifetime spent exploring the ways in which people rely on natural resources, and in turn, the impact our decisions have on people and planet. Early formative experiences on trails, in tents, and in forests and foreign countries contributed to a professional journey that has been dedicated to advancing sustainable business practices in consumer goods and manufacturing sectors for the past fifteen years. She holds a Master of Forestry degree from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies.

Position Statement

Since 2002, I’ve participated in four FSC General Assemblies, worked with FSC certificate holders in more than a dozen countries and most recently served a three-year term as a member of FSC US Board of Directors, representing the Economic Chamber.

Through my experience as an FSC US Board member, it has become clear to me that shared vision and collaboration are critical for the global success of FSC. In addition to cross-chamber collaboration, a well-governed organization will ensure the FSC system maintains credibility while also delivering value to certificate holders. In my first term on the FSC US Board, I worked with fellow representatives to advance the development of the US Controlled Wood National Risk Assessment, contribute to FSC US marketing tools (FSC Anthem Video), and build relationships with FSC International on key issues for US certificate holders. If elected to a second term, I commit to serve the FSC US organization and members by bringing my background and experience in the forest product sector to bear in working across chambers to elevate the U.S. contribution to delivering on the FSC Global Strategy.