

Bio-sketch
Steve Johnson, ITTO

Steve Johnson is a Canadian who studied forestry at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. His PhD in forest economics was undertaken at the University of Canterbury in Christchurch, New Zealand, after which he lectured in forest management and economics at the University of Melbourne in Australia. During this time his research interests included socio-economic impact studies of communities affected by the World Heritage listing of Australia's wet tropics and subsequent cessation of timber production from these areas. This led to contacts with and subsequent recruitment by ITTO in 1990, where he served 12 years in the division of Economic Information and Market Intelligence followed by 11 years as Communications Manager. His current post (since 2013) is Director of ITTO's Division of Trade and Industry. He led the ITTO Secretariat as Officer-in-Charge from October 2015 until May 2017 and reprised that leadership role in 2021 and early 2022. He is a key part of ITTO's senior management team and oversees various aspects of ITTO's technical program promoting sustainable forest management and sustainable forest products trade throughout the tropics.

