Short Bio of Harris Gleckman

Dr Harris Gleckman is a senior fellow at the Center on Governance and Sustainability at the University of Massachusetts Boston and Principal at Benchmark Environmental Consulting, Chappaqua, NY

He headed the Environment Unit at the former UN Centre on Transnational Corporations, until the UNCTC was closed down. There he assisted in developing recommendations on TNCs and sustainable development for the 1992 Rio Conference and recommendations on how include TNCs in the then draft climate conventions. Subsequently he was a member of the UN team that organized the 2002 Conference on Financing Development and a staff member at UNCTAD here in Geneva and in New York.

Benchmark Environmental Consulting and the Center on Governance and Sustainability is currently researching two areas related to TNCs and human rights. First is an examination of the ways that projects based on multi-stakeholder governance weaken multilateralism and democracy. Second Dr Gleckman is working with delegations, CSOs, and the UN secretariats on the structuring institutions arrangements at the UN system to be more effective on economic, social, gender, and environmental matters, including on the standards for TNCs to engage with the UN system.