

## **John L. Blackwell**

*Director Emeritus, World Forestry Center*

John Blackwell is an engaged citizen in Oregon, a respected and connected civic volunteer, and an involved advocate for responsible and sustainable forestry worldwide. He is the founder of *Celebrate Trade*, an annual Oregon event honoring international business accomplishment and providing scholarships for high-achieving university students in international studies.

His career as a professional forester began with a BS in Forest Management and graduate studies in forest entomology from Washington State University and notably continued through his role as the founding President and CEO of the World Forestry Center in Portland. He continues to serve as a Director Emeritus of the World Forestry Center.

Blackwell's professional accomplishments are noted by his involvement in several organizations, often holding leadership roles.

- Dean, Oregon Consular Corps
- Founder, Oregon Consular Corps Charitable Foundation
- Chair, Oregon Board of Forestry
- Chair, Oregon Park Commission
- President, Cycle Oregon, & Founder, Cycle Oregon Foundation
- President, Arlington Club (Founded in 1867 in Portland as a business and social club)
- Trustee, Harry A. Merlo Foundation
- President, Ecosystem Forest Land Exchange Foundation
- Honorary Consul representing Malaysia in Oregon and Washington

Blackwell's current avocations include competitive bicycle riding and adventure motorcycle riding in North America, South America, Europe, and Asia. His wife, Christina Blackwell, is similarly committed to civic engagements in Oregon and Montana.