



Partner Meeting

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

1.30 pm to 5.00 pm

Venue:

Leathersellers' Hide
4th Floor, Learning Hub
University of Northampton
Waterside Campus
Northampton
NN1 5PH

TODAY'S AGENDA

13.30	Welcome Deborah Taylor, Managing Director, SLF
13.35	Benchmarking and SLF Annual Report 2024 Deborah Taylor, Managing Director, SLF
13.55	EUDR: Status, Impact, Challenges, Solutions: An update on the incoming regulation, and the Traceability Standard in development Gustavo Gonzalez-Quijano , COTANCE
14.20	The reality of preparing for compliance: A corporate case study Hans van Haarst, SHV Holdings and Chairman of the SLF Advisory Board
14.45	Technical Update: Audit Standard, Benchmarking, Guidance & Templates Deborah Taylor, Managing Director, SLF
15.05	Communicating Leather's Value: Redressing mis-information through robust factual data Katie Kutskill, Business Operations and Strategy Lead, Is It Leather?
15.20	BREAK / NETWORKING
15.40	Project Work Spotlight: Introduction, GIZ, LHCA and WWF projects Deborah Taylor, Managing Director, SLF
16.00	The Arc of Leather Production: Solutions in Training and Science Kevin Latner, Vice-President L&HCA, Non-Executive Director SLF
16.25	Leathertrace Bangladesh: Sustainable Manufacturing and Environmental Pollution (SMEP) programme Seyi Omoloso, Senior Lecturer, Sustainable Business, University of Northampton
16.45	Open Q & A Session All Participants
16.55	Closing Remarks Hans van Haarst, Chairman of the SLF Advisory Board

Following the main meeting, there will be Networking from 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm along with an opportunity to take a tour of the Institute for Creative Leather Technologies, led by Prof. Will Wise.

TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKERS



Gustavo Gonzalez-Quijano, Secretary General, COTANCE:

Since 1987, Gustavo has led the Brussels-based leather industry association COTANCE, the sector's EU umbrella organisation gathering the National Tanners' Associations of 11 European countries and representing over 90% of the continent's leather production. Gustavo Gonzalez-Quijano is a qualified lawyer specialising in European Law.

Hans van Haarst, Corporate Director of ESG, SHV Holdings

With over 30 years' experience working for Blue Chip process companies, Hans is an experienced strategist. As the CEO of Royal Smit & Zoon for 10 years, Hans was instrumental in steering the company to become one of the industry's leading chemical companies when it comes to a sustainable business vision. Now as the Corporate Director of ESG at SHV Holdings, Hans expands this perspective with a wider approach to sustainability. In addition to his full-time role, Hans has served on the Advisory Board of SLF since its inception in 2020 and is the current Chair since 2021, providing governance oversight to the Foundation.



Katie Kutskill, Business Operations and Strategy Lead, Is It Leather?

Katie holds a BA in Environmental Studies and Political Science from the University of Michigan and an MSc in Leather Technology from the University of Northampton. She has over a decade of experience in the leather industry, with her most recent roles as Technical Director at the Sustainable Leather Foundation and Executive Global Director of Product Development & Sustainability Officer at Pangea. Currently she is the Business Operations and Strategy lead for the "Is It Leather?" global campaign.



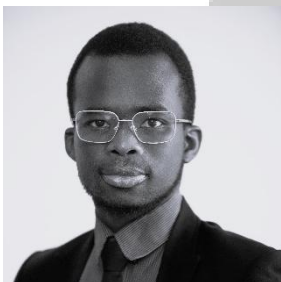
Kevin Latner, Vice-President, Leather & Hide Council of America

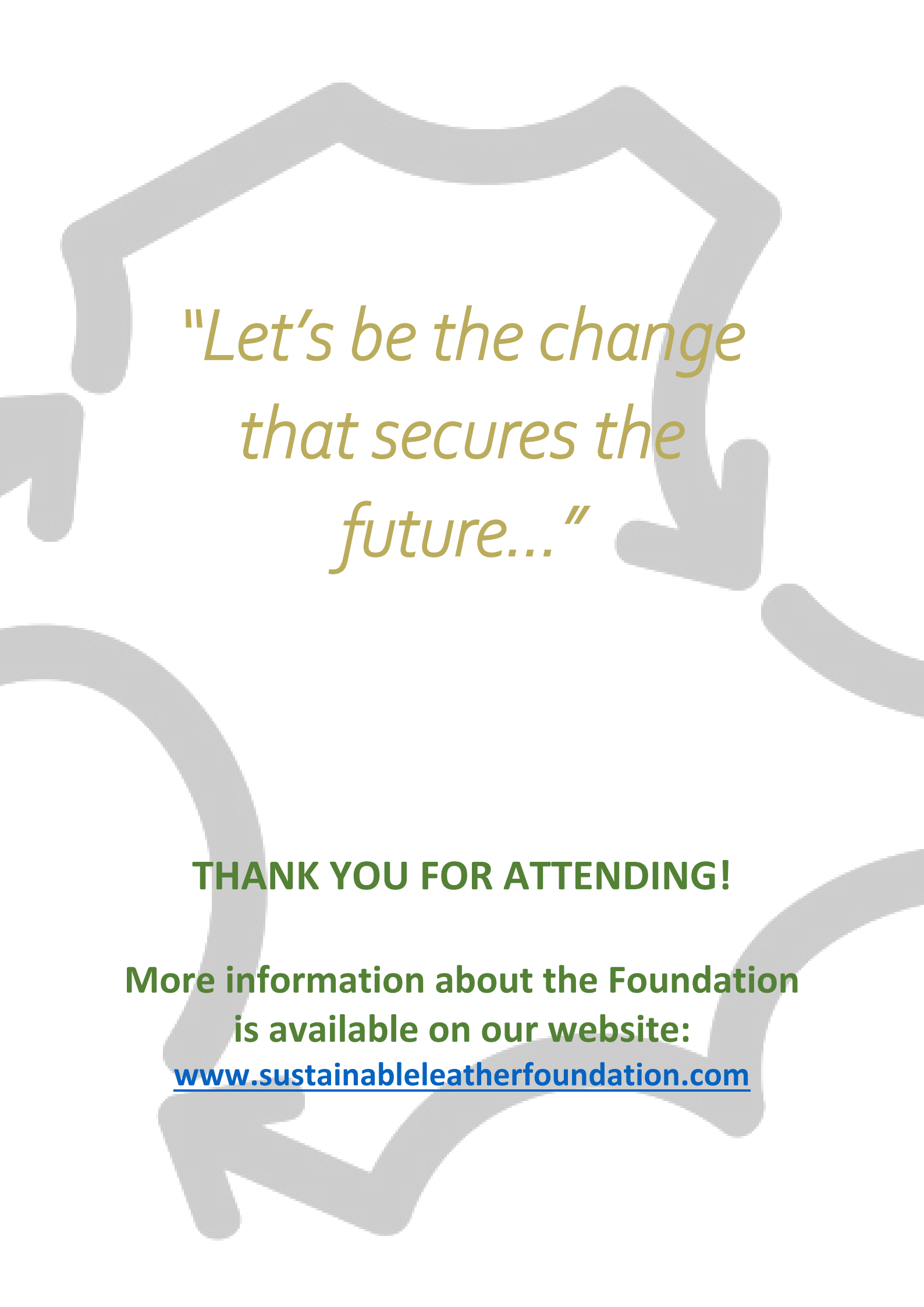
Kevin Latner is Vice-President of the Leather and Hide Council of America and Non-Executive Director of the Sustainable Leather Foundation. In his current role he supports L&HCA's global marketing program, sustainability initiatives and European partner engagement. Kevin has been associated with the agricultural industry for over 30 years, more than half of this time was with USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service in both China and Japan. He represented the US Grains council as the Representative to China and was the Executive Director of the Cotton Council International (CCI) and Vice-President of the National Cotton Council (NCC).



Dr Seyi Omoloso, Senior Lecturer, Sustainable Business, University of Northampton

Dr Omoloso is a Senior Lecturer in Sustainable Business at the University of Northampton. He obtained his PhD in Business Sustainability, investigating how leather related companies can better implement, communicate, and measure social sustainability impacts within their supply chain. He has been actively involved in leading enterprise projects related to Net Zero, Social Impact, Plastic Waste Mitigation, Circularity, Leather Sustainability and Lean Product Development. He has also contributed to International policies around plastic waste in Agriculture.





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