

# Insight on Coaching – Guest Bio

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## Introduction

Principal consultant and owner of Cleaner Production International LLC, Burton Hamner, is an international consultant and trainer in sustainable business and industrial pollution prevention. Burton has 15 years of consulting and training experience for organizations such as Nike Inc., the City of Seattle, the Washington Department of Ecology, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Bank, the governments of Thailand and Peru, and the United Nations. In October 2005, he chaired the session on Clean Technology and Investment at the UN Global Summit on Sustainable Finance in New York.

## Experience

Burton provides consulting services on sustainable business and corporate environmental management to business, government and universities at Cleaner Production International. He has been working full time in sustainable business and pollution prevention since 1991, when he joined the Washington Department of Ecology. There he was responsible for helping over 100 companies and organizations prepare 5-year Pollution Prevention plans meeting state requirements.

As a consultant, he has worked for the Asian Development Bank, the Thailand government, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S.-Asia Environmental Partnership of USAID, and worked as a Corporate Programs Manager for the ASEAN Environmental Improvement Project. He did a global study of clean tech financing mechanisms for small businesses for the Asian Development Bank. For USAID he conducted industry clean tech development projects in 10 countries. He also developed a Clean Technology Program for the Thailand Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment.

Burton has been an MBA professor of operations management and of management accounting at two international business schools: the Asian Institute of Management in Manila, Philippines and the Universidad de Pacifico in Lima, Peru.

## Education

Burton received an honors degree from Harvard in the History of Science with a minor in Marine Biology and earned Master's degrees in Business Administration and in Marine Studies from the University of Washington. He has over a dozen certificates from professional training courses ranging from Total Quality Management to Hazardous Waste Management.

## Professional Affiliations, Publications and Recognition

Burton is a member of the United Nations Environment Initiative's Latin America Task Force. His non-profit leadership experience include being on the committee chair of the Puget Sound Alliance, Washington Environmental Council, and Seattle Aquarium Society. His articles have been featured in *International Energy Journal*, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, *Pollution Prevention Review*, *Solid State Technology*, *Journal of Industrial Ecology*, *Journal of Corporate Environmental Strategy*, *Accountant's Journal*, *Journal of Cost Management*, and *Sea Magazine*.