

Thomas R. Jacob

Executive Director

Chemical Industry Council of California



Tom Jacob currently serves as Executive Director of the Chemical Industry Council of California (CICC), a role he assumed in January 2018. Prior to that time, he had served as CICC's Senior Consultant since 2012. Working through his firm, T. R. Jacob & Associates, he has focused on both his home-state of California (representing CICC) and global intergovernmental forums, where he has represented the American Chemistry Council (ACC).

Tom retired from 27 years with The DuPont Company in 2010, concluding as Government Affairs Director for the Western U.S. Region. After establishing DuPont's Sacramento office in 2005, he worked closely with the CIC, including service on its Executive Committee. Prior to taking DuPont's western post, Tom had spent 12 years representing the company and the global chemical industry in policy forums ranging from the United Nations (esp. those of the UN Environment Program - UNEP), to

the World Trade Organization (WTO), and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

California: In addition to assuming the duties of Executive Director, Tom continues his direct responsibility for advocacy on behalf of the CICC before the Legislature and various regulatory agencies of the State. With both CICC and his prior DuPont work, his primary focus has been environmental laws and regulations that particularly impact chemical industry operations and facilities in California, along with related considerations of health, safety and plant security.

With the CICC, Tom introduced the Council's Advocacy Principles as a vehicle to help ensure consistency in prioritization and conduct of the Council's advocacy efforts; and also broadened its regulatory focus to an increased number of State agencies, as well as State-wide initiatives related to California's unusual "CUPA's" ("Certified Unified Program Agencies" that coordinate various local and regional first-response and regulatory agents).

Tom's CICC duties continue work he has been involved with since he returned to his home state of California for DuPont. He has been deeply involved with the State's path-breaking "Green Chemistry" initiative and the resultant Safer Consumer Product Regulation (SCP); it's pioneering climate change law, AB-32 and it's noted Cap & Trade Program; and nanotechnology, where he founded and headed the California Nano-Industry Network. Tom served on the Technical Group of industry's "Green Chemistry Alliance" and on the Director's Advisory Committee for the Department of Toxic Substances Control. He has spoken on climate change, green chemistry and nanotechnology policy at forums throughout California.

International Affairs: Between his work for DuPont and ACC, Tom spent over 17 years representing the chemical industry in global intergovernmental policy forums. He led a variety

of efforts dealing with environment and sustainable development, and their intersection with the global chemical industry and its role as a foundation of economic development.

Tom's work for ACC from 2010-2017 focused heavily on Sustainable Development-related activities of the UN, including the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June of 2012 and various programs resulting from it. This included extensive involvement with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the larger UN Development Agenda. He also continued his involvement with UNEP, particularly its Chemicals programs, and its Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) program, for which Tom was the Global Focal Point for Business & Industry. He has also served UNEP on its Major Group Advisory Committee on International Environmental Governance, and two advisory committees within the UNEP Chemicals Program.

That international work built on prior DuPont work, where he had led DuPont and industry engagement with global environmental and sustainability policy issues, both directly and through the International Council of Chemical Associations (ICCA). In addition to "Rio 2012", he has participated in the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, UN Commission on Sustainable Development, the UNEP Governing Council, and the OECD Business & Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC). Tom has worked on behalf of industry with the World Trade Organization Committee on Trade & Environment and the World Intellectual Property Organization.

Tom also represented industry in negotiation of various international treaties. This included direct involvement with global negotiations under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Kyoto Protocol, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and both its Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, and Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing, for which he led the global industry coalition. In chemicals, he was involved with negotiation of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants, Rotterdam Convention on Prior Informed Consent, and the Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM). He has held leadership roles in numerous U.S. and international industry associations throughout his career; and spoken in forums ranging from the Royal Institute for International Affairs (Chatham House) to a plenary session of the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development.

Prior Experience: Tom joined DuPont as an analyst in the Economics & Policy Division of DuPont's former energy subsidiary, Conoco, where he focused primarily on upstream oil and gas issues, and state taxation and regulatory activity. He then moved to DuPont's Government Affairs organization as a policy analyst supporting its State and Federal Government Affairs groups. His background also includes service to the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), where he rose to Senior Planner at that agency overseeing development within the Lake Tahoe Basin.

Education: Tom holds two Masters Degrees from Yale University, with concentrations in Finance from the School of Organization & Management, and in Natural Resource Policy & Economics from the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies. Tom's undergraduate degree is from the University of California, Davis.

Personal Life: Tom and his wife of 49 years, Sue Ellen, live in Roseville, California, just outside of Sacramento. Their two daughters, sons-in-law and granddaughter all reside in the Seattle area. Tom was raised in San Jose, California. He is a passionate photographer.

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