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Mr. Bowerbank is a respected authority on green buildings, sustainable development, and low-carbon economics. From 2007-2010 he was the Executive Director of the World Green Building Council and Member Representative for the United Nations Environmental Programme. During his tenure Mr. Bowerbank worked closely with leaders in China to establish the China Green Building Council; he also supported a China/Canada green building collaboration through the EcoSmart Foundation to exhibit residential development strategies in Chongqing.

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