



2025 World Trade Summit

North Carolina:

A Gateway to Global Commerce

Monday, September 15th

- **5:00 – 6:00 PM** **Opening Reception**
- **6:00 – 8:00 PM** **Keynote Dinner & Speakers**



Lisa Bamford



Ethel Torres



Elaine Marshall

EVENING PROGRAM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Lisa Bamford, Director of Global Marketing & Business Development at Sciencix

Mistress of Ceremonies

Ethel Torres, CEO & President at National Drug Source

Keynote 1 Address

Elaine Marshall, North Carolina Secretary of State

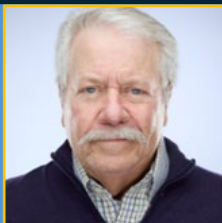
Keynote 2 Address

Christopher Chung, CEO at Economic Development of North Carolina





- 8:00 – 9:00 AM Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:00 AM Growing Your International Business
Interactive Panel Discussion



Tom Cook



David Jones



Nicole Murphey



Thomas Matthias

Moderator: Tom Cook, Managing Director of Blue Tiger International

Panelists:

- David Jones, Partner at GreerWalker CPA
- Nicole Murphey, Partner at Michael Best
- Thomas Matthias, Senior VP of Global Trade Finance at Regions Bank

- 10:25 – 11:00 AM Global Gateway: NC Ports



Featured Speaker: Brian Clark
Executive Director of NC Port Authority

- 11:15 AM – 12:15 PM Navigating Global Markets
Interactive Panel Discussion



Jonathan Szucs



Steve Hawkins



Sam McClure



Drew Brown

Moderator: Jonathan Szucs, President of Advanced Superabrasives Inc.

Panelists:

- Steve Hawkins, National Sea Logistics Trade Development Manager at Kuehne Nagel
- Sam McClure, Director of Compliance and Customs at CV International
- Drew Brown, VP of Business Development at Arc Transit Logistics

- **12:30 – 1:30 PM** **Lunch Keynote Speaker: Mike Fox**
The Triad Region: A Global Perspective



Mike Fox
President of Piedmont Triad Partnership

- **1:45 – 2:30 PM** **What's Up With Shipping?**
Featured Speaker: Salvatore Mergogliano, PhD



Salvatore Mergogliano, PhD
*Maritime Historian at Campbell University &
Host of "What's Going on with Shipping"*

- **2:45 – 3:00 PM** **Closing Remarks with Lisa Bamford**
& Summit Adjournment



Lisa Bamford
*Director of Global Marketing &
Business Development at Sciencix*

*Thank you for joining us for the 2025 NCWTA Global Trade Summit,
and please join us next year in Charlotte, our 2026 host city!*