



Biographies

Co-chairs and Moderator

Ms. Sally Collins

Ms. Sally Collins served as the first Director of the USDA Office of Environmental Markets (OEM) prior to retiring from USDA. OEM was established in 2008 “to advance markets for ecosystem services provided by farms, forests, and ranches across the country.” She has spent more than 25 years in natural resource management, working at the “field level” as a forest manager for 20 years prior to coming to Washington DC. Her last field assignment was Forest Supervisor of the 1.6 million acre Deschutes National Forest. For eight years, she served as Associate Chief for the U.S. Forest Service, sharing responsibilities with the Chief for management of all of the 155 National Forests and Grasslands, providing support to tribal, state and private lands, and overseeing research and international programs. She currently owns a consulting firm dedicated to primarily two types of work: international forestry and ecosystem services valuation. She works as a Fellow with Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) to help the largest forested countries of the world establish secure tenure arrangements and laws for their forested estates. Since 2006, Sally has served (and continues to serve) as Co-Chair of MegaFlorestais.

Dr. Herman Sundqvist

Herman was appointed Director General of SFA on Feb 25, 2016. Before that he was Head of Forest Management in the state-owned forestry company Sveaskog in Sweden. Herman has had various positions in Sveaskog and AssiDomän. His main responsibilities have been forestry, forest management, nature conservation, real estate and forest research.

Before the position as Director General, Herman was involved in several boards, e.g. chairman of Skogforsk (the Forestry Research Institute of Sweden), chairman of the Swedish Forestry Association, SweeTre Technologies (biotechnology company), Setra (the largest sawmill company in Sweden). He also chaired one working group in the National Forest Programme of Sweden.

Herman is a doctor of Forestry at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (1993). His thesis was on Regeneration potential of Scots pine advance growth in northern Sweden.

Herman lives in Luleå in the far north of Sweden together with his wife and their 15 year old daughter. The two sons, 20 and 23 are studying at the Universities of Umeå and Gothenburg, respectively. When not working, Herman likes to take care of his own forest and a small herd of sheep. He is also a very interested ornithologist, as you will probably be aware of...

Dr. Andy White

Andy White is Coordinator of the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). He also serves as President of the Rights and Resources Group, the nonprofit coordinating mechanism of the RRI Coalition based in Washington, D.C. Prior to co-founding RRI in 2005, Andy served as Senior Director of Programs at Forest Trends and Natural Resource Management Specialist at the World Bank, as well as worked as a consultant to the International Food Policy Institute, Save the Children Federation, and the Inter-American Foundation. He has worked extensively in Haiti, Mexico, and China. As Coordinator of RRI,



he advises policy research, advocacy, and engagement in Asia, Latin America, and Africa and leads initiatives and networks to advance RRI's mission. His research and publications have focused on forest tenure and policy, forest industry and trade, as well as the role of forests, communities, and institutions in climate change. Andy has a PhD in forest economics, a M.A. in anthropology from the University of Minnesota, and a B.S. in forestry from Humboldt State University.

Delegations

Madame HU Zhanguai, China

Madame HU Zhanguai, born in 1962, is Deputy Executive Director of Office for National Afforestation Committee, National Forestry and Grassland Administration. She once worked in the National People's Congress Standing Committee of Anhui Province and then served as Deputy Division Director and Division Director of General Office, Deputy Director General and Director General of Department of Science and Technology of National Forestry and Grassland Administration.

Dr. Tajamul Haque, India

Dr Haque's specialisation lies in the area of agricultural development and policy. He has served as Director of the Council for Social Development prior to which he was Chairperson, Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices, Government of India and was appointed National Fellow of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research at the National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research. He has served as a senior consultant to several organisations such as the International Labour Organisation, Food and Agricultural Organisation and the World Bank. He has also been associated with several expert committees of the Government of India, and the State Governments of Punjab and Andhra Pradesh. Recently he been appointed as Honorary Chairperson of the Special Cell on Land Policy in the Niti Aayog. He holds a doctoral degree from Patna University and obtained post-doctoral training from Iowa State University, Ames, United States.

Siddhanta Das, India

Siddhanta Das has core competency in forest and wildlife management. In addition, has worked in diverse fields such as Pollution Control, Disaster Management, Climate Change & Carbon Sequestration, Nutrition & Food security of forest dwellers, Forest Education and Training, promotion of forest based economic activities and community based eco-tourism. He has worked with wide range of stakeholders including civil society, international agencies, National agencies, media, other Government departments, industries, business houses, communities and vulnerable groups.

Dr. Suresh Gairola, India

Dr Gairola is a forestry professional with 36 years' experience and expertise in forest conservation and management, wildlife management, public policy, environmental law, forestry research and administration. He belongs to Indian Forest Service. He has worked extensively in various forest areas of Maharashtra, at policy level with Govt. of Maharashtra and as Group Coordinator (Research)/Director at Institute of Wood Science and Technology, Bangalore. As Nodal Officer, he dealt with forest land diversion issues and application of Forest Conservation Act in Maharashtra. He



was involved in corporate management practices while working as Managing Director of Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra. While working as additional director general (wildlife) with ministry of environment, forest and climate change, Government of India he was ex-officio director (wildlife preservation), CITES Management Authority of India and also Whaling Commissioner of India.

He is an alumnus of Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, Dehradun; Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore and National Law School of India University, Bangalore. His PhD is in forest management from Forest Research Institute.

Dr Gairola has a number of research papers to his credit. He has been twice awarded Brandis Prize by Indian Forester for best research paper in 2005 and 2015. He is on the Editorial Board of Forest Ecosystems, an open access, peer-reviewed journal publishing scientific communications. His research interests include climate change, sustainable forest management and human resource development.

Presently, he is working as Director General, Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun. ICFRE is the apex body in the national forestry research system, mandated for holistic development of forestry research through need based planning, promoting, conducting and coordinating research, education and extension covering all aspects of forestry. He is also on the Boards of Wildlife Institute of India, Indian Institute of Forest Management and Indian Plywood Industries Research and Training Institute.

Lenise Lago, USA

Lenise worked briefly in the forest products industry before joining the Forest Service in 1989. She has worked in a variety of Planning, Budget, and Resource Management jobs. She has had assignments on two Ranger Districts, two National Forests, and two Regional Offices all within Montana, Oregon and Washington.

In 2009, Lenise became Deputy Regional Forester of the Pacific Northwest Region. In this position, she provided oversight for Recreation, Lands, Minerals, Engineering, Public Affairs, Civil Rights, Human Resources, Acquisition Management and Data Resource Management for the Region, in addition to co-chairing the regional labour management forum.

Since being selected to serve as Deputy Chief for Business Operations in 2011, Lenise provides leadership and oversight for all the administrative functions for the agency which include Safety, Job Corps, and Sustainable Operations. As Deputy Chief for Business Operations, Lenise oversees the work of more than 4,000 employees.

Resource persons

Magnus Berg, Head of Industry Policy Department, Swedish Forest Industries Federation (SFIF)

Magnus is, since august 2017, head of the Industry Policy Department at Swedish Forest Industries Federation (SFIF) which is the trade organization for the pulp, paper and saw mill industry. The SFIF represents some 50 pulp and paper mills in 23 groups, about 120 sawmills in about 60 groups, and a number of companies with close ties to the pulp, paper and sawn timber. Before joining SFIF Magnus was Director Members at Södra, Sweden's largest forest owners' association, with a responsibility for owners' relations and public affairs. Before that he worked with forest policy issues at the Ministry of Industry. He has also a background at the Forestry Research Institute of Sweden. Magnus has a



master's degree in Forestry from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (1994). Magnus lives in Växjö together with his wife and an 18 year old daughter. His oldest daughter, 24, lives in London and his son, 22, lives in Boden (in the far north of Sweden). Magnus is a forest owner and enjoys outdoor life.

Olof Johansson, Forest Policy Director, Sveaskog

Olof is the Forest Policy Director of the state owned forestry company Sveaskog since 2017. Before that Olof has had various positions in Sveaskog and AssiDomän with main responsibilities in environment, nature conservation, sustainability and forest management. Olof has twenty-five years' experience of work to promote sustainable forest management in Sweden and internationally. He has been involved in several boards over the years, e.g. as chairman of FSC International (Forest Stewardship Council) and chairman of Forest Trends. Olof lives in Växjö in the south of Sweden together with his wife. Three sons between 25 and 30 are working and studying in Gothenburg, Buenos Aires and Växjö. When not working, Olof likes to spend time on Öland, one of the larger islands in the Baltic Sea, managing the small farm where he once grew up.

Dr. Werner Kurz, Senior Research Scientist, Pacific Forestry Centre

Werner leads the development of Canada's National Forest Carbon Monitoring, Accounting and Reporting System and the Forest Carbon Management Project of the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions. His research focuses on carbon dynamics in forests and harvested wood products and the opportunities of the forest sector to contribute to climate change mitigation. Dr. Kurz co-authored eight reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), published over 135 peer-reviewed scientific papers, and many other reports. He serves as adjunct professor at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and at Simon Fraser University. He obtained his PhD in Forest Ecology from UBC and an honorary doctorate from the Swedish Land University. He is an International Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.

Johan Lindman, Senior Vice President at Stora Enso Global Forest Operations

Johan is the Senior Vice President at Stora Enso Global Forest Operations since 2015. He has been working in the forest industry sector since the early 1990's. For the past ten years he has been travelling the world, being responsible for Stora Enso's international projects. He has extensive experience in forest management, timber trade and operative business management. He has the strategic responsibility within Stora Enso for the total wood supply in/to Europe. Johan holds a Master of Science in Forestry from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.

Karoliina Lindroos, Environmental and Social Adviser, Finnfund

Karoliina is Finnfund's environmental and social adviser since early 2016. Finnfund is a Finnish state-owned development finance institution and sustainable forestry is one of the key sectors for the institution. At Finnfund Karoliina assesses Finnfund investees on their environmental and social performance and develops internal compliance processes. Recently she has contributed to the development of Finnfund human rights approaches and portfolio carbon footprint assessment. Due to



her professional background she often works with plantation forestry investments among other sectors.

Before joining Finnfund Karoliina worked at a global forest sector consultancy. Karoliina has also worked with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization both on agriculture and forest sector projects. She has lived and worked in number of countries, for example in Lao PDR, Zimbabwe, Italy and Germany. Karoliina participates in networks such as the Interlaken Group that focuses on private sector action on community land rights and to European Development Finance institutions environmental and social advisors group. Karoliina has a MSc in forest sciences from the University of Helsinki. Her studies included forest and environmental economics, tropical forestry, and econometrics. When not working Karoliina enjoys time outdoors at summer cottage at lake Saimaa fishing, picking mushrooms and hiking with human and canine family members.

Dr. Anders Malmer, Director at SLU Global, Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU)

Anders is a Professor of Tropical Forest Ecology and Management, specifically Soil Science. Since 2014 he is the director for a unit at the vice chancellors office at 70 % of full time. The unit, SLU Global, facilitates develops and profiles SLU's cooperation with low-income countries and for global development along the UN sustainability goals of Agenda 2030.

In research Anders has been involved with tropical forests and landscapes, especially questions related to the role of trees in improving and restoring land productivity, livelihoods, ecosystem services and climate adaptation. This was done in a multitude of systems from natural rainforests and dry forests, over plantations and into agroforestry and silvo-pastoral systems in more than 10 countries in SE Asia, Africa and Central Amerika. Before becoming the director he was responsible for a prioritized thematic platform at SLU Global; Restoration of degraded rural landscapes.

Anders also has his heart with northern forests from teaching in soil science, production-ecology and environment for Swedish Forestry MSc students since 1987. When not in work, he spends time at an inherited house at the Arctic Circle, 180 km from Storforsen, enjoying the forest with skiing, walking, fishing and orienteering. In the weeks Anders lives in Uppsala and Umeå, while wife lives in Jönköping in the south and a son and daughter (26 & 23) studies at the university in Umeå.

Samuel Nguiffo, Secretary General, Center for Environment and Development

Samuel is a Cameroonian lawyer working on community rights/tenure in Cameroon and the Congo basin. He is the Secretary General of the Center for Environment and Development in Yaoundé, which he created in 1995 with the specific aim of realizing sustainable management of Central Africa's forests. Samuel was awarded the Goldman Environmental Prize in 1999 for his efforts to protect the tropical rainforests of Central Africa.

Margareta Nilsson, Programme director, International Land and Forest Tenure Facility

Margareta is a Swedish forester who started her career doing field studies on forest history and working as a local government ecologist in the Stockholm region. After a few years, she shifted focus to forestry and natural resource governance in the tropics, which has engaged her since. She lived for three years in Costa Rica, where she worked at CATIE, a regional institute for tropical agriculture and forestry, and got her first field experiences of community forest management through projects in



Honduras, Guatemala and the Nicaragua. During this period, she also became a co-founder of the Ecuadorian NGO Fundacion Cambugan, combining forest protection, agro-ecology and community development.

Back in Sweden in 2000, she developed skills as a communicator and visual artist, which she combined with short term assignments on tropical forestry, rural development and nature conservation. Between 2006 and 2018 she was employed by the Swedish Government's agency for international development cooperation, Sida (Asdi). There she held a series of positions as rural development adviser and programme specialist. Her main field experience comes from Latin America and the West Balkans, although programs with a broader international scope has been the focus of her work for the past six years, including Sida's core support to RRI, the Forest and Farm Facility, the International Land Coalition and IUCN. In August 2018, she will take up a new position as the head of programmes at the International Land and Forest Tenure Facility, at its very new secretariat in Stockholm. In her free-time, Margareta enjoys out-door life, art and music, and spending time with family and friends.

Dr. Annika Nordin, Professor at the Faculty of Forest Sciences at the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU).

Annika is the Director of the Future Forests platform, an interdisciplinary research environment developing knowledge about future forest use in the interface between science and society. Her research focuses on forest management to meet the challenges of climate change and the emerging bioeconomy. Dr. Nordin recently co-authored an interdisciplinary book launching the concept of reflexive forestry to contribute to mitigate forestry goal conflicts currently aggravating multiple use of forests. She has published approximately 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers and reports. She serves in several boards and committees in the Swedish forest sector, like the board of the state-owned forest company Sveaskog and the board of the Forestry Research Institute of Sweden. She obtained her PhD in Forest Ecophysiology from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and is a Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.

Don G. Roberts, President and CEO of Nawitka Capital Advisors, Ltd.

Don Roberts is CEO of Nawitka Capital Advisors Ltd, a firm which provides advice on strategic direction and raising capital for companies in the Renewable Energy, Clean Technology and Forest Products Industries. Prior to starting Nawitka in 2013, Mr. Roberts was a Vice-Chair of Investment Banking with CIBC World Markets Inc. In addition to his work with Nawitka Ltd., Don is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Forest Resource Management at the University of British Columbia (Vancouver), and he serves in an advisory capacity for a range of government, industry, and NGO groups. Don was a Member of the RRG Board over the 2008-2017 period, and has been a member of The Tenure Facility's Executive and Audit Committees since 2017. He currently lives in Ottawa, Canada.

Nonette Royo, Executive Director, the International Land and Forest Tenure Facility

Nonette is a lawyer, a specialist for indigenous peoples, natural resources and land rights in SEAsia. Her work in Indonesia, the Philippines and the SEAsia region, spans 20 years of supporting community based natural resource management. She co-founded several leading organizations for human and indigenous peoples rights in natural resources, womens rights in the Philippines, and helped design



and implement a local people, forests and biodiversity-oriented grants mechanisms in Indonesia, SEAsia, Pacific the Global Greengrants Advisory in SEAsia and PNG (1993-95), the Biodiversity Support Program-Kemala USAID (1995-2001), DFID-UK's first Multistakeholder Forestry Program in (2001-2007), and implemented rights based and REDD+ preparedness programs through the Samdhana Institute, NORAD/CLUA (2007-2017) providing strategic financial and technical assistance to grassroots groups in SEAsia including the Mekong region, to connect international agencies with local and national NGOs and local governments. She remains a member of the Integrated Bar of the Philippines, since 1991, engaged in environmental and Public Interest Law in the Southeast Asia Region.

Dr. Camilla Sandström, Professor in Political Science, Umeå University Sweden.

Camilla leads the Environmental Policy and Governance group at Umeå University and co-leads the Society and Wildlife network in Sweden. She is also the deputy leader of Future Forests, a research platform connecting Umeå University, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, and the Swedish Forestry Institute. Her research focuses on the sustainable governance of natural resource, in particular the multiple use of forests and wildlife, policy and institutional analysis and, conflict management associated with natural resources. Sandström was a coordinating lead author for the chapter on governance options in the European and Central Asian assessment of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). She is a member of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.

Marie Wickberg, Head of communications and public affairs, Mellanskog.

Marie was appointed head of communications and public affairs at Mellanskog in October 2015. Mellanskog is a forest owners' association with 26 000 members, and 210 employees. Marie has a background as a political advisor for the former minister of rural affairs (2008-20012) and as speechwriter for the minister of enterprise and party leader for the Swedish Center party (2012-2014). She has also been a deputy member of the Swedish parliament 2006-2010.

Marie has studied business and communication at the University of Stockholm. Marie lives in Stockholm but grew up in the municipal of Sunne, in the rural parts of Mid-west Sweden where her family owns 40 hectares of forest land. Several members of her family make a living, in different ways, on the outcome of the Swedish forests.

Dr. Jhony Zapata, Forestry officer, Forest and Farm Facility, FAO

Jhony is from Bolivia and has experience in enhancing the organization and capacity of local people to improve their livelihood through business development. Jhony has prepared, implemented and evaluated several projects and supported national forest programme (nfp) process in different countries, regional networking, training and information sharing. Jhony has a Ph.D. in forest economics from Technical University of Munich, Germany.

The last ten years as forestry officer first in the National Forest Programme Facility (NFPF) and currently in the Forest and Farm Facility (FFF), based in FAO, he supports producers and their organizations, community-based forestry, smallholder enterprises and IP to improve their livelihoods, strengthening their business capacities and participation in policy-making, through a combination of technical support, grants, capacity building and exchange visits. He promotes the contribution of forest to poverty reduction, food security and nutrition and gender equality.