



## Next Generation of Forest Agency Leaders

*Global Issues in Governing Natural Resources*

### BIOGRAPHIES

#### **Alanis de la Rosa, José Armando**

Mr. José Armando Alanis de la Rosa is a forestry engineer graduated from the Division of Forestry Sciences of the Universidad Autónoma Chapingo, with specialty in inventory and forest management. Since 2004, he collaborates at the National Forestry Commission of Mexico (CONAFOR). He participated in the initial implementation of the program of payment for environmental services (PES), as well as in the development of financing mechanisms to promote the creation of local PES mechanisms through matching funds scheme.

Since February 2010, he is Director of Cooperation in the International Affairs and Financial Development Unit in CONAFOR, and one of his main responsibilities is to coordinate bilateral cooperation activities. He also handles matters related to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the FAO Committee on Forestry and the North American Forest Commission (NAFC) and the Latin American and the Caribbean Forestry Commission (LACFC).

#### **Almeida Salles, de, Pedro**

Mr. Pedro de Almeida Salles is a forest engineer, graduated from the University of Brasília, Brazil, in 2004. He started as a consultant for the government of the States of Maranhão and Tocantins, working on authorization processes regarding forest management and conversion, as well as managing the states' information system designed for monitoring the origin of forest products. From 2008 to 2009, he worked for the government of the State of Acre, as a cabinet advisor at the Secretariat of Environment, where he contributed with the elaboration of the state's Action Plan for Fighting and Preventing Deforestation. In 2009, he joined the Brazilian Institute of Environment – IBAMA, working as a forest ranger, based in Imperatriz, at the State of Maranhão. Since 2012, he has been working at the Brazilian Forest Service, involved in the development and implementation of the Rural Environmental Registry information system – SICAR (*Sistema de Cadastro Ambiental Rural*).

#### **Becerra Alvarez, Vanessa Carolina**

Ms. Vanessa Caroline Becerra Alvarez has a degree in International Business, with a Master in International Economic Relations and Cooperation with emphasis on Latin America and the European Union, by the Universidad de Guadalajara. She speaks German and English fluently. Since 2013, she joined the International Affairs and Financial Development Unit of the National Forestry Commission of Mexico (CONAFOR), where she has worked on monitoring and compliance issues of bilateral and multilateral international cooperation such as those for the United Nations for Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), North American Forest Commission (NAFC), Committee on Forestry (COFO), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), agreements on Forest Fire Protection

with the US and Canada, and MegaFlorestais. She currently serves as Deputy Director of International Cooperation of CONAFOR.

### **Beck, Judi**

Ms. Judi Beck has been the Director General of the Pacific Forestry Centre (PFC) of the Canadian Forest Service (CFS) at Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) since January 2014. As the senior executive for NRCan-CFS in the Pacific Region, she represents the Government of Canada as negotiator and spokesperson on forestry issues. She directs the CFS Centre in Victoria, and plans, implements and evaluates the regional delivery of a broad spectrum of CFS programs. With her provincial counterparts, she currently co-chairs both the Forest Pest and Wildland Fire Management Working Groups of the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers, and she co-chairs the national file on Disturbance (fire, integrated pest management, forest invasive alien species, climate change) related research for CFS, NRCan. She has a passion for building leadership and learning organizations, and enabling a culture of continuous improvement and excellence in research, forestry and forest governance.

Ms. Beck started with the CFS as Director of the Forest Innovation & Dynamics Division for PFC in 2009, and as such managed research programs that addressed science issues in a variety of disciplines within the forestry sector including genomics, wildland fire, bioenergy, soil productivity, and pathology. Prior to joining the CFS, she was Manager, Wildfire Management for the province of British Columbia (BC), and she worked for the BC Forest Service in policy, legislative development, litigation, international technology transfer and operational emergency management from 1993 through 2009. She has enjoyed working internationally in Australia, Argentina, Indonesia, Malaysia and the USA. She obtained her B.Sc. (Forestry) from the University of New Brunswick in 1985, an M.Sc. (Forestry) from the Australian National University in 1988; and her Ph.D. (Fire Growth / GIS) from Curtin University, Western Australia in 2000. She is a registered professional forester in British Columbia.

### **Biason, Claire**

Ms. Claire Biason is the Networking Support Manager at Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). She joined RRI in March 2011 and is now focusing on enhancing and consolidating support to strategically relevant networks in Africa, Asia and Latin America to strengthen their ability to promote tenure reforms. Prior to joining Rights and Resources, she worked at the Academic Council on the United Nations System and at the Stimson Center where she focused on the implementation of international health regulations and water scarcity issues. She received her Master's degree in European and International Affairs and diploma in Political Science from the Institute of Political Science in Aix-en-Provence, France, in 2009.

### **Bolaños, Omaira**

Ms. Omaira Bolaños manages the Latin America Program, providing strategic support and knowledge on the socio-political context of the region in order to envision opportunities for RRI engagement. She holds a PhD in Anthropology and a master's degree in Latin American Studies with a concentration in Tropical Conservation and Development both from the University of Florida. Her research included women's participation in community forestry under the Bolivian Forest Program (BOLFOR) and Indigenous Peoples' self-definition and land tenure rights claims in the lower Brazilian Amazon. Prior to joining RRI, she worked extensively in development and community-based conservation, watershed management, gender equity, and indigenous peoples tenure rights throughout Bolivia, Ecuador, Brazil, El Salvador, and her native Colombia. In addition to Spanish she speaks fluent English and Portuguese.

### **Cerutti, Paolo**

Mr. Paolo Cerutti holds a PhD in Environmental Governance from the Crawford School of Economics and Government of the Australian National University, and a Masters in Remote Sensing and Natural

Resources Evaluation from the Agronomic Institute for Overseas Countries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Florence, Italy. Prior to joining the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) as a Junior Professional Officer of the United Nations in 2004, he was a visiting scientist at the United States Geological Survey, and an assistant forest expert to the Coordinator of the Albanian National Forest Inventory.

Mr. Cerutti is a forester for the CIFOR, working under the Forests and Governance Program. Now based in Nairobi, Kenya, he has been working with the CIFOR in Yaoundé, Cameroon, since 2004, conducting research on sustainable forest management, forest certification, and informal timber value chains in Africa.

### **Chapela, Francisco**

Mr. Francisco Chapela is the Program Officer for Northwest Mexico at The Christensen Fund, supporting innovative Indigenous and local communities of farmers and pastoralists, ranchers and fishers from the Sonoran desert to the Sierra Tarahumara (Rarámuri). He completed his PhD in Economics of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development from Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. He also holds an M.S. in Environment and Development Studies and an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Engineering. He has been involved with several professional associations including the International Society of Tropical Foresters (ISTF), Estudios Rurales y Asesoría (ERA), the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) and the IUCN Strategic Direction on Governance, Communities, Equity and Livelihoods in relation to Protected Areas (TILCEPA).

### **Chávez López, Adolfo**

Mr. Adolfo Chávez López is a member of the indigenous community of Nuevo San Juan Parangaricutiro, Michoacán State, Mexico. He has studied at the School of Park Rangers and at the Faculty of Agrobiology "Presidente Juárez" of the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolas de Hidalgo where he became agronomist specialized in Forestry. He has held various positions within the Community, including: manager of some of the companies, and Chairman of the Supervisory Board. He has been State Coordinator for the Community Forestry Program (*Programa de Desarrollo Forestal Comunitario*, PROCYMAF) of the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), which was funded by the World Bank. He has also been Regional Director of the Project entitled "Biodiversity in Forest Production and Certified Markets," led by the following organizations: CONAFOR, Global Environment Facility, United Nations Development Program, and Rainforest Alliance.

### **Collins, Sally**

Ms. Sally Collins served as the first Director of the USDA Office of Environmental Markets (OEM) prior to retiring from USDA. OEM was established 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 the International Program Office. She currently works as a Fellow with the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) to help the largest forested countries of the world establish secure tenure arrangements and laws for their forested estates. For ten years, she has served (and continues to serve) as Co-chair of *MegaFlorestais*, a network established to informally connect the top forest leaders in the world.

### **Dacyk, Amanda**

Ms. Amanda Dacyk joined the Canadian Forest Service (CFS) in December 2009, as part of the team that administered the highly successful \$1-billion Pulp and Paper Green Transformation Program. In that

role, she led the environmental impact assessment team as well as program performance measurement. She also played a major role in the design of the Investments in Forest Industry Transformation Program (IFIT) – renewed with an additional \$90 million in federal budget in 2015. In March 2012, she moved to CFS's Strategic Policy Division where her files include advancing the bioeconomy, the Canadian forest sector's ongoing transformation, innovation and supporting the activities of the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers (CCFM). Recently, she led the organization and delivery of Canada's National Forest Innovation Summit, and the 2015 meeting of the CCFM. she holds a Master's of Science in Agricultural and Resource Economics (2008) from the University of Alberta.

### **Davis, Janette**

Ms. Janette (Jan) Davis has contributed to the field of forestry for over 25 years. After graduating Cum Laude in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from Stephen F. Austin State University, she spent 20 years working for the Texas Forest Service managing, delivering, and guiding policy for federally funded technical assistance programs.

For the last five years, she has served as a Director in the United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service in Washington, DC and she oversees the agency's National Urban and Community Forestry Program. In this role, she works with state forestry agencies and national public and private partners to deliver urban forestry programs in both rural communities and metropolitan areas that collectively impact over 190 million people.

### **Doleac, Clément**

Mr. Clément Doleac is a French citizen and joined Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI) in April 2015. He graduated from the Université Lumière Lyon 2, in France, in June 2012 with a Master Degree in Political Sociology and from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Grenoble, in France, in September 2014, with a Master Degree in International Relations/Latin American Studies. During his studies, he has focused on security issues and fear of crime in Mexico and in Colombia, two countries he lived in for nearly three years, as well as on Western Hemisphere cooperation and diplomacy. He has an interest in Latin American affairs, foreign policy, civil and human rights, as well as sustainable development and climate change issues. Prior to joining Rights and Resources, he worked at the French embassy in Mexico, the Organization of American States in Washington D.C., as well as the international security firm Geos, in Mexico. He also worked in a Washington D.C. based think tank, the Council for Hemispheric Affairs (COHA), for which he is Research Fellow. Clément is fluent in French, Spanish and English.

### **Estrella Canto, Carlos René**

Mr. Carlos René Estrella Canto is agricultural engineer, graduated from Superior University for Agriculture "Hermanos Escobar", in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua.

For 14 years he held various positions at the National Rural Credit Bank (National Development Bank), within which are: Evaluator of agricultural and forestry projects, Deputy Manager, and Head of Credits in the states of Chiapas, Oaxaca, Campeche and Quintana Roo. In the same institution, he served as State Manager of Quintana Roo, Trustee Delegate of Trusts: Forestry Development Program (SEMARNAT - Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources), Alliance for the country (SAGARPA - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries and Food) and Fund of national security.

In the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), he has worked for the past 12 years, holding management positions in various departments (productive chains, forestry development, social participation program). He was also Operating Deputy Manager, and Coordinator of PROCYMAF, Coordinator of commercial forest plantations in the southeast of Mexico and State Manager in the states of Campeche, Tabasco and currently of Oaxaca.

He has also served as an external consultant, developing projects and business plans for the agricultural and forestry sector.

**Isomela Iyongha Lofalata, Freddy**

Mr. Freddy Isomela Iyongha Lofalata comes from Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of Congo. He holds a BA in Philosophy and African Religions from the Catholic Faculties of Kinshasa (1982). He was professor at the Major Seminary of St John the Baptist Bamaya and Pedagogical Advisor to the Minister of Primary and Secondary Education (PSE). He continued his career as Deputy Coordinator of the National Commission for the Reform of the PSE and Director of PSE Training Institute for executives. From 2003-2011, he was elected national deputy of the Transition National Assembly, which became the National Assembly in 2006, and member of the Committee on the Environment and Natural Resources.. During that time (2003 -2010), he was also director of the Office of Gold Mines of Kilo-Moto. Since 2014, he is an Administrative Advisor at the Office of the Minister of Land Affairs.

**Keshav, Raj Kanel**

Mr. Keshav Raj Kanel has more than 35 years of experience working in the forestry and natural resource management sector. He was instrumental in designing and implementing the community forestry program in Nepal. He worked as the Chief of the Community Forestry Division, then as the Director General of the Department of Forests of the Government of Nepal. Later, he became the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Land Reform and Management. He retired from the Government of Nepal in 2009, and is now working as a Resource Economist and Policy Analyst on themes ranging from forest management to Climate Change to public financing, and fiduciary risk assessment in forestry programs. Presently, he is working as a consultant (Resource Economist) to the Ecosystem Based Adaptation Project in Nepal. He was the team leader for preparing a Forestry Development Strategy (2013-2023) for Nepal. He is also an advisor to the Federation of Nepal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (FNCCI) on issues related to Forestry and Medicinal and Aromatic Plants. He was a visiting faculty member of the Institute of Forestry in Nepal in the early 1980s. He also has a wide experience of working for the World Bank, DFID, USAID, RECOFTC, and a number of international consulting firms. His academic qualifications include a Masters in Forestry from Duke University, and a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota.

**Konkin, Doug**

Mr. Doug Konkin is a professional forester, collaborator, husband and father, with 34 years of forest management and leadership learnings. In his role as Deputy Minister (2003-2013) he led forest, land and environmental public sector agencies - driven by the goal to improve resource management by building engagement, teamwork, efficiency and collaboration. He has been awarded Lieutenant Governor's Medal of Excellence in Public Service for designing and implementing an integrated and durable approach to resource management. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia in the Faculty of Forestry, Provincial Chief Negotiator regarding aboriginal economic agreements, and community forester in his home municipality of Whistler, BC, Canada.

**Mason, Glenn**

Mr. Glenn Mason is the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canadian Forest Service (CFS), Natural Resources Canada (NRCan). In his current role, he leads a science-based policy organization with some 600 employees in six locations across Canada. He is responsible for advancing world-class science and strategic policy, supporting forest sector innovation and the commercialization of emerging technologies, and developing and protecting markets for Canadian forest products.

He joined NRCan in 2011, as Director General, Policy, Economics and Industry Branch, CFS. Prior to that, he was Director of Strategic Operations for the Social Development Policy Secretariat in the Privy Council Office. In the 1990s, he worked at Transport Canada on governance and commercialization reforms within the domestic marine sector. He later worked for three years at the Ministry of Finance in

Georgetown, Guyana, implementing budgeting reforms to enhance their national financial management system.

Mr. Mason holds a M.A. in Development Economics from the Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, a B.A. (Hons) in Political Science from the University of Western Ontario, and a Diploma in economic history from the London School of Economics, and is a graduate of the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology.

### **Macnab, Bruce**

Mr. Bruce Macnab started with the Canadian Forest Service (CFS) in August 2010. He is the Head of Wildland Fire Information Systems (CWFIS) at the Northern Forestry Centre in Edmonton, Alberta. One of the more rewarding aspects of this position to date has been collaboration with other countries in the adaptation of the Canadian Forest Fire Danger Rating System (CFFDRS) and related decision tools to assist wildland fire preparedness. This includes a recent workshop with Mexico in February 2015 as well as one involving the Association of Southeast Asian Nations in October 2013. His journey in forest management has included positions in consulting, government and university settings, and has included working in Australia on two separate occasions (Tasmania, Queensland). His university training includes a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from the University of Michigan and a Master of Science (Forest Economic) from the University of Alberta.

### **Mangkudisastra, Chaerudin**

Mr. Chaerudin Mangkudisastra is a government officer of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia. He has been working for more than 25 years in the government, especially on forestry planning. After holding various Deputy Directors positions within the previous Directorate General of Forestry Planning, he is now Deputy Director of Spatial Forestry Planning in Region II, handling the evaluation of forestland change process dealing with review of provincial spatial planning. He is also active in the forum of The Coordinating Board of National Spatial Planning, which role is resolving spatial planning disputes at the national level.

### **Maysaroh, Fitria**

Ms. Fitria Maysaroh is a staff of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry of the Republic of Indonesia. She has been an analyst of regulation on forestry planning at the Directorate General of Forestry Planning. Her task is analyzing the existing regulations in Indonesia, especially related to forestry issues, and drafting regulations for the Ministry of Forestry. Since the merger of the Ministry of Forestry and the Ministry of Environment, her role includes drafting regulations both on forestry and environmental issues. She has experience in the Integration Team with the mandated task of solving problems of overlapping forest area uses, forest area conflicts with communities, and other issues.

### **Méndez Ávila, José Antonio**

Mr. José Antonio Méndez Ávila is forest engineer graduated from the Autonomous University of Chapingo. The positions he has held include Coordinator of credits for productive projects, Field evaluator of the impact of programs supporting the forest sector that operates the Federal Government, Development Director of Agriculture, Ecology, and Environment, Technical analyst of dendroenergy, and Head of department of productive diversification. He currently serves as Deputy Manager of Operations at the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR) and his main activities are designing and operating support programs for preparing forest management programs, management practices for wildlife, non-timber and timber species, forest roads, technological innovation and forestry certification.

### **Miao, Guangping**

Mr. Miao Guangping is currently director and senior researcher of the division of non-timber forest product development and the division of forest tenure transfer and cooperative economy in the State Forestry Administration (SFA) of China. He has been engaged in China's forestry reform and

development policy research for 20 years. He previously worked at the China National Forestry Economics and Development Research Center (FEDRC), the Department of policy and legislation (SFA), and the Department of rural forestry reform and development (SFA). He was also an invited scholar at the University of British Columbia, in Canada. He participated in the drafting of Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and State Council on promoting the reform of collective forest tenure and has been involved in the drafting of opinions of the general office of the State Council on accelerating the development of NTFP (under forest economy). Lastly, he participated in coordination of conferences of the central forestry work, the national collective forest tenure reform, and the FAO international forum on forest tenure reform. He is the author of more than 60 papers that have been published, received 10 awards by the State Forestry Administration and the Ministry of science and technology of China.

### **Minaya Rivas, José Carlos**

Mr. José Carlos Minaya Rivas is Forest Engineer graduated from the Faculty of Forestry at the National Agrarian University - La Molina in 1993 and from a Master Degree in Public Administration. He was trained on issues related to certification of forest products, industry, formulation and evaluation of projects, handling equipment and computer applications, in and out of Peru. He has developed activities in the areas of management, processing and forest trade; monitoring and supervision; standardization and quality control; monitoring, evaluation and formulation of plans and projects related to the forestry sector; forest information systems; and analysis, development and implementation of forest policies and regulations. He has experience both in the private and public sectors (SERFOR, OSINFOR, DEVIDA PRONAMACHS, and WWF, SGS Peru, etc.); and as an independent consultant. Currently, he is Director of Policy and Regulation, in the General Directorate of Policy and Forestry and Wildlife Competitiveness at SERFOR.

### **Motalindja Moampea, Hortense Sou-sou**

Ms. Hortense Sou-sou Motalindja Moampea is from Cameroon and graduated from the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences (FASA) in 2003 and obtained a master degree in Botany Plant in 1988. She is working in the Forestry Directorate (Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife) since 2007, where she works as the Chief for Forest Taxation and Deputy Coordinator of the Forest Revenue Enhancement Programme (FREP). She works on forest governance through the verification of the tax situation of operators in the sector and with the local executives which are beneficiaries of quote share of the Annual Forestry Fees (RFA). She also works on the application of the Decree 076 of 26 June 2012, which sets the planning arrangements, employment and monitoring of forest revenue management in order to impact the local development and improve living conditions of local populations.

### **Murillo Juarez, Cesar**

Mr. Cesar Murillo Juarez graduated in Law at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, after obtaining his master's degree in International Law with a specialization in International Environmental Law at American University, Washington College of Law in Washington DC.

His practice in the environmental area has focused on improving environmental management and regularization of environmental liabilities by the private sector, developing sustainability projects, implementation of payments for environmental services, exploitation of natural resources and of maritime-terrestrial federal zone, environmental impact and risk as well as issues in forest areas, change of forest land use, environmental emergency care, liability for environmental damage and climate change.

His experience in international environment took place in international organizations such as the Department of Sustainable Development of the Organization of American States in Washington DC.

In government he served as Chief of Staff of the Undersecretary of Management for Environmental Protection 2013 to September 2014. He is currently the Director General of Forest and Soil Management of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources (SEMARNAT).

### **Nieves Frausto, Jorge Luis**

Mr. Jorge Luis Nieves Frausto is agronomist engineer graduated from the Universidad Autónoma Chapingo, with specialty in soils. He has also a Master degree on Sciences from the Colegio de Postgraduados and from the Instituto de Recursos Naturales. He has a Diploma in Senior Management for Public Officials.

He has worked as an academic researcher at different universities and in the federal government in the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and in the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR) in the areas of mapping, resource inventories and forest restoration. He has taught courses and published several articles on reforestation issues.

He has attended several international courses on restoration of soil, vegetation and ecosystems.

In the Federal Government he has participated in the implementation of the national program of soil and restoration of forest ecosystems

### **Nkouolend Sakpak, Ferrand Patrice**

Mr. Ferrand Patrice Nkouolend Sakpak is graduated from the Dschang University Centre (Institute of Agricultural Technology, 9th ITA Promotion of 1985-1988), the Faculty of Agronomy and Agricultural Sciences (1st promotion of Master of Science in Water Management, Sanitation and Environment Option, 1997-1999) in Cameroon, and the University of Wuhan from the People's Republic of China (Ph.D in Environmental Management, 2003-2008). As a public servant, he worked as head of the brigade of Kadey for Plant protection (1991-1992); Agriculture District Delegate of Moloundou (1992 to 1997); and Assistant Studies Officer No. 5 (CEA5) to CTU Projects of the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MINEF) in Yaoundé (2001-2003). Since April 2014, he leads the Unit of Cooperation of the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife (MINFOP).

### **Nyamwoga Bayengha, Floribert**

Mr. Floribert Nyamwoga Bayengha is from Congo. He is expert in Environmental Management, Land Policies and Legislation, Agro Industry and Carbon Financing. He is currently Permanent Secretary at the National Commission for Land Reform, in the Ministry of Land Affairs, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

### **Pamen Wanjou, spouse Mouahaba II, Olivière**

Ms. Olivière Pamen Wanjou, spouse Mouahba Olivière II, comes from Bangangté in Cameroon. She holds a BA in Law obtained in 1985 at the Yaounde University and a Master Degree in International Law obtained in 2008 at the University of Limoges, France.

She worked in the areas of Higher Education and as Public Servant, from August 1988 to November 2001. She has been working in the Forest-Environment sector since late 2011. Since August 2005, she is Head of the Studies and Planning Unit in the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Conservation and Sustainable Development. Prior to that, she was a Research Assistant in the Cooperation Division in the MINEF.

### **Paredes Aponte, Vivian**

Ms. Vivian Paredes Aponte is a lawyer entitled to mention "magna cum laude" from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, with graduate degree in Environmental Law from the same University; she studied the Program on International Policy from Harvard University and obtained a graduate degree in Human Rights from the University Ricardo Palma.

She has worked for over 7 years in environmental law in the public and private sector, providing legal advice in the preparation of environmental impact studies, resolution of socio-environmental conflicts, monitoring of disciplinary administrative procedures and lead in the negotiation of international agreements.



She served for the Presidency of the Board of the Agency for the Environmental Assessment and Control (OEFA) in which she was responsible for the Coordination of Socio-environmental Conflict Management, and for developing and analyzing policy proposals and monitoring of decisions of the Court of Environmental Control. In the Forestry and Wildlife Division (today SERFOR) of the Ministry for Agriculture (MINAGRI), she was responsible for representing the Ministry in the negotiation and implementation of international agreements related to forestry, she was a member of the group that developed the new Forestry Law which led the prior consultation process of indigenous peoples. She was international negotiator for the Trade and Environment Team in the Ministry of Foreign Trade for the negotiation of free trade agreements. She has also worked for the Ombudsman on mining environmental issues and has provided environmental consulting services to law firms and NGOs.

#### **Quiroz Acosta, Francisco**

Mr. Francisco Quiroz Acosta has a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. He has worked in the Ministry of Trade and Industrial Development in the patents and trademarks area, and in the Directorate General of Foreign Investment. He served as Subdelegate of the Social Security Mexican Institute (IMSS) and of the Social Security Institute for State Workers (ISSSTE) in California; he was Delegate of the Interior Ministry, of the National Migration Institute in the states of Quintana Roo, Yucatan, Campeche, Tabasco and Baja California Sur, and Delegate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 6 states of the Mexican Republic, Jalisco being the most recent. He currently serves as Head of the International Affairs and Financial Development Unit of the National Forestry Commission.

#### **Ramalho Leal, José Angelo**

Mr. José Angelo Ramalho Leal is advisor to the Brazilian Forest Service Board of Directors. He is an environmental analyst responsible for coordinating the Rural Environmental Registry System - SICAR, a new powerful database on rural private properties used to support actions to promote sustainable use of natural resources, monitoring and forest restoration, as well as territory planning. He worked for the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources – IBAMA from 2003 to 2008 and for the Ministry of the Environment in the Strategic Management Department from 2009 to 2014.

#### **Rescala Perez, Jorge**

Mr. Rescala has over 26 years of experience in government offices and in environmental issues. He studied Agronomy Engineering in Plant Technology at the Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, and he speaks also English and Swedish fluently. He is currently the General Director of the National Forestry Commission of Mexico (CONAFOR), a body within the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, responsible for promoting sustainable forestry development in the country. He was previously employed by the Ministry of Agricultural Development as the General Director of Forest Protection of Mexico State (2005-2011), and by the Ministry of Ecology of Mexico State also as the General Director of the State Commission of Natural Parks and Wildlife (2000-2005). He held various positions in the Government of the State of Mexico from 1993 to 2000 and worked in companies of Sweden from 1988 to 1992 on tasks related to plant production.

#### **Sarkar, Sunrita**

Ms. Sunrita Sarkar has more than 15 years' experience working on resettlement, environmental and social impact assessments (ESIA) and sustainable livelihood planning, stakeholder engagement, community development, labor audits & human rights, and appraisal/supervision of a number of development projects in power, dams, roads, mining & oil & gas, forestry and manufacturing. She also has an extensive experience in community consultation, livelihood development, indigenous people's issues and gender. As Social Development specialist in the International Finance Corporation (IFC), her responsibilities include leading complex projects in extractives, agri-business and forestry and interfacing with clients to provide advisory services on social/community issues like land rights,

livelihood development, gender and financial valuation of social impact investments. She has worked extensively in the forestry sector and has led the financial valuation appraisal of New Forest Company's social performance review and trained Global Environment Facility (GEF) investees in stakeholder relations and community engagement. Since the last few years she has been working extensively in Mozambique with Portucel helping the company formulate community development plans, stakeholder engagement strategy and formulating livelihood programs.

### **Schmidt, Rodney**

Mr. Rodney Schmidt is currently Deputy Director of Global Programs (GP) for Rights and Resources. In his capacity he supervises and provides strategic guidance for GP thematic work on Alternative Enterprise and Tenure Models and Gender Justice. Drawing on his economics expertise, he is leading design and guide implementation of original high-quality analysis of rural development, forest industry, trade and investment, natural resource sector business models and green growth strategies. Before joining RRI, he was previously Vice-President and Director of Research at the North-South Institute in Ottawa, Canada, where he led policy research programs in economic growth, trade, natural resources, and fragile states. He has worked on policies and programs delivering development and technical assistance (with the Government of Canada, UNDP, World Bank) and on implementing economic development policy directly (Governments of Vietnam and Belize).

Mr. Schmidt has lived and worked in DR Congo, Belize, Costa Rica, and Vietnam. He recently participated as a finance specialist in a team evaluating a World Bank trust fund promoting results-based finance. He is graduated of a PhD in Economics from the University of Toronto, Canada, in Macroeconomics and international economics. He has training and research experience in international economics and finance, macroeconomics, and the economics of international development, and has advised governments, international organizations, and civil society.

### **Sotos Rios, Miguel Angel**

Mr. Miguel Angel Sotos Rios is native from the state of Durango, graduated in 1990 from the School of Forestry Sciences of the Universidad Juarez of Durango state. He studied the Diploma in Community Development at the Latin American University of Social Sciences (FLACSO Guatemala). Among the positions held includes: Supervisor of Professional Services in forestry at the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources (SARH), Inspector of Natural Resources in the Federal Attorney for Environmental Protection (PROFEPA), Regional Promoter of Project PROCYMAF I and Program II PROCYMAF, Head of the Department of Training and Social Issues of Community Forestry, Legal Alternate State Manager of CONAFOR Oaxaca (2013-2015) and currently Deputy Manager of Production and Productivity in the same management.

### **Vidal Veliz, Carolina Liz**

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