BIographies

Aceves Montaño, Luis Antonio
Mr. Luis Antonio Aceves Montaño is a forest agronomist with 25 years of experience in providing forestry services, and in the federal government, where he has conducted various activities such as the development and implementation of technical studies for forest exploitation, coordination and execution of inspection and monitoring activities in diverse areas (forestry, wildlife, environmental impact, fishing, and the marine and terrestrial federal zone).

He has participated in workshops and programs on improvement of forestry practices, forest competitiveness initiatives, sustainable forest management and forest certification. He has also been involved in revision processes of the Mexican Standard which certifies sustainable forest management, and has provided his technical opinion for various reform proposals and proposed modifications to forest and environmental laws in Mexico.

Álvarez Romero, Emilio Lucas
Mr. Emilio Lucas Álvarez Romero is a forest engineer, graduated from the National Agricultural University La Molina, Peru (Universidad Nacional Agraria, La Molina, UNALM), with a Master Degree in Forest Management and Public Management for Iberoamerican Executives. Currently he is Director of forest concessions and wildlife monitoring at the Supervisory Body for Forest and Wildlife Resources (OSINFOR); with over twenty years of experience in forestry and wildlife management in the public sector (Director of Forest Management, Director for the Wildlife and Flora Conservation, Director of Forest Monitoring and Control, among others) and eight years of experience as chief of the government control organ in the Agrarian Health National Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and in the Office of Popular Cooperation of the Ministry of Women and Social Promotion. He is currently writing monitoring manuals for forest products exploitation, especially Shiringa (Hevea brasiliensis) and Aguaje (Mauritia flexuosa).

Bahadur Karki, Ganesh
Mr. Ganesh Bahadur Karki is from Nepal, and he is the chairperson of the Federation of community Forestry Users Nepal (FECOFUN), which is a formal network of Forest User Groups (FUGs) from all over Nepal. FECOFUN emerged from the idea that forest users from all parts of the country should be linked in order to strengthen the role of Users in policy making processes. Since its inception in July 1995, FECOFUN has grown into a social movement organization with about 8.5 million people represented all of whom are forest users.

Bendégué, Jean-Marie
Mr. Jean-Marie Vianney Bendégué is from Douala in Cameroon. He graduated in 1993 of a Master in Public Law from the University of Yaoundé, he studied a postgraduate in international
environmental law from the University of Limoges, France (2000) and graduated of a PhD in international law from the University of Lyon 3, France, in 2011. Professionally, Mr. Bendégué is a senior Administrator, and was trained at the National School of Administration and Magistracy of Cameroon (Ecole Nationale d'Administration et de la Magistrature du Cameroun, ENAM) and the National School of Administration of France (Ecole Nationale d'Administration, ENA). Since October 2010, Mr. Bendégué is Inspector General at the Ministry of State Property Survey and Land Tenure, and since 2012, he chairs committees responsible for the elaboration of the land reform and the revision of land regimes in Cameroon.

**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.

**Bobia, Joseph**

Mr. Joseph Bobia is from Congo. He is the national coordinator of Réseau Ressources Naturelles (RRN or Natural Resources Network). RRN is a platform of 256 environmental, human rights and civil society organizations in the Democratic Republic of Congo. It is present in all of the 11 provinces of DRC, with a national coordination office in Kinshasa. RRN's objective is to promote a rational and sustainable use of natural resources in order for them to contribute to the economic, social and cultural development of local communities and Indigenous Peoples, while preserving ecosystems and biodiversity for future generations.

**Burnett, Gary**

Mr. Gary Burnett has 30 years of experience in natural resource management and nonprofit development, working with public and private landowners and managers. He is experienced in land protection and stewardship; prescribed fire; and natural areas, wildlife and habitat management; annual fund, major gift and planned giving. He holds a MS in Wildlife Biology from University of Montana. Gary has served as the Blackfoot Challenge's Executive Director since May of 2007.

**Capella, José Luis**

Mr. Capella holds a Law degree from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (*Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, PUCP*) with a specialization in environmental law and natural resources and a Master’s Degree in Political Science and Government from the PUCP. He has been working for more than ten years in the forest and environmental sectors. He is currently director of the Forestry Program at the Peruvian Society for Environmental Law (*Sociedad Peruana de Derecho Ambiental, SPDA*), a Peruvian non-profit organization with nearly 30 years of experience and which participated in major environmental and forestry processes. He is a professor at the Faculty of Law of the PUCP and gives classes about forestry, protected areas and conservation strategies of natural
sites. He also authored and co-authored several articles and publications on forestry, environmental and protected areas.

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, Paolo 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.

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,” leaded 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.
Mr. John Crockett is a native of Alabama and is currently Assistant Director of the US Forest Service. He received his degree in Forest Management from Alabama A&M University in 1998. He started with the Forest Service while in college and has worked in multiple regions in a variety of roles including: Restoration Program Manager, District Ranger, Timber Management Assistant (TMA), and Assistant Forest Fire Management Officer. He has over 16 years of experience working with the US Forest Service in various roles as it relates to restoration and resiliency. His focus for the past several years has been around the collaborative aspect of bringing groups together to focus on their common interests to advance the mission around restoration. Since he has been in the Washington Office, he has been managing special programs and initiatives around accomplishing restoration at a landscape scale.

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. Clément 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.

Mr. Durglo is the Tribal Forestry Department Head of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes. He has done many presentations based on his personal experience and observations of community-based forest management. In his current position he leads the Tribal Forestry Administration of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes located in the Flathead Reservation of Montana. He also serves on the board of directors of Salish Kootenai College.

Ms. Rachel Feigley is the District Ranger for the Seeley Lake Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest. Prior to coming to the Lolo NF, she was the Wildlife Biologist for the Absaroka-Beartooth Zone (Yellowstone, Gardiner, and Beartooth Ranger Districts) of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Her career with the Forest Service began as a temporary seasonal employee and has spanned twenty-eight years. Her first job was as a GS-2 biological aid on the Desert Range Experimental Station in Utah. During and after college at the University of Nebraska where she received a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources, she worked as both a range and biological (wildlife) technician on the Manti-LaSal, Lewis and Clark, and Gallatin National Forests (now the Custer Gallatin). After a permanent appointment in 1990, she has worked as a practicing rangeland management specialist and wildlife biologist on the Gallatin and Helena National Forests, while also serving as program
manager for timber, watershed, range, and weeds. She and her husband both enjoy hiking, skiing, birding, camping, hunting, canoeing, kayaking, and play in a bluegrass band.

Fréchette, Alain

Mr. Alain Fréchette is a senior development advisor with 15 years of experience in organizational and program performance management and evaluation, and over 20 years of service in areas related to natural resource management, biodiversity conservation, and climate change more recently. Moving from field to policy, he began his career with forest and protected area agencies in Canada and the United States before graduating to the international development arena, with strategic consultancies in multilateral organizations, development agencies, and NGOs such as the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the International Development Center (IDRC), the World Bank and various UN institutions. He recently joined the Rights and Resources Initiative as the Director of the International Land and Forest Tenure Facility. He has an undergraduate degree in forest ecology and a master's in educational leadership from McGill University, as well as a PhD in forest governance from the University of Quebec in Montreal.

González Giovannetti, Giorgio Fernando

Mr. Fernando González Giorgio Giovannetti is Mexican, and has obtained a Law degree from the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM) in 1995. He has also taken courses of specializations at the UNAM and the University Autonomous of Mexico (UAM) in forensic sciences, parliamentary theory, and international economic law.

Previously, he worked for the private sector, within companies such as Grupo Mexico Autofin, and then for universities at the UNAM and the Technological Institute of Higher Studies of Monterrey. Between 1999 and 2001, he worked at the Federal Office for Environmental Protection as a specialist in environmental law and natural resources. Since 2002, he has held different positions within the Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources (Secretario de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales, SEMARNAT). He first worked as Head of the Department for compliance and revisions of forestry regulations (2002-2004), and as Deputy Director for compliance and revisions of forestry regulations (2004-2015). Since January 2015, he is the Director of resolutions and forestry proceedings at the General Directorate for Forest and Soil Management of the SEMARNAT.

Harrington, Bob

Mr. Bob Harrington is State Forester at the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation since 2003. His academic travels have taken him from his hometown of Bonner Springs, Kansas, to the University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Forest Resource Management in 1983. His work has taken him to the landscapes surrounding Missoula, Whitefish, Helena, Bozeman, and Billings, Montana, where he has worked for the Montana Department of Natural Resources for the past 27 years. He is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Tanzania), and has traveled in Nepal, Ecuador, England, Mexico, and Holland. His most important trips have been to China, where he met his daughters Tian and LinXiao, who keep him tired and happy. He enjoys spending time with his family and dog, especially while skiing, rafting, fishing, mountain biking, and hiking.
Iverson, Denny

Mr. Denny Iverson has served on the Board of the Blackfoot Challenge for 15 years. A Minnesota native, Denny moved to Montana’s Potomac Valley with his family as a teenager. He runs a cow-calf operation with his brother and nephew and started a logging business 30 years ago to help pay for the ranching habit. Over the years, Denny has been an instrumental voice for the valley, helping find solutions to predator-livestock conflicts, the resale of corporate timber lands to avoid development, and most recently, the future of economic development in a rural watershed.

Kaffo Nzouwo, Eric

Mr. Eric Kaffo Nzouwo is from Yaoundé, in Cameroon. He is Engineer of Water, Forests and Hunting and graduated from the University of Dschang in Cameroon in February 2005. He started his career in 2005 in a logging company, then he worked for the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), and finally for the Ministry of Forestry and Wildlife. He led the forest Section in the Department of Boumba and Ngoko, located in the largest forested region of Cameroon. He currently works as Head of the Department of inventory services and forest species monitoring at the Ministry of Forests and Wildlife. The service of which he is responsible has to ensure the proper execution of forest inventories in Cameroon and to monitor forest research activities in collaboration with other administrations. Mr. Kaffo also received many international training courses on sustainable forest management and he regularly participates in international meetings on forestry issues.

Kumar, Kundan

Mr. Kundan Kumar has a PhD in Resource Development (2010) from Michigan State University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Forest Management from Indian Institute of Forest Management (1990). He worked with NGOs and the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in India on community forestry, bank financing of forestry projects, watershed development and micro-credit. He has also been closely involved with social and environmental mobilizations in India, including the enactment of India’s landmark Forest Rights Act. Prior to joining RRI in 2014, he worked as a faculty member in University of Toronto for five years, teaching and conducting research on forest governance (specifically forest tenure), environmental justice and social movements. He has published work in natural resources governance, forests and land tenure and social and environmental movements. He speaks English, Hindi and Odiya.

Love, Tim

Mr. Tim Love recently retired as District Ranger for the Seeley Lake Ranger District on the Lolo National Forest. His Forest Service career spanned 40 years. Following high school in Missoula, he served in the US Air Force, and then returned home to Missoula where he attended the University of Montana. In 1975 while in college he began working on a survey crew for the Ninemile Ranger District. In 1979, Mr. Love received a bachelor degree with majors in geography and forestry. He then served in a variety of capacities on the Custer, Lewis & Clark, and the Lolo National Forests. He is a Certified Forester & Fellow with the Society of American Foresters and currently serves on Society’s National Committee on Forest Policy. He is active in his community and serves on numerous Boards.
**Mallon, Angela**

Ms. Mallon is employed by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation as the Private Forestry Assistance Specialist. In this position she is responsible for development, management, and implementation of strategies to provide Montana's family forest landowners and partner organizations with technical, financial and educational assistance required for sustainable stewardship of private and community forest lands. Ms. Mallon worked previously in community forestry and wildfire research at Oregon State University, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in agroforestry extension in Paraguay, and was a firefighter with the Forest Service for five seasons. After 9 moves in 10 years, Ms. Mallon thinks she is ready to finally settle down for a stretch in Missoula, where she can be found in her spare time donning running shoes, a backpack, or skis to go play outside, often in the company of her Paraguayan mutt.

**McDonald, Robert**

Mr. Robert McDonald is the Communications Director at the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. In 2006, he left a 15-year newspaper career, most recently, The Spokesman Review in Spokane, Washington. He wrote about education, business, and diversity issues. He graduated from Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington with a Journalism degree and landed internships at the Seattle Times and Dallas Morning News.

As Communications Director for his Tribe he speaks for the government, manages media relations, public education, and is a first contact for those reaching out to the tribes. He is on the steering committee for Envision Polson, a board member at St. Joseph Medical Center and a board member with the Ronan Chamber of Commerce. He is also an Associate Lay Justice for the Tribes Appellate Court. A myth-busting web site http://therezeweliveon.com is one of his projects.

**HM Mvondo, Bruno**

His Majesty Mvondo Bruno is from Minkok-Bityili, Ebolowa, in South Cameroon; he is also a lawyer and rural entrepreneur. He graduated from the University of Yaoundé, and from the High Institute for Co-operative and Community-Based Economy in Cotonou, Benin. He is also traditional chief of the Minkok-Bityili, Member of the National Bureau of the National Council of Traditional Chiefs of Cameroon, and is in charge of issues related to land tenure, forest and environmental governance.

Since 1992, he has been working with national and international civil society on sustainable management of natural resources, traditional knowledge and local resources, rural entrepreneurship, and microfinance. Currently, he coordinates the ReCtrad (Network of Traditional Chiefs for the conservation of the environment, ecosystems and the sustainable management of Africa's forests), and he participates in several steering committees related to natural resources and community rights projects.

**Nyamwoga Bayenga, Floribert**

Mr. Floribert Nyamwoga Bayenga 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.
Pacheco, Pablo

Mr. Pablo Pacheco is a Principal Scientist at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) based in Bogor, Indonesia. He holds a B.A. in Sociology, a M.Sc. in Agricultural Economics and a Ph.D. in Geography from the Graduate School of Geography at Clark University, MA, USA. His main research areas include the implications of trade and investment for forests and people, landscapes and agrarian change, forests and landscape governance, and institutions for natural resources management.

He is the Coordinator of the Flagship on "Global Governance, Trade and Investment" of the CGIAR Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (CRP-FTA). Before working with CIFOR, he worked at the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), and conducted consultancy work for FAO and the World Bank. He has authored more than a hundred publications including books, articles in academic journals and institutional reports.

Rose, Loren

Mr. Loren Rose was born and raised in Whitefish, Montana. He graduated from Eastern Montana College with dual degrees in accounting and information systems. He gained his experience working for three years in public accounting before coming to Pyramid Mountain Lumber in Seeley Lake, where he has been for 28 years. He is currently the Chief Operating Officer at Pyramid. With his wife, he owns and operates Deer Country Quilts in Seeley Lake. They have three grown children, and now, four grandchildren. Currently he serves on the Seeley Lake Community Foundation Board, Timber Products Manufacturers Trust (a regional health and welfare trust), Mission Bible Fellowship and soon will be rejoining the Seeley Lake Elementary School Board. He is an avid backcountry man and enjoys all things outdoors!

Sanders, Gordy

Mr. Gordy Sanders is past President of Intermountain Logging Conference and a Society of American Foresters (SAF) Certified Forester and is currently Resource Manager for Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc. He received his B.S. and Masters in Forest and Range Management in 1971 and 1986, respectively. From 1972-1993, he worked as the Procurement Manager, District Land Manager, and Forester for Champion International Corporation. After Champion sold in 1993, he worked for Plum Creek Timber Company where he served as Senior Forester and Manager of Log Planning and Procurement. He has been Resource Manager for Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc. since 1996.

Over the years, Mr. Sanders has been actively involved in the Society of American Foresters (SFA) and is currently the Chair of the Montana SAF Policy Committee and an SAF Fellow. He has received several recognitions, including the Outstanding SAF Citizen and Forester of the Year and the Arnold Bolle Conservation Professional Award.

In addition to his involvement with SAF, Gordy also served 20 years as team leader/auditor for Forestry Best Management Practices Audits in Montana. He currently Chairs the Montana Forest Restoration Committee and the Montana Forest Products Retention Roundtable and is President of the Montana Wood Products Association.
**Schmidt, Sara**

Ms. Sara Schmidt works in Blackfoot Challenge in close coordination with the Board, Staff and a wide range of public and private partners to involve people in sustaining the community-based approach to conservation. She grew up in Missoula and attended college at UC-Berkeley in California where she studied environmental economics, natural resource management, Spanish and modern dance. After graduating, she spent a year teaching English in Southern Chile. Ms. Schmidt began working for the Challenge in 2011 and coordinates multiple programs including Outreach, Education, BCCA Council and Conservation Strategies.

**Sevillano, María del Rosario**

Ms. María del Rosario Sevillano is a lawyer. She graduated from the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, PUCP) with specialization in indigenous rights and has a Master in Contemporary Human Rights Issues from the University Pablo Olavide of Seville, in Madrid. She is currently Adviser on Indigenous Affairs for the Deputy Minister for strategic development of natural resources at the Ministry of Environment. She has been involved for eight years in regulatory processes on Indigenous Peoples' rights and working in collaboration with civil society, governmental agencies and indigenous organizations. She has authored articles and publications related to indigenous rights, participation and consultation. She is also Professor at the Faculty of Law of the Southern Scientific University, and teaches classes on Legal Pluralism.

**Viitanen, Jussi**

Mr. Jussi Viitanen is Head of FLEGT and REDD Units at the European Forest Institute (EFI), and is responsible for taking care of daily management of the Unit operations, coordinating team work on planning, implementation and reporting. He has worked over 20 years in the field of sustainable forest management, in twenty different countries, and four continents. He has been involved with forest policy and national forest program development, REDD+, the implementation of the EU FLEGT Action Plan, the assessment of forest resources, institutional reform process, governance and trade questions, forest management, and conservation and community forestry. Prior to working at EFI, he worked five and half years as the forest sector adviser for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland.

**White, Andy**

Mr. Andy White has a PhD in Forest Economics, an MA in Anthropology from the University of Minnesota, and a BS in Forestry from Humboldt State University. Andy is also the President of the Rights and Resources Group (RRG), the nonprofit coordinating mechanism of RRI based in Washington, DC. Prior to helping create and establish the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI), 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 and supervises policy research, advocacy and policy engagement Asia, Latin America and Africa. 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.
Wolfe, Jordan

Mr. Jordan Wolfe holds an Advanced Bachelor's degree in Labour & Workplace Studies / Economics and a master's degree in Public Administration from the universities of Manitoba and Winnipeg. Between degrees, he spent a number of years working for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization in Europe. Upon finishing his studies, he was accepted into the Accelerated Economist Training Program where he began his career with the Government of Canada. Mr. Wolfe has recently joined Natural Resource Canada's Canadian Forest Service (CFS) as a senior economist after having worked in each of the central agencies and the Ministry of Health. His current responsibilities include administering the CFS's Aboriginal Forestry Initiative and providing policy expertise in other areas such as urban forestry.