

# Speaker Biographies

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## **Joan Carling**

*Secretary General, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), Philippines*



Joan Carling is an indigenous activist from the Cordillera, Philippines. She has been working on indigenous issues at the grassroots to international levels for more than 20 years. Her areas of expertise include human rights, sustainable development, environment and climate change, as well as the principles and application of Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC). She has also been actively engaged in international bodies, processes and mechanisms, such as the International Financial Institutions, the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), REDD+ related mechanisms, UN agencies, and mechanisms relating to human rights and sustainable development in advancing the issues and concerns of Indigenous Peoples in Asia.

She has been elected twice as the Secretary General of the Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact (AIPP), starting in 2008, and has been representing AIPP's 47 member-organizations in 14 countries. Ms. Carling also wrote and edited several AIPP publications and materials relating to human rights, climate change and REDD+, sustainable development, and indigenous women, among others.

Ms. Carling was appointed by the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as an indigenous expert member of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII) for 2014-16.

## **Luis Felipe Duchicela**

*Adviser on Indigenous Peoples, Global Social Programs Unit, The World Bank*



Luis Felipe Duchicela serves as the senior advisor for Indigenous Peoples for the World Bank, based in Washington, DC. His primary job is to create a constructive dialogue with Indigenous Peoples worldwide to achieve deeper understanding and to work together toward sustainable development. He also assists the World Bank's regional and country offices to better assess the situation of Indigenous Peoples and prepare plans and programs that take into account their ancestral knowledge, cultural identity and legal rights.

Mr. Duchicela is Ecuadorian, of Quechua descent from the Puruha people of the Chimborazo province in the central Andes of Ecuador and brings substantial experience from the private, government, and non-profit sectors throughout Latin America. He was the first National Secretary of Indigenous Affairs in Ecuador in 1994.

Mr. Duchicela is an architect and regional planner from the Universidad Central del Ecuador in Quito and has a Master's in Public and Private Management from Yale University, with emphasis in finance, corporate strategies and quantitative analysis.

**Mark Eckstein**

*Director, Environmental and Social Responsibility, CDC Group, UK*



Mark Eckstein is a director in the environmental and social (E&S) responsibility team at CDC (UK's Development Finance Institution), and has responsibilities for the E&S performance of the fund and debt businesses.

Prior to CDC, Mr. Eckstein led the sustainable finance program at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and also worked in the environment and social department at the International Finance Corporation in Washington, DC.

He is an ecologist by training and has spent most of his professional career working on development and sustainability issues in emerging markets.

**Lou Munden**

*Founder, TMP Systems, UK*

Lou Munden is the founder of TMP Systems. Since 2009, he has invented each of the company's asset management solutions, which is the practice he oversees.



Additionally, he has created numerous systems for its work on climate, ecosystems and economic development. This list includes systems for securitization of sustainable agriculture and forestry credit, quantitative analysis of ESG risks, and performance-based investment of development assistance capital.

His 20-year career as an entrepreneur began with a temporary contract from a Web 1.0 start-up (the former Go2Net, now part of InfoSpace) that had just 15 employees. Within two years, he rose to take charge of the company's sales strategy as it went public and eventually attained a market capitalization in excess of \$2.4 billion.

Mr. Munden left the Internet industry in 1999 with a passion for complex analytical problems. He spent the subsequent decade as a partner and investor in various private finance ventures, designing algorithmic trading systems and creating structured interest-rate products.

### **Rukka Sombolinggi**

*Deputy to Secretary General, Indigenous Peoples Alliance of the Archipelago (AMAN), Indonesia*



Rukka Sombolinggi is the international advocacy coordinator of [Aliansi Masyarakat Adat Nusantara](#) or AMAN, an organization of Indigenous Peoples in Indonesia which as of today has 1025 indigenous communities and more than 30 indigenous organizations as members. She belongs to the Toraya people from the central region of Sulawesi Island.

Ms. Sombolinggi produced *Standing Strong On the Tsunami Ruins* in April 2005, a film documentary about indigenous communities affected by Tsunami in Aceh. The film was funded and presented by AMAN and Assembly of First Nations (AFN Canada) before a side event during the 4th Session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in May 2005 at the UN

Headquarters in New York, USA.

Before joining AMAN in 1999, Ms. Sombolinggi worked for JAPHAMA (Jaringan Pembelaan Hak-hak Masyarakat Adat), a network of Indigenous Peoples' defenders—one of the main groups that convened the first congress of Indigenous Peoples in Indonesia in March 1999, during which AMAN was established.

### **Constance Teage**

*Program Manager, Community Land Protection Program, Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia*

Constance Teage is the program manager for the community land protection program at the Sustainable Development Institute in Liberia. Ms. Teage manages several grants for the program, which works to support communities in establishing and protecting their land rights. She holds a master's degree in international peace and conflict resolution.

### **Andy White**

*Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative, USA*



Prior to helping create and establish RRI, Andy White served as senior director of programs at Forest Trends and Natural Resource Management Specialist at the World Bank, and 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 and forest industry and trade, as well as the role of forests, communities and institutions in climate change. Dr. 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. Dr. White is also the President of the Rights and

Resources Group, the nonprofit coordinating mechanism of RRI based in Washington, DC.