

## **GLOBAL**

### **Andy White—Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative**

Prior to helping create and establish 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 Research Center, 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. Andy has a PhD in Forest Economics, an MA in Anthropology from the University of Minnesota, and a BS in Forestry from Humboldt State University.

### **Jeffrey Hatcher – Director, Global Programs**

Jeff oversees and contributes to RRI's analytical, communications and network support programs. He leads RRI's work in DRC. Prior to joining RRI, he worked as a consultant for the FAO land tenure service, including with FAO's Sudan Land Program team working to implement land related provisions of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement and developing land policy and law for South Sudan. He holds a BA in international relations and an MA in development studies. He speaks French and Italian.

### **Fred Pearce – Freelance Author and Journalist**

Fred is a freelance author and journalist based in London. He has been environment consultant of New Scientist magazine since 1992, reporting from 67 countries. He also writes regularly for the Guardian newspaper, Mail on Sunday and Yale e360, and is a frequent lecturer, having spoken on all six continents in the past four years. His recent books include Peoplequake, The Climate Files, When the Rivers Run Dry and Confessions of an Eco Sinner. They have been translated into 16 languages. His next book, The Land Grabbers will be published in May.

### **Fernanda Almeida – International Legal Consultant**

Fernanda works as an international legal consultant since 2010 undertaking comparative legal, regulatory and policy research and analysis. For the Rights and Resources Initiative Fernanda developed the methodology for identifying and comparing community forest tenure regimes around the world, and collected and analyzed data for 27 countries. Prior to working as a consultant, Almeida worked as project manager for the government of Minas Gerais, Brazil, the Subnational Doing Business team at the World Bank and the legal team of the Inter American Development Bank. She holds a law degree from the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Brazil from 2005 and a Master of Science in Foreign Services from Georgetown University in 2007.

where she received the Dean's Award for Academic Excellence. She speaks Portuguese, Spanish, English, French and German and is based in Berlin, Germany.

## **BRAZIL**

### **Luiz Carlos Joels – Brazilian Forestry Expert**

Luiz Carlos Joels is an experienced forester and has a Ph.D. in geography. He has worked for over 30 years in the Brazilian Amazon on issues relating to forests, traditional communities, environment, rural development, science and technology. He was previously employed by the Amazonas State Agricultural Extension Company; the World Wildlife Fund; the Brazilian Institute for Research in the Amazon; Brazil's Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Science and Technology; and the Brazilian Forest Service. Joels has also participated in National Councils on Environment, Forests, Biodiversity, Agenda 21 and Deforestation Control. He resides in Rio de Janeiro where he works as a private consultant and volunteers with Amazonian NGOs.

### **Adriana Ramos – Vice Executive Secretary, Instituto Socioambiental (ISA)**

Adriana Ramos is the Vice Executive Secretary of Instituto Socioambiental, a nonprofit that represents organizations working on indigenous rights issues in Brazil. For the last 20 years, she has been an active advocate for improving social and environmental sustainability through legislation and policies. She has also been executive secretary of the Sustainable Amazon Forum since 2010, and is Coordinator of a Brazilian NGO Forum working group on forests, and a civil society representative on the Amazon Fund Guidance Committee.

### **Antônio Carlos Hummel – Director General, Brazilian Forest Service**

Antônio Carlos Hummel works for the Brazilian Institute of Environment and Renewable Natural Resources (IBAMA). He has a degree in Forest Engineering with a specialization in Environmental Law, and Masters degree in Tropical Forests Science by the INPA (Amazon National Research Institute). Hummel has held many positions in the IBAMA and coordinated the Project for the Support of Sustainable Forest Management in Amazonia – ProManejo – PPG7, a widely recognized international cooperation project in the forest area. He has also served as a professor and has more than twenty articles published about forest issues. Hummel was the Director for Sustainable Use of Biodiversity and Forests of IBAMA for more than six years. During his administration several key instruments of forest management were consolidated, such as the creation of the Forest Origin Document – DOF, the organization of the “mahogany” exploitation in the country, and the consolidation of the legal framework for forest management in the Amazon. Hummel also has coordinated the process of decentralizing forest management to the state administrations. Since April 2009, Hummel has been the Director General of the Brazilian Forest Service, where he is responsible for the forest concession processes throughout Brazil, as well as the Forest Development agenda, which includes Sustainable Forest Management (including community-

based), the National Forest Information System, the National Forest Development Fund, and others.

## **CHINA**

### **Su Yufang – Deputy Director, Center for Mountain Ecosystem Studies**

Ms. Su, Yufang is a Deputy Director at Center for Mountain Ecosystem Studies, (a joint center between ICRAF and Chinese Academy of Sciences, hosted by Kunming Institute of Botany). She has 20 years research experience in resources governance, land tenure, livelihood and land use transition, and her current research focuses on resource management, forest tenure, local adaptation to climate change, and rural energy. Ms. Su also serves as a researcher at the Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences. She also served as a consultant a series of China-related international rural development programs. She therefore has some different professional experiences at different institutional settings. Ms. Su completed a bachelor's degree program on Geography at the Shanghai Teachers' University in China and received a Master degree on Sustainable Development at the Chiang Mai University in Thailand. She also has pursued extensive relevant professional trainings.

### **Liu Song – Research Assistant, Center for Mountain Ecosystem Studies**

Liu Song is a research assistant at Center for Mountain Ecosystem Studies, (a joint center between ICRAF and Chinese Academy of Sciences, hosted by Kunming Institute of Botany). He had involved in Southeast Asia timber trade and currently, focuses on forest tenure reform, which was the focal point of his master dissertation. Under the inspiration of his ex-supervisor Prof. Chuck Cannon at Xishuangbanna Botanical Tropical Garden, Chinese Academy of Science and Prof. Anthony R. Ives at U.S.A, he has built robust statistical analysis capability.

### **Li Ping, Staff Attorney, Landesa-RDI**

Mr. Li Ping has extensive land tenure experience, including forestland tenure, tenure security, land tenure law, eminent domain law, resettlement law and policy, regulatory takings, compensation valuation, land use law, land policy, and land-related institutional expertise in developing countries. He currently serves as RDI's resident China attorney.

## **INDIA**

### **Madhu Sarin – Fellow, Rights and Resources Initiative**

Madhu Sarin, an RRI fellow, has worked on community based natural resource management for over 30 years. For the last 10 years, she has been actively involved in the movement for forest tenure reform in India, and has written extensively on these issues, with papers published in

international and national books and journals. Madhu was one of the members of the Technical Support Group constituted by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for preparing the initial draft of the Forest Rights Act. She is an active member of the Campaign for Survival and Dignity which works to mobilize communities for claiming and asserting their rights under the FRA. In addition to being on the governing board of several NGOs in India, such as Vikram Sarabai Centre for Development Interaction (VIKSAT), Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (AKRSP), and Sutra, Madhu serves on the boards of Regional Community Forestry Training Center (Bangkok) and International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED), UK.

**Sudhansu Sekhar Deo – Indian Expert in Natural Resource Management**

Sudhansu Sekhar Deo is a Postgraduate in Botany with 14 years of experience in the field of natural resource management. He has worked directly with communities within the Similipal Biosphere reserve for protection of their rights over the natural resources in the biosphere, promoting village networks and providing research on various laws and policies and the strengthening of local resource based livelihood to reduce pressure on the biodiversity of Similipal. Sudhansu is associated with different right based groups in India in the field of forest management, genetic resource conservation, agriculture, water and sanitation. His current position with Vasundhara involves research and advocacy on the governance and management of forests in the post FRA-2006 scenario and assessment of impact of different forestry programs of government on community forest management.

**Tushar Dash – Director Forest Rights Act Thematic Group, Vasundhara**

Tushar currently leads the thematic group in Vasundhara on Forest Rights Act which focuses on research and advocacy on the process of implementation of India's Forest Rights Act (FRA) in the state of Odisha among other states. His research and work areas include issues in the implementation of FRA, mainly on habitat rights of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PTGs), displaced communities and other traditional forest dwellers; rights of shifting cultivators; seasonal access rights of nomadic and pastoralist communities; diversion of forest land; forest village conversion and community forest management after recognition of rights. Tushar is also coordinating a national level learning and advocacy group on community forest rights in collaboration with Kalpavriksh. He has led many guiding, training and capacity building programs on the Forest Rights Act.