

### **Marlène Buchy**

Marlène Buchy is an independent researcher who has worked for 15 years at The Australian National University, The Institute of Social Sciences in The Hague, and the University of Bath. Marlene is both trained as a forester and a social scientist, and for the last 20 years has worked extensively on natural resource management in South and South East Asia, as well as more recently in West and Central Africa. Her areas of work include governance, gender and social equity, power analysis, and participatory learning action, methodologies and methods. She works at the interfaces between academic research and practice, methodologies, and on the environmental and social dimensions of livelihoods and resource management.

### **Kalpana Giri**

Kalpana, a Nepalese national, is a forester by training with substantive knowledge and experience in gender relations, environmental governance, innovation approaches, livelihoods, climate change and REDD+ in South and South East Asia. She holds a PhD in gender and environmental governance from the University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences-BOKU, Vienna. She has written and edited over a dozen of scientific publications on gender, environmental governance, livelihoods, tenure and recently on climate change. Currently, in her role as Gender and REDD+ Advisor for the USAID's supported climate change mitigation project "Lowering Emissions in Asia Forests (LEAF)" program, she provides technical support to integrate gender into REDD+ interventions across 6 South East Asian and 6 South Asian countries.

### **Joan U. Jamisolamin**

Joan U Jamisolamin is the Grants Manager of The Samdhana Institute Regional Office, based in Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines. Joan was previously engaged with indigenous communities in her field works in the provinces of Bukidnon, Agusan del Sur, and Surigao del Sur. She was also a Faculty-Program Officer in the social formation and community involvement, and research and outreach programs in Xavier University. She works with the Indigenous Peoples Support Fund (IPSF) in the Philippines and with the Mekong Small Grants Facility catering to grassroots and Indigenous communities in the Mekong Region. She also works in support of other engagements of Samdhana in policy advocacy, evolving and documenting innovative strategies for building leadership and economic capacities of Indigenous peoples, and collaborating with multi-sectoral alliances for environmental concerns and initiatives. Joan has a bachelor's degree in Development Communication from Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan, and a master's degree from the University of the Philippines.

### **Jeanette Gurung**

Jeanette is Founder and Director of Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN), and a Gender Expert of the Program Advisory Committee of the CGIAR Participatory Research and Analysis program. She is also a Steering Committee member of the Forest Dialogue, and President of the Adelboden Bureau for Mountain Development (UN-Food and Agricultural Organization).

### **Abidah Billah Setyowati**

Abidah is a project coordinator for Capacity Building for Women's Leadership in Farmers Producers Organization in Asia and the Pacific Region, WOCAN. She has an MA degree in political ecology from the Geography Department, University of Hawaii, and is currently completing her PhD in political ecology from the Geography Department, Rutgers University, USA. Abidah's expertise includes natural resources and climate governance, community forestry, community based approaches to resource management, and gender aspects of climate and natural resource governance in Indonesia and other countries in Southeast Asia.

### **Mia Siscawati**

Mia is a Ph.D. Candidate in Socio-cultural Anthropology at the University of Washington, U.S.A.. She is a founding member of RMI-the Indonesian Institute for Forest and Environment, and a member of the advisory board of KAPAL Perempuan.

### **Avi Mahaningtyas**

Avi is the Chief of Cluster, Environmental and Economic Governance at the Kemitraan-Partnership for Governance Reform, Indonesia. She is also a fellow of the Samdhana Institute. Before joining the Partnership, Ms. Mahaningtyas was a Consultant and Researcher in program development for the Samdhana-AUSAID REDD project. Prior to that, she was a National Coordinator for the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Program or GEF SGP. GEF SGP is a multilateral grant mechanism managed by United Nations Development Programme across 64 countries.

### **Xiaobei Wang**

Xiaobei Wang is a Gender & Land Tenure Specialist at Landesa, the Rural Development Institute. Xiaobei Wang has a rich experience in field research and empirical studies on women's land rights, legal aid, and the interaction between statutory and customary law in China. Before joining Landesa, she was the secretary general of Women's Watch China at Peking University Women's Law Studies & Legal Aid Centre. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in protecting women's rights by building gender awareness and promoting new laws and regulations. Wang earned her Master's degree and Ph.D. in sociology from Renmin University of China. She is fluent in Mandarin Chinese and English.

### **Cécile Ndjebet**

Cécile is an Agronomist based in Cameroon. She holds a Master's degree in Social Forestry from the Wageningen Agricultural University in The Netherlands. Cécile is a highly experienced Development Agent and an activist community rights to land and forest; she has mainly devoted her work on mainstreaming Gender into development and advocacy for women. Since 2000, Cécile has coordinated a national NGO in Cameroon and is the President of The African Women's Network for Community Management of Forests (REFACOF), a women's network with members spanning 14 African countries. She speaks fluent French and English.

### **Naomi Basik**

Naomi supports the coordination and management of the RRI Asia Program and contributes to annual planning, monitoring and evaluation processes, and RRI's analytical work pertaining to Asia. Naomi holds a BA in East Asian Studies from Oberlin College, and is currently pursuing a MA in International Development Studies at the Elliott School of International Affairs – George Washington University. Naomi is focusing her graduate studies on human rights and sustainable natural resource management, with an emphasis on the intersection between civil society development, sustainable agricultural, food and forest systems, and resource tenure. Prior to joining RRI, Naomi worked in Vietnam helping establish and raise funds for volunteer-led education and microenterprise initiatives for ethnic minority women in highland areas, and in rural Japan with the JET Programme, where she taught and designed an elementary school English curriculum and facilitated intercultural student exchanges. Naomi speaks fluent English and Japanese.

### **Ganga Ram Dahal**

A native of Nepal, Ganga holds a Bachelor of Science degree in agro-forestry, a master's degree in sociology and rural society, a Master of Science degree in international and rural development, and a PhD in forest governance and institutions in decentralization. As regional facilitator, he also works for the RRI partner organization, The Center for People and Forests (RECOFTC) in Bangkok, Thailand. His key areas of expertise include forest governance, institutional structure, tenure and resource rights, community based resource management and livelihoods, decentralization and devolution policies, and sustainable resource management. He is a native Nepali speaker and nearly native speaker of Hindi, and proficient in Bahasa Indonesia.

### **Arvind Khare**

Arvind Khare is a natural resources management specialist with more than 20 years of experience in the non-profit, corporate and public sectors. During this period he made significant contributions to the critical examination of poverty-environment linkages, initiated a number of innovative rural development projects and was involved in social risk assessment of development investments in India. His work has also involved the development and analysis of policies in infrastructure, forestry, tribal development, social development and watershed sectors for the state and central governments of India, infrastructure financial institutions, private and public sector enterprises, non government organisations, bilateral and multilateral development institutions. He chaired the External Advisory Group of the World Bank on Forest Sector Strategy Implementation from 2005-2006. Arvind speaks fluent English and Hindi.

### **Augusta Molnar**

Augusta coordinates the country and regional activities of the Latin America, Asia and Africa Programs of the Initiative, also focusing on RRI's global theme of Alternative Tenure & Enterprise Models (ATEMs) that better support local economies and livelihoods. Her MA, PhD and post-graduate work in the 1970s and 1980s was focused on South Asia – initially on gender and subsequently on natural resource management and community forestry and related social assessment. Prior to joining Rights and Resources Augusta worked more than twenty years with different international development agencies, mainly with the World Bank, in Asia and Central America on issues of forestry, land tenure, gender, Indigenous Peoples and related policies. Augusta has worked in Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Mexico, Honduras, Chile, Costa Rica, and Central and West Africa. She speaks fluent Spanish, Nepali, English, and some French.

