

Panelist Biographies

Lou Munden

Founder, TMP Systems

Language: French, English

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.

Suleiman Kiggundu

Africa Director, CDC Group Plc.

Language: English

Suleiman is Regional Director for Africa at CDC Group plc. Established by the UK Government in 1948, CDC is the world's oldest development finance institution that is currently invested in over 1,300 companies supporting over 1.1 million jobs in various developing countries.

Suleiman is also Executive Chairman of CFS Group, a pan-African financial services group with interests in capital markets, investment banking and private equity. Until early 2014, Suleiman spent 10 years as Group CEO at CFS Group, focused on transforming it into a leading indigenously-owned financial services provider in sub-Saharan Africa.

Prior to this, he spent 10 years with the HSBC Group in several senior positions, including Head of Corporate Banking for Sub-Saharan Africa at HSBC Equator Bank plc and Head of Corporate & Institutional Banking at HSBC Bank plc. Coordinating HSBC's debt and risk advisory offerings in Africa, he personally completed transactions in more than 15 countries across Africa.

Suleiman holds a BSc in Electrical Engineering and a BA in Economics (cum laude) both from Yale University, as well as post-graduate diplomas in banking, finance and corporate governance

Mali Ole Kaunga

Founder and Director, IMPACT, Kenya

Language: English

Johnson M. Ole Kaunga is the Director of the Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation (IMPACT) and Founder/ Advisor of the Maasai Cultural Heritage. IMPACT is a peace-building, human rights, governance, land rights, policy advocacy, and community development organization working among and with pastoralist communities to address the major problems faced by minorities and Indigenous People in Kenya. In this regard, IMPACT has been keen to tackle first and foremost the loss of land rights, historical land injustices, and exploitation of resources without participation or accruing benefits. The Maasai Cultural Heritage is working to document, protect and promote the broad bio-cultural diversity practices, heritage, and traditional knowledge of the Maa-speaking pastoralists. The Maasai Cultural Heritage has been collaborating with WIPO, ILO, the National museum of Kenya, and several universities. Ole Kaunga has written on several topics touching on land, natural resources, education, and human rights, and is a renowned Indigenous Peoples' rights defender and natural resources access and use negotiator with defined benefits to affected communities.

Maminah Carr

Head of Secretariat, Natural Resource Women Platform, Liberia

Language: English

Maminah Carr is a Liberian national and a sociologist by profession, currently serving as the Head of Secretariat for the Natural Resource Women's Platform. Her work includes amplifying the voices of forest-dependent women, highlighting their challenges, and finding a common plan to address those challenges.

Alioune Gueye

President, National Federation of Irrigated Land Managed by Farmers

Language: French

Alioune Gueye is a member of the Council for Rural Consultation and Cooperation (CNCR) and is President of the National Federation of Irrigated Land Managed by Farmers (Fédération des Périmètres Autogérés), a Senegalese organization composed of 15 local associations and 336 community-based organizations.

Andy White

Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative

Language: English

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.

Solange Bandiaky-Badji

Director, Africa Program, Rights and Resources Initiative

Language: English, French

Solange Bandiaky-Badji is the Africa Program Director for the Rights and Resources Initiative. She leads the development of RRI's strategy for engagement in Africa with a focus on tenure rights, building more synergies around new strategic analyses, and giving actors a more strategic understanding of trends, issues, options, and gender in Africa. She holds a PhD in women's and gender studies from Clark University in Massachusetts, and master's degrees in environmental sciences and in philosophy from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Senegal. She previously worked as the Regional Expert on gender and climate change for the Africa Adaptation Programme (AAP) and the UNDP/ BDP Gender Team in New York. Solange has published work on gender in relation to natural resource management, decentralization/local governance, forest and land reforms. She speaks English, French, and Wolof, one of the local languages of Senegal.

Fred Pearce

Journalist

Language: English

Fred Pearce is a freelance author and environment journalist based in the UK. He is a contributing writer for Yale Environment 360 and is the author of numerous books, including *The Land Grabbers*, *Earth Then and Now: Potent Visual Evidence of Our Changing World*, and *The Climate Files: The Battle for the Truth About Global Warming*.