

Scaling-up Global Action on Collective Land Rights for Climate, Conservation and Livelihoods

**High-level Discussion Co-hosted by the UK Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)
and the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)**

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Speakers and Co-Hosts

Speaker Biographies

Solange Bandiaky-Badji is Coordinator of the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). She also serves as President of the Rights and Resources Group, the nonprofit coordinating mechanism of the RRI Coalition based in Washington, D.C. Bandiaky-Badji previously led RRI's strategy for engagement in Africa with a focus on tenure rights reform, along with RRI's Gender Justice thematic program. Before RRI she was with PartnersGlobal, where she led programs on access to justice, security sector reform, and peace-building. She has also worked as a regional expert on gender and climate change for the Africa Adaptation Programme (AAP) and the UNDP/ BDP Gender Team in New York. Bandiaky-Badji holds a PhD in Women's and Gender Studies from Clark University, Massachusetts and an MA in Environmental Sciences and in Philosophy from Cheikh Anta Diop University, Senegal. She has published and contributed extensively to research in relation to natural resource management, decentralization, local forest tenure reforms, and women's participation in climate solutions and peace-building.

Chris Penrose-Buckley is Senior Land Policy Lead at the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and holds an MSc in rural development and agricultural economics from Imperial College London. Chris is an agriculture and rural development specialist with 19 years' experience in smallholder agriculture, market development and natural resource management in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Since 2011 he has worked as a Livelihoods Adviser in FCDO, leading initially on food and agriculture policy role where he authored a new FCDO conceptual framework for agriculture in 2013, and as FCDO's lead on nutrition and extreme poverty in Bangladesh until 2016.

Tuntiak Katan, Indigenous Shuar of Ecuador, is the General Coordinator of the Global Alliance for Territorial Communities (GATC), which brings together four international indigenous organizations that represent more than 600 million hectares of tropical forests. He is also Vice General Coordinator of Coordinadora de las Organizaciones Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA). He spoke at the 2019 UN climate action summit on climate change on behalf of the International Indigenous People's Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), a caucus of indigenous rights advocates who work towards more robust participation and inclusion at the UN level in response to the climate crisis.

Secretary Deb Haaland is the US Secretary for the Interior, and made history when she became the first Native American to serve as a cabinet secretary. She is a member of the Pueblo of Laguna and a 35th generation New Mexican. After running for New Mexico Lieutenant Governor in 2014, Secretary Haaland became the first Native American woman to be elected to lead a State Party. She is one of the first Native American women to serve in Congress. In Congress, she focused on environmental justice, climate change, missing and murdered indigenous women, and family-friendly policies.

Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park is Minister for Pacific and the Environment at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). He was previously Minister of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and at the Department for International Development, and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Stanley Kimaren Ole Riamit is an Indigenous peoples' leader from the Pastoralists Maasai Community in southern Kenya. He is the Founder-Director of Indigenous Livelihoods Enhancement Partners (ILEPA) a community based Indigenous Peoples organization based in Kenya. He has served as Chair of the International Indigenous Peoples Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC), Anglophone African representatives to the World Bank's Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) and most recently as Southern CSOs Active Observer to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), among others.

Fabiola Muñoz Dodero, is former Minister of the Environment and Agriculture, Peru, and former Executive Director of Peru's National Forest and Wildlife Service (SERFOR) under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Prior to this, she was the Deputy Director of the Peru Forest Initiative, the U.S. Forest Service Cooperation Programme in Peru. A lawyer by profession, she has held a number of key roles in both private and public sectors, for example as adviser to the Minister of Agriculture. Her experience spans international cooperation and interagency coordination, natural resource management policies, social development linking the private and public sectors and environmental management.

Pasang Dolma Sherpa is Executive Director of the Center for Indigenous Peoples Research & Development in Nepal. She has been working with indigenous peoples of Nepal in relation to climate change education—particularly in the area of indigenous peoples' customary practices and traditional knowledge in conservation and sustainable management of natural resources and biodiversity—since 2009. She served as the representative of the indigenous peoples of Asia and Pacific to the Policy Board of UN-REDD for three years, and to the Participant Committee of Forest Carbon Partnership Facilities (FCPF) at the World Bank for four years. She was also a member of the REDD Working Group of the Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation in Nepal for eight years, and co-chaired the International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Climate Change (IIPFCC).

Joan Carling is the Global Director of Indigenous Peoples Rights International. She is an indigenous activist from the Cordillera with more than 20 years of working on indigenous issues from the grassroots to the international level. Her expertise includes areas like human rights, sustainable development, the environment, climate change, and additionally the application of Free, Prior and Informed Consent. She

was the General Secretary of the Asia Indigenous People Pact (AIPP) From September 2008 to December 2016. She was appointed as indigenous expert of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (2014-2016) by the United Nations Economic and Social Council. She was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by UN Environment in September 2018. She is currently the co-convenor of the Indigenous Peoples' Major Group for Sustainable Development-IPMG.

Gustavo Sánchez Valle is a member of the Executive Committee of the Mesoamerican Alliance for People and Forests and President of the Executive Council of the MOCAF Network, a Mexican Network of Forest Peoples' Organizations that has contributed greatly to the development of the country's rural regions. Gustavo also participates in many global forums (FCPF, DGM, etc.) to bring the voice of local communities and has recently been working with RRI and PCN (Proceso Comunidades Negras, Colombia) to influence the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's Platform of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples regarding the participation and representation of local communities.

Andrea Meza is Minister of Environment and Energy in Costa Rica, and Chair of High Ambition Coalition for Nature and People. Previously Director of Climate Change at the Ministry of Environment and Energy, she is an expert in sustainable development with more than 20 years of experience formulating public policies and executing projects. She has worked in more than 15 Latin American countries in multidisciplinary projects financed by various multilateral organizations (IDB, World Bank, CAF, European Union, UNDP), bilateral (AECID, GIZ) and National governments.

Cristián Samper is President & CEO of the Wildlife Conservation Society and Advisor at the Bezos Earth Fund. He was previously Director of the Smithsonian National Museum Natural History (NMNH) in Washington. He founded the Alexander von Humboldt Biological Resources Research Institute in 1995, Colombia's national biodiversity research institute, and was awarded the National Medal of the Environment and the Order of San Carlos by the President of Colombia for his contributions. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR); and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS). He grew up in Colombia and studied biology at the Universidad de Los Andes in Colombia before earning his Master's and Doctorate Degrees in Biology from Harvard.

About the Co-Hosts

The Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI):

RRI is a global Coalition of 21 Partners and over 150 organizations of rights holders and their allies dedicated to advancing the land rights and livelihoods of Indigenous Peoples, Afro-descendant Peoples and local communities – particularly the women within these communities. RRI leverages the power of its global coalition to amplify the voices of local peoples, and proactively engages governments, multilateral institutions and private sector actors to adopt institutional and market reforms that support the realization of their rights and self-determined development. By advancing understanding of the global threats and opportunities that result from insecure land and resource rights, RRI develops and

promotes rights-based approaches to business and development and catalyzes effective rural tenure reform and sustainable governance of natural resources.

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO)

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