

Speaker Biographies

Looking for Leadership: Panel Discussion
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Andy White

Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

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 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, 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. Andy is also the President of the Rights and Resources Group, the nonprofit coordinating mechanism of RRI based in Washington, DC.

Fred Pearce

Journalist and author, *The Land Grabbers: The New Fight over Who Owns the Earth*

Fred Pearce is an award-winning author and journalist based in London. He has reported on environment, science, and development issues from sixty-seven countries over the past 20 years. Environment consultant at *New Scientist* since 1992, he also writes regularly for the *Guardian* newspaper and Yale University's prestigious e360 website. Pearce was voted UK Environment Journalist of the Year in 2001 and CGIAR agricultural research journalist of the year in 2002, and won a lifetime achievement award from the Association of British Science Writers in 2011. His many books include *The Land Grabbers: The New Fight over Who Owns the Earth*; *The Last Generation: How nature will take her revenge for climate change*; *With Speed and Violence, Confessions of an Eco-Sinner*; *The Coming Population Crash*; and *When the Rivers Run Dry*.

Joji Cariño

Director, Forest Peoples Programme (FPP), The Philippines

Joji, an Ibaloi-Igorot from the Cordillera region of the Philippines, has been an active campaigner and advocate for Indigenous Peoples' rights at community, national and international levels over the past 25 years. She is an experienced environment and development educator, and an internationally recognized expert on cultural and biological diversity and international standards on natural resources and corporate accountability. Prior to joining FPP, which is a coalition partner of the Rights and Resources Initiative, Joji was the Indigenous Policy Advisor and European Desk Coordinator for Tebtebba Foundation (Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy, Research and Education), Philippines.

She has also served as Team Leader of the Indigenous Peoples' and Biodiversity Programme; Coordinator, International Expert Seminar on Indicators Relevant for Indigenous Peoples, the CBD and MDGs; and Coordinator, International Indigenous Peoples' Forum on Biodiversity (IIFB) Working Group on Indicators. Previously, she served as commissioner for the World Commission on Dams, and before that, executive secretary of the International Alliance of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples of the Tropical Forests.

Mina Susana Setra

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

Mina is a Dayak Pompakng from West Kalimantan. She is the Deputy Secretary General of AMAN and focuses on organization, communications and resource mobilization. She has worked in AMAN since its establishment in 1999, predominantly in international policy and advocacy. Previously as Deputy to Secretary General on policy advocacy, law and politics, Mina's work included reframing the discussion of the implementation of the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD) program in Indonesia to ensure the rights of indigenous peoples. She also led the AMAN advocacy team and oversaw the submission on the Indonesian Forestry Law to the Constitutional Court, which led to the Court's historic ruling to declare that customary forests are no longer forests belonging to the state. Prior to joining the national Executive board of AMAN, Mina was the Secretary General of AMAN West Kalimantan. Mina is also a founder and board member of the West Kalimantan based Ruai TV, a community television station providing media access to indigenous and marginalized communities as well as empowering them through its focus on citizen journalism.

Peter Kitelo

Convener, Kenya Forest Indigenous Peoples Network & Co-Founder, Chepkitale Indigenous People Development Project, Kenya

Peter is a member of the Ogiek Community of Mt. Elgon in Kenya and was born and raised in Mt. Elgon forests, where he and his community experienced violent evictions from their homes. Peter joined other community activists in advocating against land dispossession and co-founded the Chepkitale Indigenous People Development Project (CIPDP) in 2000. He has since been an active member of CIPDP, first as a Communications Officer and now Strategic Director. He is also the convener of the Forest Indigenous Peoples Network in Kenya. Peter participated in suing the government after it converted parts of his community's land to a game reserve while at the same time trying to convince the government that a win-win outcome for conservation and land rights for the community was possible through allowing the community live sustainably in its lands. He further helped write down the community's sustainability by-laws. Currently, Peter is engaged in bringing together traditional forest dependent communities in Kenya to pursue issues of common interest, especially through engagements with the National Land Commission. He is additionally engaged in the legal process of making proposals for the drafting of laws that would enable communities own and manage their lands and their natural resources as well as laws that redress historical land injustices.

Silas Kpanan' Ayoung Siakor

Campaigner, Community Rights Program, Sustainable Development Institute, Liberia

Silas founded the Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) in Liberia, and served as its first Director from 2005 to 2009. He was actively involved in Liberia's forest sector reform process and in 2010 published *Liberia: The Promise Betrayed*, the first comprehensive civil society assessment of forest sector reform in the country. He and his colleagues at SDI lobbied successfully in 2013 for formal recognition of customary land rights in Liberia. The same year, he also worked with colleagues and partner organizations to pressure the government to cancel logging permits or Private Use Permits covering more than 2 million hectares. Silas is currently involved in civil society efforts to strengthen legal protection for customary land rights in Liberia's draft Land Rights Act.

Terhi Koipijärvi

Executive Vice President (Act) Global Responsibility at Stora Enso

Terhi leads the Global Responsibility function at Stora Enso, a publicly traded company listed in Helsinki and Stockholm that is a leader in the packaging, biomaterials, wood products and paper industry in more than 35 countries. Terhi Koipijärvi has extensive international experience in leading corporate responsibility and sustainable forestry within the forest industry. At Stora Enso, she especially focuses on stakeholder engagement and responsible business models. During her career, Terhi Koipijärvi has worked on sustainability issues from many different angles in international forest industry companies. Her experience ranges from providing training on environmental friendly forestry practices to lumberjacks in Russia and the Baltic Countries to developing responsible business models and strategies in emerging markets in countries such as China, Pakistan and Brazil. She holds a Master of Science degree from the Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry at the University of Helsinki.

Tony LaViña

Dean of the Ateneo School of Government, The Philippines

Tony La Viña is currently Dean of the Ateneo School of Government, having taken this position in 2006 when he returned to the Philippines after an eight year period at the World Resources Institute. From 1996-1998, he was the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines where he championed indigenous peoples' and community land rights through pioneering land tenure recognition programs. He is co-founder of the Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center – Friends of the Earth Philippines, a leading human rights and environmental organization. Tony is a lead negotiator for the Philippines in climate change negotiations. He played prominent and leadership roles in Kyoto in 1997 as the chair of the land use change and forestry negotiations and in Copenhagen in 2009 and Durban in 2011 where he chaired the Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+) negotiations. Currently, Tony is an adviser to the Philippine delegation negotiating the 2015 Paris Agreement. He has prioritized the inclusion of human rights in the new agreement. Aside from climate

change, Tony is an authority on and has published dozens of books, papers and articles relating to law and governance, constitutional law, indigenous peoples rights, biodiversity and biotechnology, sustainable agriculture, trade and environment, mining, public ethics, leadership, local governance, social accountability and social entrepreneurship.