



REGIONAL MEETING: AMERICAS

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MERCEDES ARAOZ

Mercedes Araoz is representative of the Inter-American Development Bank in Mexico, a position she has held since January 1, 2012. Mercedes Araoz is an economist, professor and Peruvian politician. During the second government of Alan Garcia, Araoz held the positions of Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Minister of Industry and Minister of Economy and Finance. She studied Economics at the University of Pacifico and later obtained a Master of Arts in Economics (1991) and a Ph.D. in Economics (1993) from the University of Miami. She is Associate Professor in International Economics at the Pacific University and a member of the Research Centre of the University, as well as a Professor of the Diplomatic Academy of Peru. During her career she has served as President of the Commission for the Promotion of Exports and Tourism (PROMPERU), Vice-President of the National Competitiveness Council (PERU RACING) and Director of the Agency for the Promotion of Private Investment (PROINVERSION). In 2005, as Executive Director of the National Competitiveness Council, Araoz developed the National Competitiveness Plan for Peru. She previously worked as Advisor to the Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade, was a member of the negotiating team of the Peru Free Trade Agreement – USA, as well as Chairperson of the Negotiating Group on Competition Policy in the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). She has also been a consultant to various international organizations inculding the World Bank, IDB, CAF and UNCTAD.

DOLORES BARRIENTOS

Mexico representative for the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In previous years Dolores worked as the Regional Specialist for Climate Change and Sustainable Energy for the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB). As an independent consultant, Dolores conducted assessments of companies in Mexico, the US and Europe on issues related to international finance, structured debt financing, project finance, carbon finance and the Clean Development Mechanism. Dolores has had a varied and distinguished career in the area of national and international finance having worked for many years in Mexico's National Bank for External Commerce, where she led the International Finance Department, the structuring of diverse financial programmes in global and local bond markets, as well as the structuring of projects in the energy, tourism, steel and infrastructure sectors. Dolores also led the design and development of the Mexican Carbon Fund. Mz Barrientos has a degree in Technical Economy from the University of Monterrey, where she obtained an honourable mention, and a Masters in Public Administration at the John F Kennedy School of Governance at the University of Harvard.



DEBORAH BERRY

Deborah Berry is a cultural and economic geographer from the US and has spent most of her professional life working (and living) in Latin America. Her most direct experience has been in Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mexico in rural development and policy (as a practitioner, international consultant and researcher) with a focus that changed over the years from agriculture to community forestry. During the last decade in Central America she helped set up several research institutions, the last of which (PRISMA- Regional Program for Environment and Development Studies). She recently returned to the US, after seven years with Ford Foundation at the Mexico/Central America office, where she worked in the Environment and Development field. She is currently a Senior Research Associate with the Governance Program at CIFOR, based in Washington, DC where she works closely with the Rights and Resources Initiative (a global collaborative partnership between many – including IUCN, Forest Trends/RRGroup, CIFOR, ICRAF, RECOFTC and others), to help get/keep community rights to tenure, access and benefits from forestlands and resources on the international agenda. Latest research, a co-edited book: "The Community Forests of Mexico: Managing for Sustainable Landscapes.

EDUARDO BOHÓRQUEZ

Eduardo Bohórquez has served as Director of Transparencia Mexicana, Transparency International chapter in Mexico since 1999. A graduate of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in Political Sciences and Public Administration, he also studied a Masters in Development studies at the University of Cambridge, UK. Eduardo has designed anti-corruption strategies with a basis in tools for control, information systems, social mobilisation and citizen monitoring to strengthen the transparency, accountability and integrity in diverse sectors. He has taught undergraduate diplomas and courses at the Centre for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE), the Technological Institute and the Advanced Studies Institute of the Monterrey Technological University, as well as at the Iberoamericana University, amongst other academic institutions. Between 2009 and 2011, he served as a Board member for the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Mr. Bohórquez collaborated with the World Bank Institute assessing transparency and accountability in the provision of public services and the administration of resources such as water. Eduardo's experience centres as well in measuring the impact of corruption, monitoring instruments for anticorruption, ethics and integrity for the private sector, the relationship between institutionality and corruption in social policy, amongst other topics.

HUGO CHE PIU

Hugo Che Piu is President of the Peruvian organisation Law, Environment and National Resources (DAR). Hugo has a Masters in Environmental Management from the Andes University of Colombia and a BA in Law from the National University of San Marcos. He holds postgraduate studies in Public Policy Design, Governance and Public Administration, Ecosystems, Processes of Change in Biodiversity Management and an Introduction to Complex Systems Theory. Hugo is Coordinator of the Peru's National REDD+ Roundtable, member of the Environment Commission for the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), member of the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (ELAW), and member of the Latin American Network for Forestry and Environmental Law (RELADEFA) and of the Latin American Forestry and Environmental Legislation of the International Union of Forestry Research Organisations (IUFRO). In addition he is author of various books and articles on Forestry legislation and policy.



LISA ELGES

Programme Manager in Transparency International, responsible for the Climate Governance Integrity Programme. Lisa joined Transparency International's Asia Pacific Department in 2000. In her current role, Lisa serves as an observer on the Scaling-up Renewable Energy Programme (SREP) of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) and represents TI at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the International Panel on Climate Change, and the Global Environmental Facility NGO Network. She directs the advocacy programme of AdaptationWatch and serves as advisor to the Adaptation Fund NGO Network. Prior to TI, she worked for the Japanese Parliament, the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation, UN Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders. She is now pursuing her PhD at the Environment and Policy Research Institute at Berlin's Freie Universität. She graduated at the International Christian University (Tokyo, Japan) in 1993 and completed her LL.M in international human rights law at the University of Essex (UK) in 1997.

CASSIE FLYNN (VIA VIDEO INTERVIEW)

Cassie Flynn has provided strategic advisory services to UN bodies and other international organizations, national, state and local governments, private sector, and civil society groups on climate change and sustainability issues. As a Climate Change Policy Specialist with the United Nations Development Programme, Cassie supported countries in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) negotiations and provided technical advice to countries on finance, capacity building, adaptation and technology. In 2011, Cassie published "Blending Climate Finance through National Climate Funds," a guidebook on designing and establishing national funds. Prior to UNDP, Cassie worked in both the public and private sectors. She worked for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Clean Diesel Campaign. With the U.S. State Department, Cassie spent time in Fiji where she analyzed the viability of developing a biofuels industry as a part of the country's response to the impacts of climate change and shifting trade rules. She earned her Master's in Environmental Management from the Yale University and undergraduate degrees in government and environmental studies from Bowdoin College.

SERGIO GRAF

Agricultural Engineer and Forestry specialist (University of Guadalajara). Sergio completed graduate studies in the Advanced School of Tropical Agronomy in France. He is an Associate Member of the Advanced Studies Program for Sustainable Development and Environment (LEAD-Mexico). He has experience working in Latin America, Europe and Africa. Currently he is General Coordinator of Production and Productivity of the National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR). He was Director of the Sierra Biosphere Reserve Manantlán, Jalisco Colima for 9 years (CONANP), served as Executive Director of the Foundation for Biodiversity Manantlán West BC and is a Research Professor in the Department of Ecology and Natural Resources at the Institute for Innovation and Governance at the University of Guadalajara. He has participated in independent evaluations related to environmental and natural resources, amongst many others, the midterm evaluation of GEF 2 – Natural Protected Areas Fund. Sergio is a founding member of various civil society organizations as the Mexican Civil Council for Sustainable Forestry AC, AC CEIBA Y MABIO AC. He has also participated as a member of the Technical Committee of the Trust for the Conservation of Natural Areas and the Aquifer of the Yucatan (FANAY), and the Ayuquila river basin Trust. Sergio has contributed to over 13 publications on Environmental issues. He also participates as an active member in more than ten committees and Collegiate Bodies.



JAN KOWALZIG (VIA VIDEO INTERVIEW)

Jan Kowalzig is senior policy advisor for climate change at Oxfam Germany, a development organisation active in the fields of poverty reduction, humanitarian relief and advocacy/policy work. Mr Kowalzig has followed the UN climate change negotiations for the past nine years, since the Bali climate summit with a special focus on adaptation and climate finance, in particular German climate finance. Before joining Oxfam in 2007, Mr Kowalzig has worked over several years for the Brussels office of the European network of Friends of the Earth as a senior policy advisor on European energy and climate policy.

SERGIO MADRID

Executive Director of the Mexican Civil Council for Sustainable Forestry since its foundation in 1996 and a specialist in forest issues and rural development. Sergio is an Agricultural Engineer and has a Masters in Rural Development that he completed at the Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana. As part of his role as Executive Director, he occupies the post of President of FSC-México and President of the REDD Technical Advisory Board. As executive director he also coordinated the programme of Forestry certification that the Mexican Civil Council carried out in collaboration with the Rainforest Alliance and that achieved the certification of 800,000 hectares of "ejido" and communal territories. Sergio has contributed to more than 20 studies related with the forestry sector in collaboration with various institutions such as the World Bank, the Mexican Conservation Fun, the National Forestry Commission, FAO, UNEP, FSC, Rainforest Alliance, amongst others. He has also participated as leader of forestry management evaluation teams, in forest regions of Nicaragua, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru y Mexico.

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Luis Muñozcano holds a Chemical Engineer degree from Tec de Monterrey with post graduate studies in the University of Hohenheim and a Master Degree in Business Administration from Tec de Monterrey. Nowadays he is the Joint General Director for Climate Change Projects of the Under-Secretariat of Planning and Climate Change of the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources. He is the focal point of the National Designated Authority in the Clean Development Mechanism of the of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. He participates in the negotiations of the convention oriented to market and mitigation mechanisms. He is in charge of the promotion of National Level Appropriate Actions for Mitigation, the regulation of the National Registry of Emissions and the implementation of of the Climate Change Fund; this last two instruments provided by the Law of Climate Change. Before working in the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources he was Director of Sectorial Tracing for the Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock, Rural Development, Fisheries, and Food. Previously he has been a Consultant in agriculture, including the NAFTA negotiations in that topic. He has worked for FAO, Fira de Barcelona, the National Agricultural Council among others.



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Maria Netto is a Climate Change Specialist at the Sustainable Energy and Climate Change Unit of the IDB, responsible for overseeing the teams working on carbon finance and adaptation. Before joining the IDB Maria was senior Climate Change Policy Advisor at the UNDP where she was responsible for policy and strategy development for integrating climate change in UNDP operations, as well as for overseeing a global project to support 20 countries to assess investment and financial flows and policy options to address climate change across different sectors and economic activities. Maria Netto worked for more than 10 years in the UNFCCC secretariat where she was responsible for leading the UNFCCC secretariat assessment of investment and financial flows to address climate change (2007) and was part of the team setting up the institutional framework for the implementation of the CDM and JI.

EDUARDO REYES

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LIANE SCHALATEK (VIA VIDEO INTERVIEW)

Associate Director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation North America. Liane brings 10 years of experience in global governance, specifically international trade and finance, as well as the promotion of gender equality and women's empowerment in the international program work to Heinrich Böll Foundation North America team. A particular interest of her work has been awareness and capacity building work on the need to engender macroeconomic policy. Currently, her work focuses on international climate finance, with an emphasis on public climate finance flows and on equitable access to climate funding. A special consideration of her current work is addressing the gender dimensions of climate change (adaptation and mitigation), including with respect to climate finance. She is a formally trained newspaper editor and also worked as a free-lance journalist for several years. She researches and publishes on international development, climate and gender issues. Author of the blog http://climatequity.org/ and Climate Financing for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Challenges and Opportunities, paper for the Commission on the Status of Women, UN, New York, 27 February to 9 March 2012, on the panel on progress in financing for gender equality from the perspective of international organizations and multilateral development partners (March 2012). Liane holds a M.A. in Political Science and Political Economy from the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg and a M.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University, Washington D.C..



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Jorge holds a BD in Political Sciences from UAM and a Specialist Degree in Environmental and Energy Policy from FLACSO. During his professional career, he has collaborated with diverse civil society organizations in the areas of climate change, energy, commons, gender, democracy and human rights. He works as an independent Consultant, currently supporting the development of the Latin American Climate Initiative of the ClimateWorks Foundation in Mexico. Always an ecologist and social advocate, he worked as the Program Officer and focal point on Climate Change in the Office for Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung – from 2004 to early 2012. Previously, he worked as under-director of Transparency and Accountability Studies and Projects at the Accounting Office of the Mexico City, from around three years. He is member of the Network of Energy Transition; the Network of Gender and Environment and the Mexican Climate Finance Working Group.

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