

CIFOR-GIZ Workshop on FLR

Speakers



Dr. Lorenz Petersen

Director - Climate Change, Rural development and Infrastructure, GIZ

In August 2014, Dr. Lorenz Petersen became Director of the Climate Change, Rural Development and Infrastructure Division of the GIZ sectoral department, after serving three years as GIZ Country Director in Mozambique. Previously, Lorenz Petersen managed the GIZ Competence Center for Climate Change for five years and held positions as technical expert on environmental policy issues, both at GIZ headquarters in Eschborn, Germany. By education he is an environmental economist with a specialisation in international environmental policy, and governance aspects of natural resources management. He holds a postgraduate degree in agricultural science and a PhD in Environment and Natural Resources Economics with 25 years of experience in economic analysis, policy design and implementation in an international development and environmental policy context. Before joining GIZ he held long term positions as Campaign Coordinator with Greenpeace International and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations in Rome with its World Bank Co-operative Programme.



Dr. Steven Lawry

Director - Equity, Gender and Tenure research program, CIFOR

Steven Lawry is Director of CIFOR's Equity, Gender and Tenure research program, leading a team of nine scientists and research associates based at CIFOR offices in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Dr. Lawry has published studies and scholarly articles on the social, ecological and investment effects of forest rights devolution; the impacts of land rights formalization on agricultural investment and productivity; and the emergence of non-state forest governance arrangements, among other topics. He received a PhD from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1988. He led Africa

programs at UW-Madison's Land Tenure Center from 1988 to 1992. With the Ford Foundation he served a program officer for rural poverty and resources for South Africa and Namibia (1992-1997) and as representative for the Middle East and North Africa (1997-2001). He headed the USAID-funded Sudan Property Rights Program, based in Juba, (2010-2011).



Dr. Manuel Guariguata

Team Leader - Forest Restoration and Management, CIFOR

Manuel serves as CIFOR's Principal Scientist on tropical forest ecology and forest management for production and conservation. Before joining CIFOR he was a forest researcher at CATIE, Costa Rica, where he also worked as a Professor on Conservation Biology in the Graduate Program. Manuel also served as Environmental Affairs Officer at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity where he facilitated intergovernmental deliberations on forest biodiversity and climate change. Manuel is particularly interested in management for multiple goods and services of both natural and restored forests, mainly from a biophysical perspective but also considering regulatory and normative aspects. He also works towards enhancing the quality of forestry education in developing countries through innovative tools and researching on the effectiveness of tropical forest certification. He currently leads CIFOR's Latin American hub in Lima, Peru.



Dr. Bimbika Sijapati Basnett

Scientist/Gender Coordinator, CIFOR

Bimbika coordinates CIFOR's gender research and is the CIFOR gender focal point for the CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry. She also contributes to CIFOR's research programs on migration and multi-local livelihoods and oil palm expansion in forested landscapes. She holds a PhD in Development Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK. Her thesis examined the gender dimensions of decentralization of forest governance with case studies from community forestry in Nepal. Prior to joining CIFOR, Bimbika worked as a gender researcher and consultant in UN bodies, NGOs, government agencies, and policy-research think tanks in Nepal and the South Pacific.



Dr. Rebecca McLain

Research Assistant Professor, Institute for Sustainable Solutions,
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Rebecca studies human-environmental interactions with the goal of providing policy-relevant data for the sustainable management of socio-ecological systems. As a CIFOR consultant, she is leading a review of tenure and governance issues associated with forest landscape restoration and recently completed a realist synthesis of the environmental outcomes of fisheries property regimes. In her capacity as a research professor at Portland State University, she manages applied research projects on collaborative watershed restoration partnerships, collaborative forest landscape restoration, and cultural values mapping. Prior to joining Portland State University, Rebecca co-directed the Institute for Culture and Ecology, an independent non-profit research organization specializing in non-timber forest products governance and environmental justice issues. Her experience includes applied research on forest and land tenure in West Africa and Haiti. She has a Ph.D. in Social Science and Forestry from the University of Washington's College of Forestry.



Jared Messinger

Manager – Global Restoration Initiative, WRI

Jared is a Manager with the [Global Restoration Initiative](#) team. His work supports the process to inspire, enable and scale efforts to restore degraded and deforested land back to economic, social and environmental productivity. Prior to joining the Restoration team, Jared worked with [Global Forest Watch](#), where he managed a small grants fund to finance civil society projects that improve forest governance. He has previously worked on stream and wetland restoration projects in the Chesapeake Bay region, on species conservation projects in the Dominican Republic and Costa Rica, and with Arbor Day Foundation to implement a tree-based energy efficiency program in the United States. Jared holds an MPA in Environmental Science & Policy from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and a BSc in Natural Resource Conservation and Forestry from Virginia Tech.



Dr. Susanne Winter

Director - Forest (Policy), WWF Germany

Since 2016 Susanne Winter works as the Forest (Policy) Director at WWF Germany and leads the Forest Landscape Restoration Programme of WWF Germany. She is based in Berlin and focuses, inter alia, on the implementation of Forest Landscape Restoration approaches at the deforestation fronts of the tropical forests (especially Indonesia, Congo Basin and East Africa, Amazonas). Susanne Winter was a scientist on forest ecology for more than 15 years and she holds a PhD in Forestry from the Technical University of Dresden and finished in 2012 her Habilitation in Geobotany at the Technical University of Munich after studies on the ecological and economic impact of different forest management practices on the biological diversity and of the socio-ecological obstacles to implement nature conservation schemes.



Dr. Elisabeth Hoch

Senior Advisor, Forests, Biodiversity, Agriculture—Department for Climate, Rural Development, Infrastructure, GIZ

Elisabeth joined GIZ in 2009 in Brazil where she coordinated the BMZ financed program on triangular cooperation (Brazil, Germany and third countries from Africa and Latin America) as well as the program on new partnerships between academic institutions and implementing organizations. Since 2012 she is based in Eschborn, Germany and has been working as a senior advisor on forests, biodiversity and agriculture for GIZ projects worldwide. She holds a PhD in forestry from the University of Freiburg after examining smallholder tree planting initiatives in the Amazon (Brazil, Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia).