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Full bio

Christopher Martius is a Principal Scientist on climate change at CIFOR. His research interests are in climate change mitigation and adaptation, land management, the development of integrated concepts for improving sustainability of land use, and the management of biodiversity and biological soil resources. He has more than 20 years of experience working in the dry and humid tropics in Latin America, Africa and Central Asia. He coordinated an international, interdisciplinary project on land and water resource management in Uzbekistan. He is co-founder and Advisory Board Member of DesertNet International, a network of scientists dealing with drylands, land degradation and desertification. He is a lecturer in Agroecology at the University of Bonn, and holds a PhD in Biology from the University of Göttingen, Germany.

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Anne Larson conducts research on multiple aspects of forest and landscape governance policy and institutions, from local to international scales. She coordinates fieldwork in Peru, Nicaragua, Mexico, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Indonesia and Vietnam. Current research priorities include opportunities and challenges for forest tenure reforms; women's rights to land in communal forests; and multilevel governance, REDD+ and low emissions development. Anne is a member of the council of the International Association for the Study of the Commons (IASC) and represents CIFOR to the Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI). Prior to obtaining her PhD in 2001, she worked as a journalist, activist and lobbyist. She obtained her undergraduate degree in Environmental Science from Stanford University and her PhD in from UC Berkeley in Wildland Resource Science.

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Steven Lawry is CIFOR's Director of Forest Governance. He leads the Equity, Gender and Tenure research team, consisting of 16 scientists and research associates based in CIFOR offices in Africa, Asia and Latin America. He is a member of CIFOR's management group and chairs CIFOR's Resource Development and Partnerships Committee. He has published studies and scholarly articles on the social and ecological effects of the devolution of forest rights from state authorities to communities in developing countries; the governance of land use in customary tenure regimes in sub-Saharan Africa; and tenure factors affecting adoption of agroforestry technologies in West Africa, among other topics. He received a PhD from the Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1988.

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Pham Thu Thuy received her PhD in pro-poor Payments for Environmental Services (PES) from Charles Darwin University, Australia, and has been working in the fields of PES, REDD+, climate change and poverty reduction for several years in developing countries, including in Vietnam. At CIFOR, her research focus is on political and institutional analysis of PES and REDD+, and the potential of these schemes to be pro-poor. Thuy collaborates with national and international agencies and universities, as well as civil society groups, to support the governments of developing countries in the design and implementation of PES and REDD+ schemes.

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Daniel Murdiyarso is a Principal Scientist at CIFOR and a Professor at the Department of Geophysics and Meteorology at Bogor Agricultural University (IPB), Indonesia. His research interests are in land-use change and biogeochemical cycles, and climate change mitigation and adaptation. He played an extensive role in the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) when he was a Convening Lead Author of the IPCC Third Assessment Report and the IPCC Special Report on Land-use, Land-use Change and Forestry. From 2000-2002, he served the Government of Indonesia as Deputy Minister of Environment, and was Indonesia's National Focal Point for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). He is a member of the Indonesian Academy of Sciences, and received his first degree in Forestry from IPB.

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Grace Wong is Senior Scientist for the REDD+ Benefits Sharing Project. Prior to joining CIFOR, Grace worked for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Vientiane, Lao PDR, as a Senior Technical Advisor on the Poverty-Environment Initiative, and for Conservation International (CI) Washington, DC, as Senior Director of the Economics and Planning Program. Grace holds a PhD from the University of Florida. Her educational background and professional experience have largely converged on issues relating to economic trade-offs between conservation, local community needs and national development goals in tropical developing countries. Her work in Lao PDR included assessments of the impacts from investments on land use, environmental and social change; use of poverty-environment indicators in national statistics and district-level planning; and in leveraging economic incentives towards sustainable development objectives.

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Markus Ihalainen works on the integration of gender across CIFOR's research portfolio and between centers under the CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry. Before joining CIFOR he worked in Namibia on gender and LGBT issues. He is now based in Nairobi, Kenya, and works on gender research and mainstreaming in forestry research through capacity-building, building partnerships, monitoring and evaluation, systematic reviews, and developing and communicating methodological and analytical toolkits. He holds a master's degree in Development Studies from the University of Uppsala, Sweden, and a bachelor's degree in Geography from the University of Stockholm, Sweden.

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Houria Djoudi is a Scientist at CIFOR, with a focus on socio-ecological systems analysis at the interface of research and development, particularly environmental and institutional changes, and the linkages between management of natural resources and livelihoods and policy processes. At CIFOR, Houria works on climate change adaptation, vulnerability analysis and the linkages between adaptation and mitigation. Her work includes the analysis of social processes of adaptation, particularly in relation to gender. She researches agro-sylvo-pastoral systems in dry forest areas, mostly in North and West Africa and Central Asia. She speaks Berber, Arabic, French, English, German and Bahasa Indonesia.

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David Gaveau combines satellites, drones and field investigations to study the impacts of humans on Earth's land surface. He maps tropical deforestation, forest degradation and regeneration, agricultural developments, and landscape fires. He quantifies impacts on rainfall, atmospheric carbon, air quality, virus outbreaks, and wildlife. David investigates the effectiveness of forest conservation interventions in Southeast Asia, for example whether protected areas, corporate zero-deforestation pledges, and no-burning policies reduce deforestation and fires. He develops internet mapping solutions to disseminate the information to the general public.

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