

TFA JEN virtual meeting on “Upholding Human Rights in Jurisdictional Approaches: some emerging lessons”

Speakers and Short Bios

Marcus Colchester, Senior Policy Advisor of Forest Peoples Programme (FPP), is an anthropologist with long term field experience in Latin America and South East Asia. He is an active member of Forest Stewardship Council, The Forest Dialogue, IUCN’s Commission on Environment, Economy and Social Policy, the High Conservation Value Resource Network and the RSPO Board of Governors.

Tom Griffiths, Coordinator of the Responsible Finance Programme of FPP, is an anthropologist with long term field experience in South America and South Asia. He coordinates FPP’s NICFI-funded project ‘Focus on the Frontier: defending human rights at the agribusiness and extractives frontier’ which is being implemented in Colombia, Guyana, Peru and Indonesia. FPP is a member of TFA.

Jannie Lasimbang is Assistant Minister in the Ministry for Law and Native Affairs in Sabah, and was previously Commissioner for Human Rights of the Malaysian National Human Rights Commission, Suhakam, and oversaw the National Inquiry into the Land Rights of Indigenous Peoples. The Ministry is advising the Jurisdictional Certification initiative in Sabah with respect to indigenous peoples’ rights. Jannie is an indigenous Kadasandusun from Sabah.

Norman Jiwan, of Tranformasi untuk Keadilan - Indonesia, is also a member of the local chapter of the national indigenous peoples’ alliance, AMAN. He has been coordinating local NGOs in their engagement with the district level green commodities jurisdictional project under FORCLIME in Kapuas Hulu District, West Kalimantan. Norman is an indigenous Dayak from West Kalimantan.

Bernardinus Steni is a lawyer working for the Indonesian NGO Inovasi Bumi – Inobu – based in Bogor. Inobu has been working for more than 5 years on the Jurisdictional Certification initiative listed as an RSPO Pilot, with the local government in Seruyan District, Central Kalimantan, Indonesia. Steni’s work has focused on developing draft regulations for respecting communities’ rights and resolving land disputes. Steni is an indigenous person from Flores.