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Dr. Bryan Foster	EcoLogic Development Fund	CarbonPlus Director	25 Mt. Auburn St., Suite 203 Cambridge, MA 02138 USA	802 922 7102 bfoster@ecologic.org		English (fluent) Spanish (proficient)	EcoLogic has worked in Mexico and Central America for nearly 20 years. The 3 year old CarbonPlus program of EcoLogic serves as a practical technical resource for REDD project development, which has included developing a white paper on impacts of forest management on carbon for Climate Action Reserve, achieving Verified Carbon Standard validation for a reforestation project in Honduras, and developing an avoided deforestation project with a community partner in Mexico.	EcoLogic Development Fund works by providing financial capital and technical expertise to support the projects of community based local organizations. EcoLogic achieves success by helping its local partners achieve their own goals.	We have extensive technical experiences with REDD projects with community beneficiaries in Latin America. EcoLogic developed the Bosques Pico Bonito reforestation A/R project in Honduras which was validated to the Verified Carbon Standard (VCS). EcoLogic is now developing the Cojolita avoided deforestation project in Chiapas with an initial grant from CEC with a local partner organization, Na'Bolom.	We have technical arrangements with state and federal government agencies in Mexico where we are developing a REDD+ pilot project with a local NGO partner Na'Bolom.
Patrick Spencer	Cork Forest Conservation Alliance	Executive Director	565 Oxford ST. SE Salem, Oregon 97302 USA	503-931-9690	www.corkforest.org	English	The Cork Forest Conservation Alliance campaigns globally for the protection and preservation of the Mediterranean cork forests, its inhabitants and biodiversity, through education, direct action, and partnerships with communities, businesses and governments. We are working with the seven cork producing countries, (Spain, Portugal, France, Italy Morocco, Tunisia, and Algeria) to establish joint forest conservation programs.	We speak for the cork forests, the people, plants and animals that inhabit them and who depend on those forests for their survival. Our education efforts focus on the ecological importance of the Mediterranean cork forests, sustainable harvesting practices and the priceless co-evolutionary relationship between people and nature. Cork ReHarvest is a viable collection and recycling program. We work with our partners to collect the corks before they reach the landfills. However, collecting the cork is not enough. Doing so without increasing its carbon footprint is our major goal. This program also helps to educate the public about the negative environmental impact that screw caps and plastic closures have to our planet. We work with new businesses that recycle cork to develop carbon neutral processes for manufacturing and shipping of the up-cycled cork.	To establish broader based support of our conservation goals we have developed partnerships with the FSC, European Forestry Institute, APCOR, ASECOR, IPROCOR and are developing working relations with the WWF. Our approach is two pronged, education and forest conservation. The first step is to educate the general public as to significant environmental importance that the cork forests play in the health of our planets biosphere. This education focuses on the forests impact on CO2 absorption, risk of desertification and the potential loss of livelihood for thousands of indigenous peoples. The second is to create forest conservation programs that protect the long established silvopastoral systems in these countries.	Yes, We are have established relationships with the forest conservation departments of all 7 cork producing countries. As well as partnerships with FSC, EFI/MED and WWF.

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Medani P. Bhandari	Atlantic States Legal Foundation, Inc. (ASLF)	Research Scientist	The Atlantic States Legal Foundation, Inc. 658 W. Onondaga St. Syracuse NY 13204, USA	TEL: 315-475-1170 FAX: 315.475.6719 samuel.sage@aslf.org medani.bhandari@aslf.org	http://www.aslf.org/about-us/	English Hindi Nepali	<p>Atlantic States Legal Foundation, Inc. (ASLF) is a New York chartered not-for-profit corporation founded in 1982 with its purpose being to provide technical, legal, and organizing services to a variety of citizens, citizen groups, local governments, and others on a wide variety of environmental issues. We are creative problem solvers trying to advance environmental sanity through the implementation of projects that in addition to their intrinsic merit, can be prototypes for similar efforts elsewhere by ourselves and others.</p> <p>ASLF has been involved in a vast spectrum of projects dealing with environmental conservation and stewardship, urban revitalization through green design, public health, water resources, and large-scale collaborative efforts to solve complex multifaceted urban ecological problems. We view ourselves as facilitators of collective impact, in that our management expertise allows for efficient and effective coordinated efforts between the diverse sets of community actors and stakeholders with whom we work. Our proposed projects have received funding and contracts from a number of sources ranging from citizen groups and private foundations to government on all levels. We have also initiated contracts for these entities to carry out their priority projects. Examples of our sponsors range from state-level organizations (Sierra Club Illinois, Georgia Environmental Program, Isaac Walton League Indiana), state agencies (NYS Department of Health, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation), federal agencies (US Department of Commerce, US Fish and Wildlife Service, US EPA, US Forest Service) and foundations (Joyce, Mott, etc.). In all of these cases we have been administrators and project managers in carrying out complex programs with staff, volunteers, and agency personnel.</p> <p>A major portion of our work relates to the protection, restoration, and conservation of water resources. The largest project we have undertaken has been the resuscitation of Onondaga Lake in Central New York. This rather small body of water was at one point considered the most polluted lake in the Western Hemisphere, and thanks to a decades-long campaign by ASLF, the lake is close to being swimmable again with an already greatly recovered diversity of fish. Most recently we have initiated a change in the court ordered lake cleanup plans for Onondaga County to become the national and state pilot for use of green infrastructure technologies to control stormwater and combined sewer overflow (CSO) events. In Syracuse, as in other cities with older sewer systems, storm and sanitary sewers are one and the same system, which means rainfall events cause overflows of raw sewage to go directly into Onondaga Lake. In addition to providing the rationale to the County government and to New York State that green infrastructure installation was a sensible and enforceable strategy for managing this problem, we are now implementing much of the work under funding from Onondaga County. This involves an expert staff trained and experienced in landscape architecture, community outreach, project management, environmental chemistry and biology, and urban forestry. Our work has earned accolades from a variety of entities, and received awards from the US EPA in 1998 and 2009.</p>	<p>For the past thirty years ASLF has been a leader in executing complex projects locally, nationally, and internationally. Although we have worked in numerous countries on every populated continent, we recognize the tremendous value in acting locally and thinking globally. Our dedication to the Syracuse and Central New York community has been demonstrated many times in our past local environmental initiatives, and will be demonstrated again in future projects that we are currently planning and are very excited to get started. We look forward to continuing progress on our various programs with community members, government officials, organizations, and private foundations so that our communities become more sustainable, in every sense of the word, every day.</p>	<p>Since 1982 Atlantic States has worked in Upstate New York, across the United States, and around the world, delivering legal, technical, and organizing services on hundreds of projects.</p> <p>Location Africa Europe North America Alabama Arizona Great Lakes Indiana Michigan New York Puerto Rico South Dakota Wisconsin South America Service Environmental Planning and Design Environmental Technical Assistance and Justice Grant Administration and Writing Green Infrastructure Green Jobs Workforce and Trade Skills Development</p>	<p>ASLF is accredited with the United Nations Department of Public Information It is also member of Global Environmental Facility network of NGOs</p> <p>As recent inductees into the United Nations, ASLF has been invited to partake in the RIO + 20 conference on Sustainable Environment. For more information about this conference please go to http://www.uncsd2012.org. More news will come as ASLF decides on what role it partakes in the conference in the coming months.</p> <p>http://www.uncsd2012.org/index.php?page=view&nr=684&type=6&menu=35&template=648 http://www.uncsd2012.org/content/documents/381/What%20Priority%20Rio%20plus%2020%20for%20submission%2010-29-11.pdf</p> <p>http://www.uncsd2012.org/content/documents/138ape.pdf</p> <p>About the candidate</p> <p>http://www.iucn.org/about/union/commissions/cec/9916/Paper-on-IUCN-by-Medani-Bhandari-published-in-Wiley-Blackwell-Encyclopedia-of-Globalization(bio+paperaward)</p> <p>http://www.climate2011.net/en/papers/1/33(bestpaperaward)</p> <p>http://www.itc.nl/Pub/News/in2012/January/Best-Paper-Award-for-Alumnus-Medani-Bhandari.html (for brief bio)</p> <p>http://www.uncsd2012.org/rio20/content/documents/138ape.pdf (my paper for Rio+20)</p> <p>http://www.cbd.int/doc/meetings/development/egm-bped-01/other/egm-bped-01-medani-bhandari-en.pdf (contribution to the CBD)</p>

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Donna Goodman	Earth Child Institute	donna@earthchildinstitute.org	777 United Nations Plaza Concourse Level New York, NY USA 10017	203-376-9177			<p>Earth Child Institute advocates with and for children through international policy and advocacy for the integration of national-level participatory education for sustainable development programs into global environmental framework programs. Core issues addressed include REDD+, climate change, water, sanitation and hygiene, education for sustainable development, energy policy, the green economy, and children's environmental health.</p> <p>ECI presently has offices in Brazil, Ghana, Nigeria, New York and Washington, DC</p>	<p>The organization has consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as well as with the UNFCCC's Children and Youth constituency and in this capacity convenes a number of diverse stakeholder engagements. Further, ECI works in collaboration with UNICEF to mainstream climate change, REDD+ and disaster risk reduction across sectors at global, regional and national levels.</p>	<p>Earth Child Institute has been a thought leader in the area of mitigation of leakage in REDD+ through participatory community based approaches centered around community schools and capacity development of children, adolescents and their families. To that end, we have published two papers in 2011, http://www.earthchildinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Forest-Community-Schools-A-Child-Centered-Strategy-for-mitigating-leakage-in-REDD+.pdf and http://www.earthchildinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/Power-of-One-Child--One-Tree-Investment-Case.final_.pdf as well as having been featured by Brookings Institution http://www.earthchildinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/School-Based_Reforestation_to_Combat_Climate_Change for this work and have informed the Carbon War Room's biodiversity and agricultural initiative for carbon reduction.</p>	<p>Yes, we have provided inputs to UN REDD for the Stakeholder consultation and we have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Amazonas Sustainable Foundation (FAS) for integration of school programs within their REDD project areas.</p>
Chris Meyer	Environmental Defense Fund (EDF)	Amazon Basin Outreach Manager	1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW Suite 600 Washington, DC 20009	(202) 572-3270 cmeyer@edf.org	www.edf.org/amazon	English, Spanish	<p>The Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) works on the most urgent environmental threats to the climate, oceans, ecosystems and people's health. In all our work, we combine science, economics and law to get results. EDF has over 700,000 members who provide financial support. EDF has a strong domestic focus for its on-the-ground programs, but its International Program focuses on the UNFCCC negotiations, related policy making fora, and the large International Financial Institutions such as the World Bank, etc. In addition, EDF has its own offices and staff in China, India, Vietnam and Mexico. We have a long-standing policy of working with local partner organizations in many countries, including partners in India, South Korea, Vietnam, Brazil, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Bolivia, Chile, Russia, and the European Union.</p>	<p>In the US, EDF partnered with many other large environmental NGOs and industry to form the Tropical Forest Climate Coalition (TFCC), which lobbied with the US Congress for strong REDD provisions in US domestic climate legislation. It was a founder of the Climate Action Network (CAN), an alliance of over 800 NGOs across the world, and more recently proactively engaged, provided technical assistance, and led fellow NGO partners in the UNFCCC policy negotiations on REDD+. EDF is the secretariat for the Green Group, a CEO coalition of 30+ leading US-based environmental and development organizations. More recently, EDF volunteered for and successfully executed the self-selection process for all of the observer positions for the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF). We have been an active member of the FCPF CSO group and have hosted meetings, shared information and coordinated policy positions. For the last few years, EDF worked as a policy adviser to the Coordinating Body for the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin (COICA), as well as other "southern" CSO and Indigenous Peoples organizations at UN-REDD Policy Board meetings. EDF is familiar with the nuances of the UN-REDD Policy Board and its history to effectively advocate and make change on behalf of all its</p>	<p>EDF was an original proponent of REDD+ in the late 1990s, and we have been advocating for it implementation since it first started being discussed in the UNFCCC negotiations in 2005. EDF's International Climate and Air team continues to be engaged in the REDD+ policy negotiations at the UNFCCC, FCPF, Forest Investment Partnership, REDD+ Partnership, and UN-REDD program. Few, if any, other organizations are actively engaged in advocacy in other international and multilateral agency REDD+ policy fora.</p> <p>EDF emphasizes that Indigenous groups and other forest dwellers are knowledgeable stakeholders in reducing deforestation and its contributions to climate change. At the same time, Indigenous groups and other forest dwellers are often the most vulnerable to climate change. For these reasons, EDF is working hard to help these communities take a lead in REDD+ design and implementation, as well as overall engagement on mitigation and adaptation to climate change. Through the Amazon Basin Project, EDF partners with local non-governmental groups such as COICA, which helps national indigenous organizations from each of the Amazon countries to coordinate efforts on issues such as REDD, climate change, cultural preservation, and economic development. EDF's REDD+ Team, which includes policy experts, economists, scientists, agronomists, lawyers and an anthropologist, all contribute to its holistic REDD+ policy advocacy.</p> <p>EDF's economic and policy analysis has shown that using REDD+ to conserve forests can bring the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quickly reduce global deforestation emissions which contribute to about 15% of total annual greenhouse gas emissions. Unless we act, deforestation will increase atmospheric CO2 concentration by nearly 130 ppm over the next century, pushing us well beyond science-based targets. • Protect unique ecosystems. Tropical forests house more than half of all species: Deforestation threatens the biological diversity of the entire world. • Help ease poverty by allowing forest dwellers to earn a dignified living while maintaining traditional lifestyles. • Protect vital forest ecosystems. Once they are cut down, they are gone forever. 	<p>EDF maintains no arrangements with the UN-REDD Programme.</p> <p>EDF's Amazon Basin Project maintains ties with a coalition consisting of COICA, IPAM, and the Woods Hole Research Center (WHRC), which received financing from NORAD to organize REDD+ Readiness workshops. However, EDF only received partial reimbursement for travel expenses. EDF provides support to many Indigenous Organizations and "southern" Environmental NGOs financially and with technical assistance on REDD+ policy with its own resources and through pass-throughs from foundation partners. While EDF does provide technical assistance to various private sector organizations working on REDD+, it does NOT receive any financial compensation for this technical assistance. It actively advocates various governments on REDD+ policy, but it does NOT receive any financial compensation from any of them for the technical assistance provided.</p> <p>EDF does not receive any funding from corporations it is engaged with or might be affected by our policy advocacy. EDF's corporate donation policy and our 2011 financial reports and donor lists reflect this.</p>