



ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

MARK FREUNDEBERGER

Dr. Mark S. Freudenberger is the chief of party for USAID's Property Rights and Resource Governance (PRRGP) task order implemented by Tetra ARD Inc. He brings to this position over 30 years of field experience in natural resource management in West Africa and Madagascar. Tenure and resource management issues have long been the focus of his work in Africa. Mark returned to take on the position with PRRGP after 11 years of managing USAID eco-regional conservation and development programs in Madagascar. Over the past four years, he has developed a new country specialization on tenure issues in Burkina Faso, the Central African Republic, Kenya, and Liberia. Previous to this position, he was a senior social scientist for the World Wildlife Fund in Washington, D.C. where he led a population-environment program but also launched the first field studies on the social and ecological impacts of diamond mining in national parks of the Central African Republic. During five years at the Land Tenure Center of the University of Wisconsin, he pioneered the use of RRA/PRA tools to analyze the evolution of tenure institutions in Senegal, The Gambia, and Guinea. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Togo. After these first two formative years, he implemented agricultural education programs for Catholic Relief Services in south central Burkina Faso. Dr. Freudenberger grew up as a child in the southern Katanga of the Democratic Republic of Congo. He holds a PhD in regional planning and natural resource management from UCLA.

MICHAEL ROTH

Dr. Michael Roth is currently Director of the Land Tenure and Property Rights sector of Tetra Tech ARD. He obtained his PhD in Agricultural Economics in 1986 from Purdue University and spent 18 years at the University of Wisconsin's Land Tenure Center before joining ARD in 2005. He has researched or implemented programs on land tenure formalization, agrarian structure, land reform, land market development, and agricultural performance in over 25 countries spanning Africa, Latin America and Asia. He has specifically designed and managed USAID's Ethiopia Strengthening Land Tenure and Administration Program, Sudan Customary Land Tenure Program, East Timor Strengthening Property Rights project, Zimbabwe Land Reform project, and research programs evaluating the performance of equity sharing models in South Africa and Kyrgyzstan. He also served as Director of the Broadening Access and Strengthening Input Market Systems Collaborative Research Support Program, and currently serves as ARD Consortium Director for USAID's Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights Indefinite Quantity Contract. He has organized numerous conferences and training events, and is widely known for his work on land policy, market development and tenure security.

MARK MARQUARDT

Dr. Mark Marquardt is the Chief of Party of the MCC-funded USAID Liberia Land Policy and Institutional Support Project. He has over 30 years of experience working on projects related to land tenure, land policy development, land law reform, and related institutional development including land registration programs, common property and buffer zone management issues, small holder agriculture and pastoralism. He has held long term assignments in Liberia, Albania, Botswana, Somalia, Swaziland, and Uganda and conducted short term consulting work in Macedonia, Angola, Burundi, Ethiopia, Ghana, Somaliland, Afghanistan, Cambodia, East Timor, Indonesia, Laos, Palestine, and Suriname. Dr. Marquardt holds a Ph.D. in Development Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

DAVID BLEDSOE

David Bledsoe brings more than 15 years of experience in tenure policy, legislative and regulatory reform, and working with customary and common property regimes. As Africa Program Manager for Landesa, Mr. Bledsoe is actively engaged in efforts to improve land registration and other land administration functions, including land expropriation, land valuation and land-related institutional capacity building throughout Africa. He has significant experience working on policy to mitigate land-related conflicts and support dispute resolution (both formal and informal), and assess land tenure issues in post-conflict land situations. Mr. Bledsoe has conducted rural fieldwork assessments for purposes of designing new land policy and legislation; assessing customary regimes; integrating informal realities within formal schemes; and evaluating experimental land tenure approaches worldwide, including Angola, Uganda, Rwanda, the Caucasus region, the Balkans and China. He has extensive experience developing training programs to inform government officials and landowners about reforms and new legal, policy and institutional regimes. Mr. Bledsoe holds a J.D. and an L.L.M. degree in Law of Sustainable Development.

CARLOS H. MORALES-SCHECHINGER

Carlos H. Morales-Schechinger is a land and housing expert at IHS (Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies) Erasmus University at Rotterdam, where he had been a visiting lecturer since 2004 and is now a full time senior expert since August 2008. He has been a visiting faculty member of LILP (Lincoln Institute of Land Policy) for 12 years and was a lecturer at UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico) for 22 years. He has published papers in specialized books, journals and memoirs, and has lectured extensively and given conferences and advice on land economics, formal and informal land markets, property taxes related fiscal issues, land policies and land value capture instruments, financing for local governments and metropolitan areas, real estate and housing policies and housing finance, and informal settlements regularization in many countries all over the world. He held various posts in Mexican government institutions for almost 14 years dealing with land and housing policies and management, amongst others for the federal secretary for housing and urban development, SEDESOL then SEDUE, from 1979 to 1986, as director of land policies and instruments dealing with informal settlements and land banking for urban development and housing for many Mexican cities. He was also director of cadastre and property tax policies for the treasury of GDF, Mexico City's government, designing, negotiating and managing an extensive fiscal reform on property taxes from 1989 to 1993. He also held posts for 10 years in public and private banks, amongst others: from 1987 to 1989 at BANOBRAS (the Mexican development bank for local governments) as deputy manager for urban projects dealing with financing the modernization of cadastral systems and property taxes in various municipalities as well as urban infrastructure packages; from 1993 to 1997 at Banco Mexicano and Banco Santander (private banks) as deputy director managing property valuation, housing mortgages, loans for large urban developments and housing estates; and from 1998 to 2000 at NAFIN (the Mexican development bank for economic activities) dealing with property commercialization and administration. He graduated with honours at UNAM, he did his MPhil on urban studies at the University of Edinburgh and specialized on local government financing at the University of Birmingham, UK

VANESKA LITZ

Ms. Vaneska N. Litz is the Deputy Chief of Party of USAID's PROSPER project in Liberia where she is responsible for technical program coordination and leader for all community forestry and land tenure activities. She is a lawyer and natural resource management and policy professional with more than 15 years of experience working on community forest management projects at the community, national, and regional levels in Africa, Southeast Asia, and North America. As part of her legal training, Ms. Litz focused on community property rights and post-conflict development and conducted research on community land tenure rights through an analysis of forestry-related legislation. She has worked with legislative drafting and advisory committees in several countries including Cambodia, Laos, Sierra Leone and Liberia to develop forestry laws, regulations, and policies that are informed by practical hands-on experiences in implementation. Ms Litz has provided conflict management training in Liberia to the Forest Development Authority through the USAID Land Rights and Community Forestry Project (LRCFP) and supported the development of co-management models in Sierra Leone. As Technical Advisor and Chief of Party for LRCFP, Ms. Litz supported the development of the nation's first community forests covering more than 10,000 hectares, and negotiated a co-management agreement for one of the nation's three protected areas.

PETER GIAMPAOLI

Mr. Giampaoli is a Climate Change Specialist in the Land Tenure and Property Rights Division at USAID. He brings over 20 years of experience in South Sudan, Uganda, and Kenya on a range of natural resource, land policy and tenure issues. Previously he worked for the International Land Coalition Secretariat, based in Rome, Italy and served as a Peace Corps volunteer supporting forestry extension and park administration efforts in Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains National Park. Giampaoli has also worked with the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management. He holds a Master of Science degree in Forest Resources from Oregon State University, focusing on policy issues affecting smallholder forest owners.