



## **ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS**

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### **AMY REGAS**

Ms. Amy Regas is a senior associate for Tetra Tech Land Tenure and Property Rights Sector. She currently serves as the Deputy IQC Manager for the Strengthening Tenure and Resource Rights (STARR) IQC, the Core Components Team Leader for the Property Rights and Resource Governance Task Order, and as a senior technical advisor for the Colombia Public Policy Program. She has designed and implemented trainings on land tenure issues in the U.S., Latin America and Africa. She possesses 20 years of experience in implementing multi-disciplinary activities funded by USAID, the World Bank, MCC and other donors. Prior to joining Tetra Tech, Ms. Regas was a land specialist for the Millennium Challenge Corporation and a director for Chemonics International's Latin America and Caribbean Division. She has analyzed property rights constraints in Colombia, participated in the design of Burkina Faso's MCC land project, evaluated pilot property regularization project in Nicaragua and Colombia, and analyzed the impact of a USAID-funded activity in Ecuador aimed at strengthening territorial rights of indigenous peoples. Between 2004 and 2007, Ms. Regas coordinated the Inter-American Alliance for Real Property Rights, a network of advocates promoting the advancement of property rights systems in the Western Hemisphere. She holds a Masters' degree in international affairs with an emphasis in economic development from George Washington University.

### **GREGORY MYERS**

Dr. Gregory Myers is the Division Chief for the Land Tenure and Property Rights Division at USAID. Much of his work focuses on conflict prone countries although the Division he manages is global and addresses many of USAID's strategic objectives, including food security, global climate change, women's property rights, conflict mitigation, economic growth, and natural resource management. He served as Chair of the UN FAO's Committee for World Food Security Working Group for the Voluntary Guidelines for Governance of Tenure. Dr. Myers has spoken about and published articles related to land tenure for more than 25 years, and has worked in a number of countries including Afghanistan, Angola, Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Liberia, Mozambique, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Uganda, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. His most recent speech, "Private Law and Responsible Agricultural Investment: Select Legal Issues for Consideration at UNIDROIT," was presented in Berlin, Germany. He is recognized as a leading expert in his field. Dr. Myers received his PhD in Development Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1990.

### **JENNIFER DUNCAN**

Jennifer Duncan is a Sr. Attorney and Land Tenure Specialist for Landesa. She has worked in international development for more than 15 years, with an emphasis on land and housing rights. Her experience includes project management, drafting and analysis of law, policy and regulations, development of strategies for rule of law and advocacy around land and housing rights, and research, writing and publishing on land and housing-related issues. She has focused on gender issues and women's rights to land and housing throughout her career. Duncan has worked intensively over the past eighteen months on a number of projects in support of Kenyan land sector reforms. She has previously conducted policy work and field research on land issues in China, Georgia, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Romania, Russia, Tajikistan and Thailand. Duncan has also lived and worked in Costa Rica. In addition to her international experience, she has worked with socio-economic development and legal issues among minority groups within the US, including migrant farm worker communities in California and the Makah Nation in Washington State. Duncan earned her J.D. from the University of Washington and her B.A. with honors in International Politics and Economics from Middlebury College.

### **JILL URBAN-KARR**

Jill Urban-Karr is the Executive Vice President of the Stewart Global Solutions, where she is currently working on projects and market development activities in West Africa, the Middle East, Latin America/Caribbean and Eastern Europe. She is a senior manager with a strong background in land registration, cadastre and real estate market modernization in both the public and private business sectors. Ms. Urban-Karr has pursued and implemented multi-participant e-Government and Land Tenure/Land Administration projects for both the public and private sector throughout the world, including: Saudi Arabia, Costa Rica, Romania, Egypt, Madagascar, Benin, Burkina Faso, Bulgaria, Ghana, Croatia, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Belize, Bermuda, Antigua, USVI, Jamaica and many others. Ms. Urban-Karr is a 1986 graduate of Texas A&M University and currently serves on the Advisory Council for the College of Geosciences at A&M.



### **JOHN W. BRUCE**

John W. Bruce has worked on land policy and law in numerous developing countries, primarily in Africa and East Asia. He began work on land tenure in the late 1960s as a Peace Corps legal advisor to the Ministry of Land Reform in Ethiopia, and then spent five years in Sudan as the Ford Foundation's representative in the 1970s, teaching Property at the Faculty of Law of the University of Khartoum and coordinating the Faculty's Sudan Customary Law Research Project. He returned to the US in 1980, to the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Land Tenure Center, first as African Program Coordinator, and then as Director. In 1996 he left the University to join the World Bank, where he served as Senior Counsel (Land Law) in the Legal Department and Senior Land Tenure Specialist for the Rural Development Department. He retired from the Bank in 2006 and now is lead land tenure specialist for a consulting firm he co-founded, Land and Development Solutions International. He has published extensively, including most recently Land Law Reform: Achieving Development Policy Objectives (World Bank, 2006), and Handbook on Land and Conflict Prevention (University of Essex: Initiative on Conflict Prevention through Quiet Diplomacy, 2011). He holds a BA in International Relations from Lafayette College, a JD from Columbia University Law School and an SJD from the Law School of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. [jwbruce@ladsiinc.com](mailto:jwbruce@ladsiinc.com).

### **KAROL BOUDREAUX**

Ms. Karol Boudreaux is an Africa Land Tenure Specialist in the Land Tenure and Property Rights Division at USAID. The focus of her research for the past eight years has been institutional arrangements in sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on property and land tenure institutions, natural resource management, and varieties of entrepreneurship. She has conducted field research in 8 African countries and has published over 25 articles, policy papers, and book chapters as well as a monograph on property rights. Before joining USAID, she was Instructor at the George Mason University School of Law (previously Assistant Dean of the School) where she taught a seminar on Law and International Development and was a Senior Research Fellow at the Mercatus Center at GMU. Ms. Boudreaux also served as a member of the Working Group on Property Rights of the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor. Her JD is from the University of Virginia, where she concentrated on international law, and her BA is from Douglass College, Rutgers University.

### **MARK FREUDENBERGER**

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.

### **TIMOTHY FELLA**

Mr. Timothy Fella is a Land Tenure and Conflict Advisor in USAID's Land Tenure and Property Rights Division. He provides technical assistance on tenure and property rights challenges as it relates to conflict over natural assets, governance and humanitarian crises. He has worked on the design and implementation of land tenure and property rights programs for seven years in over a dozen countries across Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America. Prior to joining USAID in January 2010, Mr. Fella worked with the Property Rights and Land Policy team at the Millennium Challenge Corporation where he participated in the design and management of comprehensive land administration reform projects in Lesotho, Burkina Faso, and Liberia totaling over \$88 million. He has a Master's degree from the University of Aalborg, Denmark in Social Sciences for International Development and has conducted research into the formalization of informal settlements in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and communal land tenure insecurity in Sri Lanka.