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Dr. Kent Elbow is a specialist in land tenure, property rights and community-based natural resource management with over 25 years of experience focusing on West and Central Africa. Since 2007 he has served as a member of the Property Rights and Land Policy team at the Millennium Challenge Corporation where he has provided long-term technical and oversight services to land projects in Burkina Faso, Benin and Senegal. He has also advised a number of USAID and World Bank sponsored land initiatives in Africa, and has completed long-term assignments in Senegal, Guinea, Niger and Cameroon as chief of party, advisor, researcher and Peace Corps Volunteer. Dr. Elbow received his Ph.D. in Development Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1992. A native speaker of English, he speaks, reads and writes French fluently and is familiar with a number of West African languages.

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GABRIELA VAZ RODRIGUES

Gabriela Vaz Rodrigues has 7 years of experience advising and coordinating the preparation and supervision of projects financed by multilateral development banks throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. She specializes in land administration, in particular in the analysis of institutional, social, and operational aspects of land administration systems, helping identify weaknesses in these systems and develop customized solutions. In Haiti, she has provided technical support to the design of the Land Tenure Security Project in rural areas, and is currently supporting CIAT on the execution of this project as a consultant for Land Alliance. In addition to her work on land administration, Gabriela has also provided technical and coordination support for the design of climate and weather-risk management projects and worked on the social and environmental due diligence of loans to financial institutions. In an academic context, Gabriela increasingly focuses on understanding different sources of tenure security and insecurity and on measuring their environmental and socio-economic impacts. Currently a Ph.D. candidate in Geographical Sciences at the University of Maryland-College Park, she is doing her research on the physical and socioeconomic factors of tree cover in Haiti. She holds a MA in Environment, Development and Policy from the University of Sussex, UK, and a Maîtrise in Policy Studies from Sciences Po Aix-en-Provence in France. Gabriela is fluent in English, Spanish, French, Portuguese and Italian

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Véronique Dorner has been conducting research in Haiti for more than 20 years. She has a Masters 2 in Social Anthropology and Compared Sociology as well as a master's degree in Anthropology of Law. Her native language is French and she also speaks Haitian Creole. She is interested in the role of NGOs in local peasant organizations during the political context of years 1990 to 2004, in Haitian agrarian reform, and in tenure issues in both rural, urban, and peri-urban settings. During her professional trajectory, Ms. Dorner has had the opportunity to work on issues regarding the “customary cadaster” in New Caledonia (GRET 2003) and the local financing of urban projects in Brazzaville (GRET 2004). Since 2010, she has done several consultancies in Haiti, including in Port-au-Prince on behalf of French, American and Haitian institutions, often in close coordination with CIAT. She worked with the French Cooperation project on “pre-cadaster and tenure security” in urban and peri-urban areas, on the social impact of tenure projects considered by the International Development Bank in rural areas, on tenure issues in the communes of Cap-Haïtien-Ouanaminthe urban corridor (AIA), as well as on the judicial-anthropological aspect of local construction of real estate by inhabitants for Fokal on the one hand, and the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales (EHESS-Paris) and l'Université Quisqueya on the other hand. In France she works together with the Laboratoire d'Anthropologie Juridique de Paris (LAMP), the Comité Technique Foncier et Développement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (CTFD) and the Pôle foncier of Montpellier.

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