

P&C Revision 2021-2023

Natural Resources Working Group

Members

Name	Organisation	Short Bio
Eduard Merger	Solidaridad	<p>Since 2019, Eduard is serving as a global lead on climate innovation and climate finance business development at the Solidaridad Network. Solidaridad is dedicated to reducing poverty and ensuring equitable market access for smallholder farmers. Eduard leads the global climate finance strategy and development of climate innovation solutions including making carbon markets work for smallholder farmers and delivering evidence-based adaptation. He serves as the thematic learning group leader on climate and natural resource management responsible for building internal capacities and mainstreaming of innovation into organisational core activities.</p> <p>Between 2010 – 2019, Eduard served as a senior consultant in the fields of climate and carbon finance, and climate-resilient land use at UNIQUE forestry and land use and developed an extensive track record of >85 accomplished assignments across 27 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia for the public and private sector.</p>
Mark Dent	AWS	<p>Mark holds a PhD Engineering (Water Resources) and a Master’s Degree in Business Leadership. He retired in 2014 from a 37-year career in post & undergraduate teaching and research in the fields of agricultural and bio-resources engineering; hydrology; organisational change; environmental sciences and development. Between 2015 -2017 he was the Manager for the International Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS), in southern & eastern Africa. This was followed by a period being both the AWS Manager for South Africa</p>

		and the Global Training Development Manager for the AWS. Mark is now a Senior Advisor to the AWS and lives in South Africa.
Olivia Scholtz	HCVN	Olivia's background is on natural ecosystem management, with a focus on landscape approaches. As Senior Project Manager with the High Conservation Value Network (HCVRN), she works with a range of sustainability schemes supporting the uptake and use of the High Conservation Value Approach and tools as a best practice tool for natural resource management in certified production systems. This has included collaborating with the Better Cotton Initiative in developing and rolling out simple tools for cotton growers to develop and implement Biodiversity Management Plans
Olivier Bouyer	SalvaTerra	Olivier is a tropical agro-economist engineer with 20 years of work experience related to rural development and natural resources management in developing countries. He has been a technical assistant of the French Cooperation in West Africa (Ghana and Guinea), in charge of agriculture and natural resources projects. He then worked as an Agriculture, Forestry and Land Use (AFOLU) expert and negotiator with the French delegation to the climate negotiations. From 2010 to 2012, he was the Director of the forest and climate change unit within the international branch of the French State Forest Agency (ONF-I). Since 2012 to now, he has been the Founding Director of SalvaTerra, a consultancy firm specialising in agriculture, forestry and the environment in developing countries.
Romit Sen	ISC- India	Romit is Director of Water and Agriculture at the Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC). Working across development sector organisations, international NGOs and industry associations, Romit has implemented programmes in Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Agriculture, Industrial and Urban Environment Management. Romit completed his Masters in Natural Resources and has a bachelor's degree in Botany (Hons).
Shumaila Shahid	WWF Pakistan	Shumaila is working as a Senior Project Officer in the Better Cotton Project of WWF-Pakistan, Punjab. She has completed her MSc (Hons) in Soil Sciences and is currently pursuing a PhD in Soil Microbiology and Biotechnology. Shumaila has been involved in the Better Cotton Project since 2017 and has been actively involved in capacity building of cotton farmers

		<p>and farming communities. Having worked extensively with the farming communities at grass root level, she brings ample knowledge and experience of the challenges they face with the cotton production and the problems they have to tackle for making a living.</p>
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