



Indigenous Peoples' Lands and Development: World Bank Interventions and Lessons Learned

October 9, 2013
12:30 – 2:00

AGENDA

Leonardo Crippa, Senior Attorney, Indian Law Resource Center

Welcome remarks: The nature and importance of indigenous peoples' collective ownership rights to lands, territories and natural resources.

Isabel Lavadenz-Paccieri, former Ombudsperson, Inter-American Development Bank Independent Consultation and Investigation Mechanism

Best practices of the World Bank with regards to indigenous peoples' land rights, highlighting the Nicaragua Land Administration Project

Liza Grandia, Associate Professor, University of California-Davis, Department of Native American Studies

Key issues and lessons learned from the Guatemala Land Administration Project

Alf Jerve, Member, World Bank Inspection Panel

Key issues and lessons learned from Panel cases regarding indigenous peoples' land rights

Panelist presentations will be followed by a discussion with the audience

Location:

World Bank
1850 I St NW, Washington, D.C.
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Panelists Biographies

Leonardo A. Crippa is an international law scholar and practitioner from the Indigenous Kolla Community of Jujuy Province, Argentina. He holds a J.D. from Universidad Nacional de Tucuman, Argentina and a LL.M. degree from American University. As the Center for Justice and International Law's Staff Attorney, he litigated several human rights cases within the Inter-American Human Rights System. Currently, as the Senior Attorney of the Indian Law Resource Center, he analyses multilateral development banks' policies, and continues to practice international law within the United Nations and Inter-American Human Rights System. He is also the author of papers on constitutional law, international law, and multilateral development banks' policies.

Mr. Alf Jerve joined the World Bank Inspection Panel in November 2008 and assumed the responsibility of Chairperson of the from February 1, 2012, to April 30, 2013. A national of Norway, Alf Jerve brings to the Panel close to three decades of work in the field of development. As a social anthropologist by training, he has engaged in a wide range of development activities, including extensive field research in Africa and Asia. Among his assignments was a three-year posting to Tanzania with the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation as coordinator of a rural development program. From 1993 to 1995 he was responsible for resettlement and rehabilitation issues with projects in Bangladesh, during an assignment with the World Bank. In 1995 he became Assistant Director, and served as Director in 2005 and 2006, at the Christian Michelsen Institute in Norway, an internationally recognized development research institution. Over the years, Mr. Jerve has led and participated in numerous independent evaluations commissioned by bilateral and multilateral development agencies and served as a Member of the Roster of Experts for the Asian Development Bank's Inspection Function. He earned his Magister Degree in Social Anthropology from the University of Bergen, and his Bachelor's degree in the areas of Environmental Science and Biology. His publications have focused on rural development, decentralization, and poverty reduction, and most recently on issues of ownership in development aid cooperation.

Liza Grandia, cultural anthropologist, is an Associate Professor in the Department of Native American Studies at the University of California-Davis. Research interests include: agrarian and biodiversity conservation issues in northern Guatemala and southern Belize; environmental justice; GMOs; controlling processes; corporate and development threats to indigenous peoples; the commons. She is the author of: [Enclosed: Conservation, Cattle and Commerce among Q'eqchi' Maya Lowlanders](#) (2012) & [Tz'aptzooq'eb': El Despojo Recurrente al Pueblo Q'eqchi'](#) (2009), and co-author of [2012. Grünberg, Georg, L. Grandia, B. Milian and research team. Tierra e Igualdad: Desafíos para la Administración de Tierras en Petén, Guatemala](#) (2012, World Bank: Guatemala City).

Isabel Lavadenz Paccieri, a Bolivian national, served as the first Ombudsperson for Projects of the Inter-American Development Bank from 2010-2013. She led the Consultation Phase in which complaints from project-affected parties were addressed utilizing a solution-seeking approach and flexible and consensual methods. Prior to joining the IDB, Mrs. Lavadenz served with the World Bank for more than 12 years, she held several operational positions in the Latin America and South Asia Regions within the Sustainable Development Network. From 2005 to 2007, on external service from the World Bank, she served as Director of the Latin America and the Caribbean Region at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in Rome. She has held cabinet-level positions in Bolivia, with responsibility for sensitive reforms requiring permanent dialogue with communities; peasant organizations, private sector and indigenous peoples. She was the Principal Advisor to the establishment of the first National Ombudsman Office in Bolivia. Ms. Lavadenz holds a Master in Law from the University of San Andrés in Bolivia, and postgraduate studies in sustainable development and conflict resolution in Costa Rica and Bolivia, respectively. She is a former Margaret McNamara Scholar.