

Nomination for Board of Governors Election

16th General Assembly of the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO)

6th November 2019

MEMBERSHIP SECTOR: SOCIAL NGOs

PRINCIPAL BOARD MEMBER

Name of organisation: Forest Peoples Programme
Membership number: 7-0017-13-000-00
Name of nominee: Marcus Colchester
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SUMMARY

Marcus Colchester is an Oxford University-trained anthropologist with master's degree in Zoology and a doctorate in Social Anthropology, who has carried out field work over 45 years with forest peoples around the tropics and in Siberia. In 1990, he founded and directed the international human rights organisation, Forest Peoples Programme, for which he now acts as Senior Policy Advisor. He has also been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Letters by Oxford Brookes University, the Lucy Mair Medal for Applied Anthropology from the Royal Anthropological Institute, and a Pew Conservation Fellowship in recognition of his contributions to conservation. He has published extensively in peer reviewed scientific journals as well as numerous books and 'grey literature', including about palm oil. He has acted as a consultant for diverse organisations including FAO, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, ICRAF, CIFOR, WWF, Greenpeace and the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. He was appointed as an Expert for the International Labour Organisation's Commission on the Revision of ILO Convention 107 and was involved in the drafting of ILO Convention 169, which replaced it. He also led the participatory consultations with indigenous peoples for the World Commission on Dams and the Extractive Industries Review, both of which then adopted policies requiring indigenous peoples' Free, Prior and Informed Consent. He has provided expert testimony to hearings of various legislatures including US Congress, UK Parliament and European Parliament. He has engaged continuously with RSPO since 2004 and has participated in most of the standard-setting committees relating to land rights and human rights (Criteria WG, Certification WG, P&C Revision Task Forces, NPP WG, HRWG, BHCVWG, DSF Advisory Group etc. and for several years led the Task Force on Smallholders). He is principal author of RSPO's 2008 and 2015 Guides on FPIC. He is a member of the IUCN Task Force on Oil Palm in representation of the Commission on Economic, Environmental and Social Policy. He is a member of the Forest Stewardship Council and is on the Executive Committee of The Forest Dialogue.

Organisation Profile

Forest Peoples Programme is an international human rights organisation with legal personality in the Netherlands and UK, and NGO consultative status at the United Nations (ECOSOC). It supports the rights of forest peoples to self-determination and to the use and control of their traditional lands and forests. FPP litigates in international and national courts, contributes representations and reports to a wide range of intergovernmental and UN treaty bodies, and has a field programme working directly with impacted forest peoples in 22 countries around the tropics, providing them with legal, technical and advocacy support. FPP is a member of IUCN, the International Land Coalition, the Tropical Forest Alliance, Rights and Resources Initiative, Accountability Framework Initiative, High Conservation Values Resource Network and High Carbon Stock Approach, as well as RSPO and POIG.

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ALTERNATE (to be designated by the principal nominee)

Name of Alternate: Madeleine Brassier
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SUMMARY

Madeleine Brassier is an advisor on inclusive value chains notably on palm oil, rice and shrimp. She has been developing and managing projects in the area of land rights and palm oil in Indonesia, in close collaboration with local partners such as TuK, Walhi and Sawit Watch. She has contributed to the development of an innovative business model FAIR company community partnership that has been piloted in Sumatera, together with Indonesian partners SPKS, JKPP, Asppuk and with private sector partners. Madeleine has contributed to the establishment of a national palm oil platform in the Democratic Republic of Congo and has been involved in ongoing human rights advocacy work in the palm oil sector in Central America and Africa. In her work she has been promoting gender equality and women's economic empowerment. Within the RSPO structures Madeleine has been active in the P&C taskforce and she is co-chair of the Human Rights Working Group. Before joining Oxfam, she worked for ILO and UNDP in various African and South East Asian countries, for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Free University of Amsterdam and the Wageningen University and Research. The assignments varied from managing projects on environmental planning, participatory rural planning to conducting evaluations of Dutch funded programmes on irrigation and nutrition. Madeleine is a social anthropologist and was trained at the University of Leyden and the Wageningen University and Research.

Organisation profile

Oxfam is an **international confederation of 19 organisations** working together with partners and local communities in more than 90 countries. One person in three in the world lives in poverty. Oxfam is determined to change that world by mobilizing the power of people against poverty. Around the globe, Oxfam works to find practical, innovative ways for people to lift themselves out of poverty and thrive. The organisation saves lives and helps rebuild livelihoods when crisis strikes. And Oxfam campaigns so that the voices of the poor influence the local and global decisions that affect them. In all we do, Oxfam works with partner organizations and alongside vulnerable women and men to end the injustices that cause poverty. Two key areas of Oxfam's work comprise Sustainable food systems and Fair sharing of natural resources. In these key areas Oxfam aims for an inclusive and sustainable world where women, children and men living in poverty, are empowered and have the resources to be able to secure their right to food and a sustainable livelihood. Oxfam is a member of, amongst others, the International Land Coalition, Global Land Tool Network, Climate Land Ambition and Rights Alliance (CLARA), the Global Living Wage Coalition, Agriprofocus, and of the RSPO.