

## IFAD at COP26

### Payment for Ecosystem Services: what works and what doesn't

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**Donal Brown**

*Associate Vice-President, Programme Management Department, IFAD*

Mr. Donal Brown is responsible for developing and managing the operations that IFAD supports through its loans and grants. He oversees the programme of work of the department, which is undertaken by five Regional Divisions and the Operational Policy and Results Division.

He holds a Master's degree in Tropical Animal Health and Production, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Leadership and Management, a Bachelor's degree in Veterinary Science, and an Honorary Doctorate in Social Justice.



**Andrea Meza Murillo**

*Minister of Environment and Energy, Costa Rica*

Andrea Murillo is an expert in sustainable development with more than 20 years of experience in formulating public policies and executing projects. She has worked in more than 15 Latin American countries in multidisciplinary projects financed by various multilateral organizations (IDB, World Bank, CAF, European Union, UNDP), bilateral (AECID, GIZ) and National governments. She holds a Licentiate degree of Law and Notary Public and Postgraduate Expert in Local Public Management and Direction.

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**Marcela Quintero**

*Research Director of the Multifunctional Landscapes Research Area, Alliance between Biodiversity International and CIAT*

Marcela is an Ecologist and holds a Ph.D. from the Department of Agronomy at the University of Florida. Her core work experience has been on research project implementation in thematic areas related to payment for ecosystem services, watershed management and environmental impacts in agricultural landscapes. Marcela has worked as well for organizations working in sustainable development like GIZ, CONDESAN and Forest Trends.



**Rossana Polastri**

*Director of Latin America and the Caribbean Division (LAC), IFAD*

Appointed in January 2019 as Director of LAC, Polastri brings diversified work experience to IFAD as Peru's former Deputy Minister of Finance and, more recently, Vice President and Executive Board Member of the Banco de la Nación in Lima. She has also worked for the World Bank as Country Manager for Paraguay and as Advisor to the Development Economics Vice Presidency.

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**Luis Meneses Murillo**

*General Director, CONAFOR*

Since August 2021, Luis Meneses Murillo has been in charge of Mexico's National Forestry Commission (CONAFOR), as General Director.

He was Director of Planning and Control of Social Support in the Ministry of Welfare (2018-2021) in the Federal Government of Mexico, as well as Federal Representative for the Seventh Electoral District in Sonora and Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Representatives (1997-2000). Meneses Murillo studied Physics and Mathematics and he has studies in Parliamentary Law.



**Elsa Galarza Contreras**

*Director of the School of Public Management, the Pacific University, Peru*

She is the Director of the School of Public Management, senior instructor in the Department of Economics and Graduate School, and researcher with the Pacific University's Research Centre. She is a former Minister of the Environment (2016-2018) and Deputy Minister of Fisheries in the Ministry of Production (2009-2010).

Galarza Contreras has developed several research projects on the economy and environmental regulation for national and international agencies. She has experience in capacity-building for regional and local governments in comprehensive environmental assessments.

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### **Martin Kipping**

*Head of Climate Policy Division, BMZ, Germany.*

Dr. Kipping has worked in the Climate Policy Division for over 5 years and has led the division since 2019.

Prior to this, Dr. Kipping served as Advisor to the Executive Director for Germany at the World Bank in Washington; Director for Germany at the Caribbean Development Bank in Barbados; Advisor on Afghanistan at BMZ; Head of Development at the German Embassy in Kabul (Federal Foreign Office); and water sector desk officer at BMZ.

He holds a doctorate in Political Science.