

# Securing land and natural resources to underpin agro-ecological adaptation strategies

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**Claus Reiner leads the IFAD Country Office in Brazil**, which is also the region's SSTC and Knowledge Centre. He is responsible for the operations in Brazil and Chile. He has previously been responsible for the Fund's programme in the Southern Cone of Latin America and for the IFAD's portfolios in Mozambique and Angola, Rwanda and Burundi. Moreover, he coordinates the thematic team on indigenous issues in LAC. Before joining the Fund in 2007, Claus worked as freelance consultant, with the specialization of development economist and rural finance expert, on project design and implementation support, mainly in Asia, Near East and North Africa, and Sub Saharan Africa.

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**Karol Boudreaux** is the Senior Land and Resource Governance Advisor for USAID. She is a lawyer and land tenure and resource rights expert with two decades of experience working on land issues, with a strong focus on women's land rights, responsible land-based investments and conflict, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Karol previously served as Chief Program Office at Landesa, an international NGO. She served as USAID's Africa Land Tenure Specialist from 2011-2013. She has written widely on topics including land and resource governance, land rights and human rights, land-based conflict, indigenous land rights, intimate partner violence and land and responsible land-based investing in a variety of academic and popular outlets.

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**Adriano Campolina** is an agronomist and holds a masters in Development, Agriculture and Society. Throughout his career Adriano focused his work on strengthening smallholder sustainable farming; promoting food security, poverty eradication, the right to food and equitable land tenure. His professional career started with a local NGO (REDE-Minas) promoting community development and providing technical assistance to smallholder farmers on agroecology & agrobiodiversity in his native State of Minas Gerais/Brazil. He worked as policy officer to various organizations. Adriano joined ActionAid International where he supervised the work in the Americas region, led the work on the right to food, and served as senior leader holding the positions of Secretary General and CEO. Mr. Campolina joined FAO in 2019 as Senior Policy Officer where he leads the Rural Institutions, Services and Empowerment Team (RISE) and the Land Tenure Team.