



# TOGETHER FOR PEACE IN COLOMBIA

# IX

## **Together for Peace in Colombia IX**

### *The Role of Business in the Implementation and Consolidation of Socio-Environmental Peace in Colombia*

Colombia Forum is pleased to invite you to the ninth conference “Together for Peace in Colombia”. Since 2012, this conference has become the central space in Norway for analysis and dialogue about the Colombian peace process, and for engagement of the Norwegian State and civil society in the peacebuilding process.

At this year's conference, we aim to create a space for discussion and dialogue about the role of business and investments in implementing and consolidating socio-environmental peace. Businesses generate resources that facilitate the establishment of sustainable and stable peace when they create employment and economic development.

There is, however, a complex relationship between business and peace. It has been proven that certain business activities in Colombia have indirectly or directly contributed to the eruption of social and environmental conflicts in different regions of the country, engaging in human rights violations and deadly attacks against human and environmental defenders\*.

Therefore, this event explores the question of the role of the business sector in the consolidation of socio-environmental peace in Colombia.

**Bienvenid@s!**

*\*According to the Global Witness 2022 annual report, A Decade of Defiance, 322 land and environmental defenders have been killed in Colombia over the last ten years.*



## PROGRAMME

- 13:00** Musical opening
- 13:05** Opening Remarks and Colombia:  
Situation update.
- 13:20** Panel 1: Exploring the nexus Business  
sector and Socioenvironmental  
conflicts in Colombia  
Panel discussion and Q&A
- 14:20** Break: Networking
- 14:45** Panel 2: Sustainable Business  
Development and Socio-Environmental  
Peace  
Panel and Q&A.
- 15:50** Closing remarks  
Summarizing the conference
- 16:00** End



## DETAILED PROGRAMME

**13:00** Musical opening with Lina Suarez & Fernando Jauregui

**13:05** **Opening Remarks and Colombia: Situation update.**

Andrea Torres (Fundación Nydia Erika Bautista)  
Diana Barrios (Asociación Colectivo Mujeres al Derecho)

**13:20** **Panel 1: Exploring the nexus Business sector and Socioenvironmental conflicts in Colombia**

**Michel Forst**

Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention

**Luz Estella Romero Villalba**

Women Law Collective Association (Asociación Colectivo Mujeres al Derecho - ASOCOLEMAD)

**Laura Montaña**

Researcher and coordinator of business and HRD-human rights agenda / Asociación Ambiente y Sociedad [Association Environment and Society] (joining us from Colombia through Zoom)



**David Ricardo Flórez Valencia**

OPIAC/COICA (joining us from Colombia through Zoom)

**Emilio Rodríguez**

Community forestry coordinator, The Foundation for Conservation and Sustainable Development (Fundación para la Conservación y el Desarrollo Sostenible -CFDS) (joining us from Colombia through Zoom)

Moderator:

**Julia Naime**

Ph.D. NMBU advisor and a researcher at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR)

**14:45 Panel 2: Sustainable Business Development and Socio-Environmental Peace**

**Knut Moestue**

Global Compact Norway/Sustainable Business

**Jason Miklian**

Ph.D. Senior Researcher Business, Peacebuilding and Sustainability. Center for Development and Environment, University of Oslo/Universidad de Los Andes  
(Joining us from Colombia through Zoom)



**Estefania Chavez**

Global Technical Sales Manager Food Chain & Global Key Accounts. Yara Colombia and Norway

**Ana Zbona**

Programme Manager of the Civic Freedoms & Human Rights Defenders. Business and Human Rights Resource Centre  
(Joining us from London through Zoom)

**Valentina Muñoz**

Researcher for the Colombia Project at Business and Human Rights Resource Centre - Colombia  
(Joining us from Colombia through Zoom)

Moderator:

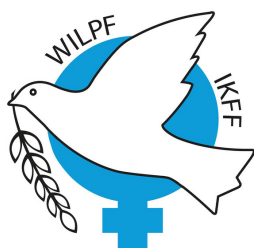
**Aaron Halfen,**

Head of Politics. Forum for development and the environment (ForUM)

**14:45 Closing remarks**



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