Cornell Side Event @ COP25
Global Engagement with Universities, Countries, & NGO Partners to Enhance Climate Ambition

Tuesday, December 3, 2019, 18:30-20:00
IFEMA Side Events Space, Room 5, Madrid, Spain

Cornell and other universities are supporting enhanced ambition by engaging students, researchers, and policymakers on projects with developing countries and NGOs. Partners gain access to the research skills of highly motivated and capable university students to build their capacity, and students gain incredible skills working on real world projects for partner organizations. We will share experiences of the client projects that university students have worked on with partner organizations, best practices for reciprocal engagement, discuss any challenges of working with students, and possibilities of working with other universities globally.

Community Engaged Learning (CEL) combines academic coursework with the application of institutional resources to address challenges facing communities through engagement that addresses societal needs identified by a community partner. It involves the intentional integration of learning objectives co-created with community partner(s) student preparation and ongoing critical reflection; clearly articulated benefits for students, community, and campus partner; and opportunities to critically examine social issues and situate self within a community setting.

Agenda

**18:30** Welcome: Allison Chatrchyan, Cornell University

**18:40** Panel of University, Science and Policy Partners: How did the university partnership come about? What are students working on with your organization or country?

- **18:40**: Stephen Hammer, The World Bank
- **18:48**: Diana Harutunyan, UNDP Armenia
18:56: María Rosa Mosquera-Losada, U. Santiago de Compostela and GACSA
19:12: Morton Mwanza, Government of Zambia
19:20: Jessica Owley, University of Miami Law School, USA
19:28: William Gagnon, Building Engineer, LEED AP BD+C, LEED AP ND, Canada

19:36 Panel Discussion and Exchange with Audience: What worked well/did not work well with the student projects? What were the challenges or unexpected benefits? Would the work have happened without the engagement with students? Can this model be used by countries/organizations to increase capacity to scale up climate ambition?

19:55 Conclusions and Contacts for more Information

Speaker Bios

- Allison Chatrchyan is a Sr. Research Associate at Cornell University. Her work focuses on social science research, policy analysis and stakeholder engagement on climate change adaptation and mitigation with agriculture stakeholders and communities. She co-teaches an Engaged Cornell course on “Global Climate Change Science and Policy, leads the Cornell delegation to UNFCCC COP meetings, and is a co-chair of a Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) working group with FAO. Contact: amc256@cornell.edu.
- Diana Harutyunyan is the Climate Change Program Coordinator for UNDP Armenia, and works with the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia in Yerevan, Armenia. She leads teams to develop the national reports and NDC, implementation projects, and adaptation plans. Contact: diana.harutunyan@undp.org.
- Stephen Hammer is the Advisor, Global Partnerships and Strategy (Climate Change) at the World Bank Group in Washington, DC. He leads the WB Climate Change Group engagement on climate issues with G7/G20/UN/UNFCCC. He also leads on WBG engagement for the UNSG Climate Summit and COP25. Contact: shammer@worldbank.org.
- María Rosa Mosquera-Losada is Distinguished Professor at the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain, and President of the Spanish Agroforestry Association (AGFE). She is Coordinator of the EU-funded Agroforestry Innovation Networks (AFINET) project, and co-Chair of the Croplands Working Group of the Global Research Alliance and the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) working group with FAO. Contact: mrosa.mosquera.losada@usc.es.
• Morton Mwanza is a Principal Agricultural Officer with the Ministry of Agriculture in Lusaka, Zambia. He serves as the Climate Smart Agriculture Focal Point and National Project Coordinator for the project "Strengthening integrated adaptation planning and implementation in Southern Africa smallholder agricultural systems to support food security" and participates in the Koronivia Joint Work Program on Agriculture through the UNFCCC. Contact: mortonmwanza@yahoo.com.

• Jessica Owley, is a Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law, where she specializes in Environmental Law and Property Law, with a focus on Climate Change Law and Policy. She participates as an observer at the annual treaty negotiations for the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and directs her students to work with partner consulting projects. Contact: jowley@law.miami.edu.

• William Gagnon works for the decarbonization of the building sector and the related electricity grid in the Northwest Territories, Canada. Sustainable carbon management, decarbonization, indigenization and decolonization are at the core of his work for inclusive and regenerative economic development. In 2018, he received the Corporate Knights’ magazine Top 30 under 30 Sustainability Leader award, and in 2019 he was accepted as an Online Climate Fellowship through Cornell University. Contact: william.gagnon@me.com.

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