

Speakers Biographies

Michael Gibbs

California Air Resources Board

Michael Gibbs is Assistant Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board. In this capacity, Mr. Gibbs focuses on climate change programs, including supporting the Western Climate Initiative.

Mr. Gibbs has more than 30 years of experience in energy and environmental policy analysis and program implementation. He has worked on emission inventory methods, emission reduction analyses, and program development throughout his career.

Mr. Gibbs holds a Bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering and Engineering and Public Policy from Carnegie Mellon University, and a Masters degree in Public Policy from the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Anthony Brunello

Green Technology Leadership Group

Tony Brunello is the Executive Director of the Green Technology Leadership Group and Directs the REDD Offset Working Group between California, Mexico and Brazil. He is also a Partner with California Strategies, LLC. Prior to his current positions he worked as the Deputy Secretary for Energy and Climate Change at the California Natural Resources Agency. Tony has also worked almost two decades on renewable energy, energy efficiency and cap and trade issues domestically and internationally with the US Forest Service, the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, PA Consulting, the World Bank and others. Tony has a Masters of Science in Resource Economics from University College London and a Bachelors degree in Economics and Environmental Studies from the University of California, Santa Barbara. His wife and two daughters live in Sacramento.

Christina McCain

Environmental Defense Fund

Christina McCain, Ph.D., heads EDF's climate change initiatives in Mexico. She is a formally trained tropical forest ecologist and works as a policy expert on tropical forests and climate change, with an emphasis on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD+).

As director of EDF's Mexico climate program, Christina works directly with government officials and partners at leading civil society organizations in Mexico to develop strategies for the effective implementation of REDD+ and other climate mitigation strategies at both national and state levels.

Christina's areas of expertise include tropical forest ecology, climate change and tropical forest policy, Latin America, and international trade and environmental policy.

Juan Manuel Diosdado
CESPEDES

Mr. Diosdado has a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and an MBA from *TEC de Monterrey*. He also graduated from the Advanced Management Program at *Instituto Panamericano de Direccion de Empresas* (IPADE).

He developed his professional career in the areas of operations, manufacturing, quality control, energy, project management, environmental management, project development and business development; working for mexican companies in the sectors of petrochemicals, synthetic fibers, and carpets; Grupo Cydsa, Grupo Alfa and Grupo Luxor-Mohawk.

Since 1993, he spent 15 years in the Corporate VP of Energy and Sustainability of CEMEX, the third cement company worldwide, in the following assignments: Energy Project Manager, Director of *Pro Ambiente S.A. de C. V.* (CEMEX's waste management company) and Corporate Development Director for alternative fuels, bio-fuels and carbon capture and sequestration. He developed the alternative fuels program for CEMEX's cement operations worldwide.

Since 2009, he is Managing Director of ECC Consulting, a consulting firm in the fields of Sustainable development, green growth, bio-fuels, renewable energy and climate change. He collaborates with some of the major industrial consortiums in Mexico.

In 2011, he was appointed Executive Director of CESPEDES, *Comisión de Estudios del Sector Privado para el Desarrollo Sustentable*, the sustainability commission of *Consejo Coordinador Empresarial* (CCE), top Mexican business organization, and Mexican chapter of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

Mr. Diosdado is member of the sustainability advisory boards of Mexican and multinational corporations, the advisory board of the Global Green Growth Institute (3GF) and the advisory board of *Instituto Global para la Sostenibilidad del TEC de Monterrey*.

Fernando Rosas
State of Chiapas

Graduated from Boston University's School of Management and served as a business developer at CINCS LLC, a firm based in New York City that uses a web-based platform to enable an end-to-end solution in the creation and monetization of Agricultural, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU) derived carbon offsets.

After moving back to Mexico, he served as financial and business manager for a sustainable housing company, PANELMOD SA DE CV that has projects in southern Mexico.

After developing several projects in the State of Chiapas, he was invited to work with the Government of the State and became advisor to the Secretary of Finance on sustainable and environmental projects. While he was advisor to the Secretary of Finance, he also served as special representative for the Governor on all international environmental matters.

He was later designated Deputy Secretary of Climate Change and Sustainable Development for the Government of Chiapas where he developed the Environmental State Fund, amended the State Climate Change Law to include REDD programs and International Cooperation among other things.

He was recently named Secretary of Environmental Affairs, Natural History and Sustainable Development for the State of Chiapas.

Fabio Nehme
EDF Trading

Fabio Nehme is a Senior Vice President and the General Manager for the Americas in the Environmental Products Division of EDF Trading. In such capacity, he has been responsible for leading the development of the company's environmental commodities business across North and Latin America. In North America, he established the company's trading activities in RECs, biogas, weather derivatives, RGGI and California emissions. In Latin America, he has directly negotiated and closed to date nearly 20 CDM carbon offset transactions in Central America, Caribbean and South America and reviewed dozens more including early stage to mature projects and across technologies ranging from small hydro and landfills to cogeneration and fuel-switching. In addition, he is leading the company's efforts to participate in the nascent carbon offset market for forestry projects.

Prior to EDF Trading, Mr. Nehme held positions at the Environmental Finance Division of the IFC (World Bank Group), promoting clean energy investments in Asia, Africa and Latin America, and at the energy services arm of the global aluminum group Alcoa, developing energy generation and energy efficiency projects in the Americas. He holds a MBA from IMD (Switzerland), a MA in International Relations from Johns Hopkins University/SAIS, a B.A. in Economics from the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil), and is a Certified Energy Manager by the American Association of Energy Engineers.