

Participants
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An American sociologist and independent consultant living in Ecuador and specializing in human rights and peacebuilding. From 2007 to 2016, he was a Senior Technical Advisor for Catholic Relief Services globally. He has served on the Boards of the Vida y Paz Institute (Sweden) and the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University, as well as on the Steering Committee of the Catholic Peacebuilding Network. He has published works in Spanish, Portuguese, and English, including *Artisans of Peace*, *In Search of a Peace with Justice*, *Extractive Industries and Equity*, and *Catholic Approaches to Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Processes*.

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José Bayardo Chata Pacoricona

A lawyer from the National University of the Altiplano of Puno, he is a legal advisor to peasant communities and native peoples in mining extractive contexts, and currently serves as the executive director of Derechos Humanos y Medio Ambiente – Puno (DHUMA). DHUMA began as Vicariate of Solidarity within the Catholic Prelature of Juli, Peru, and is now an independent NGO.

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Director of Social Pastoral, Diócesis de Quibdó (Colombia). Social Pastoral promotes the faith, defends human rights, provides humanitarian aid and accompaniment, and denounces threats to life and dignity, including related to the environment, natural resources, and territory. Of special concern are the peasant, indigenous, mestizo, and Afro-descendant communities because they are the ones who are most vulnerable and have suffered most strongly from the armed conflict and state abandonment.

Fr. Francisco de Roux Rengifo, SJ

Jesuit priest and former provincial, philosopher, and economist. He is the founder of the Magdalena Medio Development and Peace Program, Colombia's first peace laboratory, and is a former director of CINEP/Programa por la Paz in Bogotá. He was president of the Commission for the Clarification of the Truth, Coexistence, and Non-Repetition following the 2016 Colombian Peace Agreement.

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National Coordinator, Alyansa Tigil Mina, a coalition of organizations challenging irresponsible and destructive large-scale mining in the Philippines. He is engaged in various social movements and coalitions, including: Green Convergence, Green Thumb Coalition, Bantay-Kita (Publish What You Pay-Philippines), In Defense of Human Rights and Dignity Movement, Green Bills Network, Laudato Si' Movement-Philippines, Laudato Si' Eco-Convergence, and Green Livelihoods Alliance. He is on the Philippine Task Force on the Campaign for a Legally Binding Treaty on Transnational Corporations and the Asia Working Group for a Legally-Binding Instrument for Transnational Corporations.

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An anthropologist from the University of the Andes. Formerly a member of the M-19 guerrilla group that laid down its weapons in 1990. During the parliamentary peace process, she first served as a representative in the Chamber of Deputies, then as a senator, and as a Human Rights Attaché at the Colombian Embassy in Spain. She is part of Observatorio para la Paz – Pacicultura, which focuses on construction and implementation of strategies for the cultural transformation of peace. She has written two books: the autobiography *Razones de Vida*, and *La paz como revolución*.

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Edit Mireya Maya Chicunque

Diocese of Mocoa-Sibundoy, Colombia. An accountant by profession, her vocation extends to social work and community outreach, actively participating as a volunteer in the Catholic Church. She is passionate about contributing to collective well-being and caring for our common home, working with communities to promote sustainability. As the daughter of farmers, she deeply values work and connection to the land. She is the mother of one son.

Fr. Héctor Orlando Meza Cortez

Parish priest of the Immaculate Conception Parish of Mocoa and Director of Social Ministry, Diocese of Mocoa-Sibundoy (Colombia). His work as head of social ministry is focused on defending life in all its manifestations and caring for the environment that surrounds it. This is done to foster an awareness of respect and care for life and our common home, based on the vocation and mission of each of us who inhabit this region.

Vincent J. Miller

Gudorf Chair in Catholic Theology and Culture and Director of Doctoral Studies, Religious Studies Department, University of Dayton. He is also a scholar with the Hanley Sustainability Institute and co-chairs the Laudato si' Action Platform. Since 2017, he has partnered with scholars and artists at the HJ Andrews Experimental Forest in Oregon. He is author of *Consuming Religion: Christian Faith and Practice in a Consumer Culture* and editor of *The Theological and Ecological Vision of Laudato Si'*. His research focusses on how the structures of consumerism, globalization, technology, and extraction challenge Christian faith and practice and how the Church might respond. He is working on a theology of hope for the challenges of the Anthropocene.

Fr. Rigobert Minani, SJ

Head of Research, Peace, Human Rights, Democracy and Good Governance Department, Centre d'Etude Pour l'Action Sociale (CEPAS) (DRC). He teaches at Loyola University of the Congo. He also served as Director of the Jesuit Social Centers Network in Africa, team leader of the Ecclesial Network of the Congo Basin (REBAC), a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center, and has collaborated with San Egidio in peace talks in DRC since the Inter-Congolese Dialogue of 2002. He edited, *Unmet Promises of Extractive Industries in Africa* and authored, *Défis de la construction de la paix en RDC et engagement de l'Eglise*.

Laura Montaña

Coordinator, Latin America and Caribbean Region, Publish What You Pay. A lawyer and economist, she focuses on socio-environmental conflicts, promoting just energy transition policies with a popular and feminist approach. Her previous work highlighted the impacts of the oil industry, investments by financial institutions, and risks for environmental defenders. Her work seeks to strengthen legal frameworks for the protection of defenders and advocate for binding standards in the oil industry, especially related to transparency. She is involved in regional networks to foster community-centered solutions and address systemic injustices.

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Assistant Director, Catholic Peacebuilding Network, whose secretariat is at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame. He coordinates the Catholic Peacebuilding Network's research initiative on peacebuilding and mining. His other areas of work include transitional justice and reconciliation and ecclesiology and peacebuilding. He co-edited (with Powers), *Catholic Peacebuilding and Extractives*, and co-authored (with Bamat and Powers), *Catholic Approaches to Transitional Justice and Reconciliation*. A theologian, before coming to Notre Dame, he was an Instructor of Religious Studies at Mercyhurst University.

Yurleicy Mosquera Abadía

Diocese of Quibdó (Colombia). A specialist in administrative law and human rights and International Humanitarian Law, she serves vulnerable populations and victims of the conflict. A special focus of her work is the Victims and Land Restitution Law. She has complemented this experience by working in more than 10 municipalities in the department of Chocó, providing legal advice to Afro-Colombian, Indigenous, mestizo, and migrant communities on the enforcement of their rights, through a project implemented by the Social Pastoral of the Diocese of Quibdó.

Lidis Mosquera Ibargüen

Social Pastoral Delegate for the Diocese of Istmina – Tadó (Colombia). With a social science degree and specialty in human resources, she has over 15 years of experience working with the most vulnerable communities in the department of Chocó.

Most Reverend Wiston Mosquera Moreno

Bishop of Quibdó (Colombia) since 2024. His pastoral assignments have included: Parochial Vicar, Our Lady of the Rosary (Jamundí, Valle); priest, Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Robles, Valle); priest, Our Lady of Miracles (Cali); Rector, Shrine of Divine Mercy (Cali); Episcopal Vicar, Eastern Region, and Vicar General; and priest, Cathedral of Saint Peter the Apostle (Cali).

José Geiner Mosquera Mosquera

Member, Commission for Reconciliation, Peace, and Development, Diocese of Istmina-Tadó (Colombia). A human rights defender and lawyer, he has extensive experience in justice, reconciliation, and support for victims of the conflict. His commitment to the defense of fundamental rights began when he served as a police inspector and then as a victims' liaison, supporting care, reparation, and restitution processes. As a member of the diocesan commission, he has worked with vulnerable communities and various social and institutional actors to foster a culture of peace and respect for human dignity and our common home.

Hady Zurely Mosquera Valoyes

Psychologist, Diocese of Istmina-Tadó (Colombia) and Specialist in Peace and Territorial Development. In addition to her position at the diocese, she has worked as a psychologist in her home town of Istmina Chocó in the Departmental Education Secretariat and other organizations. A specialist in computer technology, she was a private secretary to the mayor of Unión Panamericana.

Most Reverend Fulgence Muteba Mugalu

Archbishop of Lubumbashi (DRC) and president, Episcopal Conference of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (CENCO). CENCO is deeply involved in peacebuilding and issues related to mining, conflict, human rights, and ecology. He has also served as CENCO's Secretary General and President of the Episcopal Commission for the Doctrine of Faith, as well as President of the Board of Directors of the Catholic University of Congo and Bishop of Kilwa-Kasenga.

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Project Coordinator for Peacebuilding in the Department of Chocó and the subregion of Urabá, Secretariado Nacional de Pastoral Social-Cáritas Colombiana. He is an analyst of the dynamics of transitional justice in the Colombia Pacific coast and co-leader of the Peace & Reconciliation Learning Community at Cáritas Colombia.

Friar Rodrigo de Castro Amédée Péret, OFM

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Since 2004, he has been Director of Catholic Peacebuilding Studies at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame. He also coordinates the Catholic Peacebuilding Network. From 1987-2004, he was a Policy Advisor and then Director of the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Office of International Justice and Peace. He co-edited (w/ Montevecchio), *Catholic Peacebuilding and Extractives* and (w/ Schreiter & Appleby), *Peacebuilding: Catholic Theology, Ethics and Praxis*.

Cardinal Alvaro Ramazzini Imeri

Bishop of Huehuetenango (Guatemala); Coordinator of the Commission for Justice and Solidarity and past president, Episcopal Conference of Guatemala. As a priest and bishop, he has been involved in many social justice issues, especially in empowering the poor and protecting the rights of indigenous people and migrants. He has sought to hold multinational mining companies accountable, including through lawsuits. During Guatemala's civil war, he played a prominent role in promoting peace and reconciliation. He has received many death threats because of his work. His many leadership positions include serving as a member of the Vatican Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life and the Pontifical Commission for Latin America.

Ángela María Ramírez Rincón

Executive director of the Peace Accords Matrix Barometer Initiative in Colombia. He has worked as a teacher, researcher, and consultant on issues related to the protection of human rights. Her work in the public sector has given her the opportunity to learn about the dynamics of the Colombian armed conflict and work closely with victims and victim organizations on issues related to public policy and transitional justice.

Teresa Luna Ramírez

A systems engineer specializing in educational management, specializing in the design, management, and innovation of academic projects in virtual and in-person environments. She has experience in academic leadership, strategic planning, self-assessment, and accreditation of university programs, as well as in the direction of faculties and educational innovation processes. She is currently Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Environmental Sciences at the Catholic University of the North, where she leads the implementation of virtual education strategies focused on technology and digital innovation.

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Director, Secretariado Nacional de Pastoral Social-Cáritas Colombiana. Prior to assuming his position, he was Director of Social Pastoral of the Archdiocese of Barranquilla. He has done pastoral work in various communities in Colombia, from small municipalities to vulnerable neighborhoods of the capital of the Atlantic. He is author of several books, including: *Peace Agreement in Colombia and its Impact on Economic and Social Development in the Montes de María Subregion*; *Witness in the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium*; and *Contribution of the Archdioceses of Barranquilla and Cartagena to the peace process in Colombia*.

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Secretary General, Pax Christi International since 2023. For 20 years she managed development, humanitarian, peace and reconciliation programs for Oxfam-Great Britain and Catholic Relief Services. Since 2007 she has been part of Pax Christi International, and for 14 years coordinated the Pax Christi Program for Latin America and the Caribbean on "Strengthening Community Capacities for Resistance to Extractivism-Mining and Agrobusinesses through Peacebuilding, Advocacy and Active Nonviolence Citizen Actions." She is a member of the Latin America and Caribbean Churches & Mining Network, the US Inter-Religious Working Group on Extractives, and the UN-Religious Working Group on Mining.

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Archbishop of Bogotá. He is past President of the Colombian Episcopal Conference and served as President of the Episcopal Commission for Social and Charitable Pastoral Care. He served as Archbishop of Popayán and Bishop of Montelíbano. The Synod of Bishops elected him a member of the Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod. He has supported the 2016 peace agreement between the government and the FARC and protested against the assassination of social leaders.

Fr. René Salizar

P. René Salizar, Vicariate of Madre de Dios (Peru). He is a diocesan priest and professor, a human and environmental rights activist. He is the son of a peasant social movement leader and pastoral worker. He has been working in the illegal mining corridor for 10 years, accompanying the people of God.

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Official of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development at the Vatican (since 2024). A priest from Yucatán, Mexico, he has served as Founding Executive Secretary, the Mesoamerican Ecological Ecclesial Network (2019-2024); Coordinator, Caritas Central America and Mexico, member, the regional coordinating team of Caritas Latin America and the Caribbean, and Councilor, Caritas Internationalis (2015-2019); Executive Secretary, the Episcopal Commission for Social Pastoral Care and National Director of Caritas Mexico (2011-2017); and Diocesan Coordinator, Social Pastoral Care, Archdiocese of Yucatán (2008-2011).

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Most Reverend Hugo Torres Marín

Archbishop of Santa Fe de Antioquia (Colombia). Born in Briceño, Antioquia, he has been a priest since 1987, dedicated to the education of seminarians. Ordained a bishop in 2011, he served as Auxiliary Bishop of Medellín and Bishop of Apartadó.

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