

Carole Excell, LLM

Motivated international environmental lawyer with strong experience in campaigning, advocacy, fund-raising, training and organizing coalitions on environmental rights and democracy. Demonstrated excellence in implementing projects that focus on inclusive stakeholder participation in different cultural contexts. Particular experience in supporting communities and civil society in using access to information, participation and access to justice to drive accountability in governments and corporations. Built and monitored programmatic strategies for The Access Initiative, a civil society network with over 250 partners in 60 countries around the world. Competent at project management and design, and promoting collaborative action. Strong strategic planning, analytical, and management skills; and experienced in ongoing project evaluation. An excellent communicator, significant experience facilitating workshops, communications, and public speaking.

Key Strengths: Program Management, People Management, Written/Oral Communications, Strong Organizational Skills, Training Development; Facilitation, Strategic Planning and Networking, Public Speaking, Presentation Skills, Time Management, Project Management and Development, Fund-raising, Meeting Coordination, Contract Management, Report Writing, Attention to Detail, Strong Analytical Skills, Complex Problem-Solving.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Led a campaign and regional negotiations for eight years to support the creation of a legal convention on environmental democracy in Latin America and the Caribbean across twenty four countries – The Escazu Agreement.
- Raised approximately \$2M in funds in a two-year timeframe, and devised and executed a strategy to increase funding for the Environmental Democracy Practice through effective donor engagement and grant writing skills.
- Created, coordinated, and led a four country project focusing on supporting local communities and civil society in providing capacity building on environmental rights to address pollution issues.
- Designed a research and action program on participatory democracy for climate action focusing on just transition to a low climate economy and improving climate governance.
- Conducted research with local partners to create a comprehensive toolkit, and implemented training resources on advocacy, coalition building, and use of the law effectively to push for accountability in environmental matters.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WORLD RESOURCES INSTITUTE, WASHINGTON, DC

2009 – PRESENT

ACTING DIRECTOR, ENVIRONMENTAL DEMOCRACY PRACTICE

- Develop and execute fundraising and annual strategy plan for the Environmental Democracy Practice (EDP).
- Develop and coordinate network and coalition building efforts of civil society including the Access Initiative and an international civil society network, Defending Land and Environmental Defenders, to reduce violence, attacks, and stigmatization of environmental defenders.
- Deliver clear vision on how the organization's EDP can support governments in moving toward more transparent, participatory, accountable, and equitable decision-making;
- Directly supervise a team focused on fundraising strategies, proposal development, technical implementation, program and project management on environmental rights/advocacy/equity/social justice
- Supervise and collaborate on multi-year programs focused on cross-cutting governance and equity themes related to rights-based approaches to conservation and management on climate change, forestry, and protected area management – pollution control.
- Steward and build alliances with civil societies, local/national/international governments and organizations.
- Design research-based innovative solutions to achieve targeted program goals
- Develop multi-year programs to support capacity building of partners to conduct advocacy campaigns, increase media awareness, and demand rights-based reforms.

COORDINATOR OF FREEDOM OF INFORMATION UNIT

- Led a cross-ministerial team in the Cabinet Office to fully implement the Cayman Islands Freedom of Information Law (FOI).
 - Co-developed a three-year strategic plan for all government ministries and agencies to adopt the FOI law.
 - Facilitated and led FOI training courses for Information Managers in government and developed a manager's network.
 - Coordinated the implementation of a successful national public awareness campaign on the FOI law with support from media organizations.
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EARLIER EXPERIENCE

DISPUTE RESOLUTION FOUNDATION, KINGSTON, JAMAICA
MEDIATION MANAGER | 12/2006 – 12/2007

THE CARTER CENTER, USA
ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROJECT IN JAMAICA, FIELD REP | 2/2004 – 12/2006

THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND PLANNING AGENCY, KINGSTON, JAMAICA
MANAGER | 8/1996 – 2/2004

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Master's in Environmental Law (LLM), University of Aberdeen, Regent Walk, Scotland
Bachelor of Laws (LLB) – Second Class Honours, University of West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados
Certificate of Legal Education (CLE) | Norman Manley Law School, University of West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

Certifications:

Certificate in Court-Ordered Mediation | Dispute Resolution Foundation, Jamaica

PUBLICATIONS

1. Mathilde Bouye & Carole Excell "Climate Assemblies and the Climate Emergency" (In Review 2021)
2. Moses E, & Excell C. " A Community Action Toolkit: A Roadmap for using Environmental Rights to Fight Pollution" (2020)
3. Excell, C. & Moses E. "Thirsting for Justice: Transparency and Poor People's Struggle for Clean Water in Indonesia, Mongolia, and Thailand" (2017)
4. Webb J, Peterson R., Moses E., Excell, C. "Logging, Mining, And Agricultural Concessions Data Transparency: A Survey Of 14 Forested Countries". (2017)
5. Veit, Peter & Excell, Carole. (2015) "Access to Information and Transparency Provisions in Petroleum Laws in Africa: A Comparative Analysis". 10.1057/9781137280411_4.
6. Lemieux, Victoria & Trapnell, Stephanie & Worker, Jesse & Excell, Carole. (2015). "Transparency and Open Government: Reporting on the Disclosure of Information". JeDEM - eJournal of eDemocracy and Open Government. 7. 75-93. 10.29379/jedem.v7i2.392.
7. Banisar, David & Parmar, Sejal & De Silva, Lalanath & Excell, Carole. (2012). "Moving from Principles to Rights: Rio 2012 and Access to Information, Public Participation, and Justice". Sustainable Development Law & Policy. XII. 10.2139/ssrn.2164685.
8. Veit, Peter & Excell, Carole & Zomer, Alisa. (2011). "Avoiding the Resource Curse: Spotlight on Oil in Uganda".