



Kike Arias

Community Affairs and Land Management

Kike's programmatic involvement is focused on GIS mapping and community involvement. Kike is a Guna elder from the autonomous indigenous Gunayala territory ("comarca"). He served as the Secretary General of the Guna General Congress, and is one of the original cartographers of the Mamoni Valley and therefore spent many years trekking and mapping the jungles at the Continental Divide between Mamoni and Gunayala. He is also an invaluable part of our pool of local guides.

Educational background: Cartographer at the Inter-American Geodetic Survey (IAGS).

Iniqui was the founding president of the Guna Youth Congress, and is currently staff with Panama's Ministry of the Environment specializing in Indigenous Affairs, Environmental Impact Assessment studies and protected areas. Following his studies in Europe in 2007, he has been active at supporting the Guna General Congress and has represented the Guna people and the Guna Youth Congress in numerous international fora.

Educational background: Tourism Management at Cesar Ritz Colleges, Switzerland.



Iniquilipi Chiari

Environmental Affairs and Indigenous Youth



Raisa Banfield

Environmental Affairs and Urban Forests

Raisa is the former Vice Mayor of Panama City (2014-2019). She has devoted many years of life to environmental protection and advocates strongly for the social economic development of Panama, making sure that the capital remains compatible with ecological sustainability. She was the Executive Director of CIAM (Center for Environmental Impact) from 2007 to 2010 and is currently the President of Sustainable Panama (PASOS), an organization that she founded in 2010 to promote alternative development solutions. She was a co-founder of Alianza Pro-Ciudad (2010), Pro-Defense Committee of Camino de Cruces National Park and other community organizations, and Coordinator and Producer of the television program Nuestro Planeta (2010). She founded the architecture and design firm RGB S.A. (1994-2007).

Educational background: Architect from the University of Panama (1993).



Jörg Stamm
Bamboo Design and
Construction

pavilion in USA. Stamm has founded and helped start several bamboo-related companies and organized numerous introductory and advanced training programs in bamboo construction across Asia, Latin America, and Africa.

Educational background: Carpenter.

Roger is Colombian and a co-founder of Geoversity Design. He is specialized in design and constructions in guadua bamboo, but has wide experience with the use of any natural material. He has designed experimental structures, houses, bridges, as well as ecotourism, research stations, and waste management projects in several Latin American countries. Many of these projects have been in collaboration with Jörg Stamm. Roger is always involved in Geoversity's training and product development workshops, as well as in the building projects requested by individuals, companies, state institutions, international development corporations, and our own initiatives.

Educational background: Landscaping Architect with a specialization in the use of bamboo and wood.



Roger Martínez
Architecture and
Construction