

Speaker Bio

Richard Z. Donovan (M.S. in natural resources management and administration, focused on community forestry and watershed management) is Chief of Forestry at the Rainforest Alliance, where he supervises a global team of over 100 full-time staff, with 10 regional offices in Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Estonia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico, Spain and USA. Richard has been with RA since April 1992, with a primary role leading the development of SmartWood (a certification and auditing program), and TREES (a program to support small and medium-sized enterprises in sustainable forest and business management). Richard has over 30 years field experience in approximately 50 countries in all forest types (tropical, temperate and boreal) and all forested continents, including residency in Costa Rica, Paraguay and Mexico. He helped found a number of organizations, including the Forest Stewardship Council. He speaks Spanish, Portuguese, Guarani and English.