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### Summary

A Mediator at Meridian Institute with more than 5 years of experience facilitating policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development processes. Expertise in the areas of agriculture and biotechnology; climate change, energy, and air quality; environmental cleanup and waste management; forests, ecosystems, biodiversity, and natural resources; nanotechnology; science and technology; and water and watersheds. Adept at the application of Internet-based tools to multi-party collaborative processes. Earned a J.D. from the University of Leiden, and an LL.M. in environmental laws from Queen Mary & Westfield College.

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### Meridian Experience

#### **Meridian Institute**, Dillon, Colorado, 2001 – Present

Meridian Institute designs and facilitates collaborative processes that help diverse parties identify critical issues, build relationships and trust, construct innovative solutions, and implement durable decisions. The collaborative processes address challenges at the local, state, national, and international levels, and involve leaders from government agencies, industry, nongovernmental organizations, and international institutions. Meridian also assists organizations in conducting strategy development and planning.

#### **Mediator**

Manage and facilitate policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects regarding complex issues and involving diverse groups of stakeholders. Conduct convening assessments, design processes, plan and facilitate meetings, help participants develop consensus documents, and conduct implementation activities. Recent project highlights include:

- Developing activities of the Global Dialogue on Nanotechnologies and the Poor: Opportunities and Risks in order to: raise awareness about the implications of nanotechnology for the poor; close the gaps within and between sectors of society to develop an action plan that addresses opportunities and risks; and identify ways that science and technology can play an appropriate role in the development process.
- Facilitated an initiative of universities and other research institutions that resulted in the formation of the Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture ([www.pipra.org](http://www.pipra.org)), whose purpose is to improve access to agricultural innovations for improved staple crops for poor farmers in developing countries, and specialty crops for regional agricultural economies worldwide.
- Member of a Meridian team that facilitated a year-long strategic planning process for the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) that resulted in a radical decentralization of the organization and a new long-term research agenda.
- Please see the attachment for a full list of projects completed.

## Previous Experience

### Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment,

Denver, Colorado 2000

#### *Intern*

Conducted an extensive literature study and six case studies regarding the prevention and resolution of public conflict through effective public participation. Conducted case studies by reviewing written materials, interviewing more than 60 government staff, and actively involved members of the public and observing public meetings. The study resulted in concrete recommendations for improved effectiveness of public participation strategies.

### Knuwer & Creutzberg Attorneys at Law,

Den Helder, the Netherlands 1995-1999

#### *Attorney*

Specialized in environmental law and land-use law. Provided expert legal counsel and conflict resolution services to government agencies, businesses, not-for-profit organizations and individuals on a variety of issues, including: hazardous materials and waste management, protection of water quality, development of renewable resources, endangered species protection, and land use changes due to

population growth, changes in the local and regional economy and social changes.

### Amsterdam Environmental Law Clinic,

Amsterdam, the Netherlands 1997-1999

#### *Trainer*

On a 'pro bono' basis, designed and facilitated workshops on environmental law and policy and land use planning policies for staff and volunteers of national, regional and local non-profit organizations in the Netherlands. The workshops provided participants with tools necessary for effective participation in government decision-making processes

### UNDP Africa 2000 Network

Harare, Zimbabwe 1994-1995

#### *Intern*

Africa 2000 Network supports rural initiatives to protect the environment and stimulate economic development. Assessed rural communities' level of organization, assisted in review of threats to communities' environments and livelihoods, and assisted project coordinators in developing project proposals and in developing a network of organizations that could provide technical or training support to rural communities.

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## Education

### Queen Mary and Westfield College,

London, United Kingdom

**L.L.M.**, Master of Environmental Laws

1994

### University of Leiden,

Leiden, the Netherlands

**J.D.**, Juris Doctor

1993

## Projects Completed

When connected to the Internet, click on the project name for a full description.  
Selected project highlights are provided on the following pages.

### Agriculture and Biotechnology

- Biosafety Scientific Expertise in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Building a Global Alliance for Access to Public Intellectual Property in Agriculture
- Emergent Genetics Strategic Planning
- FIELD
- Food Security and Ag-Biotech News
- International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) Strategic Planning
- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Strategic Planning
- Liability and Redress Meeting
- Liability and Redress Workshop
- Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (PIPRA)
- Rockefeller Foundation Issue Mapping
- Working Landscapes in the Midwest Conference
- WorldAgInfo

### Chemicals, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances

- President's Council on Sustainable Development-Eco-Efficiency Task Force

### Climate Change, Energy, and Air Quality

- Greenhouse Gas Accounting Forum

### Environmental Cleanup and Waste Management

- Resolving Liability Disputes over Hazardous Waste Disposal

### Forests, Ecosystems, Biodiversity, and Natural Resources

- IUFRO Science/Policy Interface Workshop
- Collaborative Forest Restoration Workshop (2004, 2006 and 2007)
- Coal Bed Methane Development: Best Management Practices
- Roundtable on Sustainable Forests

### Health

- National Summit on Contractor Safety

### Nanotechnology

- Dialogue Series on Nanotechnology and Federal Regulations
- Global Dialogue on Nanotechnology and the Poor: Opportunities and Risks (GDNP)
- GDNP: International Workshop on Nanotechnology, Water, and Development
- GDNP: International Workshop on Nanotechnology, Commodities, and Development
- International Dialogue on Responsible Research and Development of Nanotechnology
- Nanotechnology and Development News
- NPPTAC Ad Hoc Interim Work Group on Nanoscale Materials

### Science and Technology

- Role of the Bayh-Dole Act in Promoting Innovation

### Security

- Highway and Motor Carrier Sector Coordinating Council
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security Stakeholders Summit: Review of the White House Report "The Federal Response to Hurricane Katrina: Lessons Learned"
- National Response Plan and National Incident Management System Review and Revision Process

### Sustainable Communities / Corporations / Development

- Burlington Northern Santa Fe
- EPA Annual Budget Operating Year Priorities Meetings

### Water and Watersheds

- Conejos - New Mexico Collaborative Watershed Project
- National Watershed Forum
- New Mexico Collaborative Watershed Projects
- Stewart Meadows Wetlands Master Plan Meetings

## Selected Project Highlights

### **Global Dialogue On Nanotechnology And The Poor: Opportunities And Risks**

Nanotechnology, which encompasses a broad range of tools, techniques, and applications, are widely perceived as one of the most significant technologies of the 21st century. Products developed with nanotechnology or that incorporate nanoscale materials are already on the market. Regulatory agencies, companies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders are becoming aware of the potentially far-reaching implications of nanotechnology as the science evolves and applications proliferate. Meridian Institute is convening the Global Dialogue on Nanotechnology and the Poor: Opportunities and Risks (GDNP) in order to: 1) raise awareness about the implications of nanotechnology for the poor; 2) close the gaps within and between sectors of society to address specific opportunities and risks; and 3) identify ways that science and technology can play an appropriate role in the development process. More information on past, current, and upcoming activities is available from the project website: <http://www.merid.org/nano>.

### **Building a Global Alliance For Access To Public Intellectual Property in Agriculture**

Between 2001 and 2005, Meridian Institute designed and facilitated the dialogue between all the major public sector agricultural research institutions in the US that led to the formation of the Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture (PIPRA). PIPRA is an effort to manage agricultural intellectual property (IP) collaboratively in order to address the significant and increasing difficulty of public sector researchers to access patented technologies to fulfill their missions. More information on PIPRA is available at: <http://www.pipra.org>.

In September 2006, Meridian Institute facilitated a meeting, convened by PIPRA, of representatives from countries that are technology providers to discuss approaches for public-sector collaboration on IP management in agriculture in developed (e.g. Canada, U.S., Europe, Japan, Australia) and innovative developing countries (e.g., Brazil, China, India, and South Africa). The meeting was aimed at exploring national and regional activities to promote public-sector collaboration for the broadest (humanitarian and commercial) application of existing and emerging agricultural technologies, and identifying opportunities for international collaboration between like-minded national and regional networks to improve access to proprietary technologies for commercial, development, and humanitarian uses.

### **New Mexico Collaborative Watershed Projects**

In the late '90's, Meridian began its work with watershed communities in the state of New Mexico to address surface water quality concerns in collaboration with the New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau (Bureau). Meridian Institute has helped the Bureau implement a unique approach to addressing the causes of non-point source pollution. By facilitating the development of community-based, multi-stakeholder, collaborative watershed groups, Meridian helped local stakeholders move towards more sustainable land and water management practices.

The watersheds were identified by the Bureau as priorities and candidates for collaborative community involvement because the results of surface water testing suggested significant contamination from non-point sources of agricultural runoff, forest management and ranching practices, road maintenance, development and other diffuse and natural sources in the watersheds. Meridian assisted several communities, including in the Conejos watershed, in developing the local capacity to improve surface water quality and continue collaborative efforts tailored to the specific needs of the watershed.