



### **BIO – Jeannette Gurung**

Jeannette Gurung is a forester and gender and development expert whose career has focused on leading organizational change for gender equality within agriculture and natural resource management organizations in Asia and Africa. She is founder and director of Women Organizing for Change in Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (WOCAN), a global network of over 750 women and men professionals in 93 countries who are committed to increasing rural women's access to and control over resources to manage agriculture and natural resources to enhance their livelihoods. WOCAN engages in advocacy and capacity building for women's leadership and organization change through an innovative approach of partnering women farmers with professionals and building the support of men in the process.

Jeannette has an M.S. in forestry from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D in gender and development from the University of East Anglia (UK) with a focus on organizational development and change for gender equality based on her decade of experience leading gender mainstreaming at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development in Nepal. She has expertise in training/capacity building, action research, gender analysis, organizational analysis, policy advocacy, and network building. She leads women's advocacy within the UN Forum on Forests, FAO Committee on Food Security, UN Commission for Sustainable Development, and the Network of Women Agriculture Ministers and Leaders. She is the Gender Expert for the Program Advisory committee of the CGIAR Participatory Research and Gender Analysis Program, a steering committee member of The Forest Dialogue, and President of the Adelboden Bureau for Mountain Development. She has authored numerous articles and books, including: *Gender and REDD+: An Asian Regional Analysis*, for USAID; *Engendering REDD* with IUCN and the Global Gender and Climate Alliance, 2009; *A Narrative of Resistance: Enacting Gender in an International Development Organization* (PhD thesis); and "Incorporating Gender into a Male Domain: A Strategy for Foresters?", *World Forestry Congress Proceedings, People and Forests in Harmony*, 2003.

Jeannette has lived and worked for over 22 years in South and Southeast Asia, and currently resides outside of Washington, DC. She will be returning to live in Bangkok in 2011.