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### Summary

A Senior Mediator and Program Director at Meridian Institute with extensive experience facilitating policy dialogues, institutional change, and strategy development and execution processes. Meridian project work has focused primarily on the issues of agriculture and food security, international development and trade, science and technology, and innovation and intellectual property. Prior to joining Meridian, practiced environmental and land use law in the Netherlands. Adept at the application of Internet-based tools to multi-party collaborative processes. Earned a J.D. from the University of Leiden in the Netherlands and an LL.M. in environmental laws from Queen Mary & Westfield College in the United Kingdom.

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### Meridian Experience

#### Meridian Institute

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. These 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.

#### Senior Mediator and Program Director

Directs, manages and facilitates policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects, often involving teams of facilitators. Designs and manages partnership-building and problem-solving processes, plans and facilitates meetings, helps participants develop creative solutions and consensus documents, and manages project implementation. Selected highlights are summarized below:

- Co-directs a project supporting the creation of the Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa. Meridian is supporting African stakeholders and institutions in creating an effective partnership structure and taking actions to control aflatoxin in Africa.
- Directs AflaSTOP: Storage and Drying for Aflatoxin Prevention—a project to identify promising grain dryers and storage options and to ensure that these dryers and storage options are accessible to smallholder farmers through African businesses.

- Co-directed a multi-year project that brought together leading scientists and innovators with key players in the maize, cassava, and dairy value chains in Africa. The project identified innovative post-harvest management and processing technologies that add significant value for smallholder farmers and explored a strategy and structure for commercializing those technologies.
- Facilitated an initiative involving universities and other research institutions that resulted in the formation of the Public Intellectual Property Resource for Agriculture, the purpose of which is to improve access to agricultural innovations for improved staple crops for poor farmers in developing countries as well as specialty crops for regional agricultural economies worldwide.
- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/rraimond> for a full list of projects completed.

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## Previous Experience

### Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Denver, Colorado 2000

#### *Intern*

Conducted an extensive literature study and developed six case studies regarding the prevention and resolution of public conflict through effective public participation. Reviewed written materials, interviewed more than 60 government staff, actively involved members of the public, and observed public meetings. The study resulted in concrete recommendations for improving the 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*

Designed and facilitated workshops on environmental law and policy and land use planning policies for staff and volunteers of national, regional, and local nonprofit organizations in the Netherlands. The workshops provided participants with the tools necessary for effective participation in government decision-making processes.

**United Nations Development Program, Africa 2000 Network**

Harare, Zimbabwe 1994–1995

*Intern*

The Africa 2000 Network supports rural initiatives to protect the environment and stimulate economic development.

Assessed rural communities' level of

organization, assisted in the review of threats to communities' environments and livelihoods, and assisted project coordinators in developing both project proposals and a network of organizations that could provide technical or training support to rural communities.

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**Education****Queen Mary and Westfield College**

LL.M., Master of Environmental Laws

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**University of Leiden**

J.D.

1993

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**Recent Training Courses****University of Denver**

High Performance Leadership Program, Daniels College of Business

2011

**University of Colorado at Boulder**

RETool: Opportunities in the New Energy Economy, Executive Education Certificate hosted by the Deming Center for Entrepreneurship and the Renewable and Sustainable Energy Institute (RASEI)

2011

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**Personal History**

Born in South Africa, Rex has lived and worked in the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Zimbabwe.