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Summary

Cofounder and Senior Partner at Meridian Institute, with more than 30 years of experience in the conflict resolution field. Demonstrated expertise facilitating national and international policy dialogues, multi-party negotiations, and internal and multi-organizational strategy development processes. An internationally recognized leader in the field of facilitation and consensus-building, with project experience in the areas of agriculture and biotechnology; climate change; energy; forests, ecosystems, biodiversity, and natural resources; health; nanotechnology; science and technology; environmental cleanup and waste management; chemicals, pesticides, and toxic substances; security and homeland security; and sustainable communities, corporations, development. Additional significant experience mediating high-level negotiations on domestic health care policy and facilitating dialogue among members of the U.S. Congress on financial regulatory reform. Holds an M.S. in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia, and a B.A. in Environmental Studies and Economics from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Meridian Experience

Meridian Institute

1997–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 Partner

Cofounded Meridian in 1997 with four partners. Serves as Director of the Washington DC office, involved in program management, project development, and workload distribution. Also involved in all aspects of strategic planning, human resources, finance, IT, and marketing. Designs, manages, and leads policy dialogues, negotiations, and strategy development projects involving teams of facilitators. For these projects, conducts convening assessments, designs processes, secures financial support, plans and facilitates meetings, helps participants develop consensus documents, and conducts implementation activities such as press releases and briefings. Selected highlights are summarized below:

- Directs a Meridian team supporting the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science (ACCCNRS), a formal federal advisory committee that provides advice to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), and in particular to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), on the operations, partnerships, and science of the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center (NCCWSC) and the DOI Climate Science Centers (CSCs). The NCCWSC and CSCs provide tools and information that are usable and focused on key natural resource management priorities to develop and execute climate adaptation and mitigation strategies that address the impacts of climate change on fish, wildlife, and their habitats. The ACCCNRS includes representatives of other federal agencies; state, tribal, and local governments; nongovernmental organizations; private sector entities; and academic institutions. Meridian manages the substantive agenda of the ACCCNRS; develop meeting agendas; facilitate and document ACCCNRS and work group meetings; and address logistical and administrative needs of the ACCCNRS.
- Directed a Meridian team that facilitated an engagement process to bring together a diverse coalition of key forest stakeholders to deliver interrelated and mutually supportive commitments to announce at the United Nations Secretary-General's Climate Leaders Summit in September 2014. In cooperation with a team from the United Nations Development Programme, Meridian facilitated a systematic contact group of the leaders of critical networks to discuss what their networks would pledge, as part of their commitments to the New York Declaration on Forests (Declaration) and what each network would request from other networks of forest stakeholders. Meridian also orchestrated an outreach strategy to ensure that a critical mass of signatories endorsed the Declaration, including: national and subnational governments, leading companies from across key commodity supply chains, the finance community, civil society, and indigenous and local peoples' groups.
- Directed a project sponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that identified improvements to the Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP). GAFSP is a multilateral financing mechanism coordinated by the World Bank that delivers funding to public and private entities to improve agriculture and food security strategic plans in developing countries. The Meridian project team identified and prioritized implementation issues associated with both the Public and Private Sector "Windows" (i.e., funds) of GAFSP. The team gathered, analyzed, and synthesized publicly available written information about GAFSP's decisions and operations and conducted in-person and telephone interviews with members of the GAFSP Steering Committee and other relevant stakeholders. Meridian facilitated informal working sessions of the Steering Committee to define and refine consensus solutions to improve GAFSP's governance, structure, operations, and outcomes. The results of the Meridian facilitated consensus-building process were discussed and approved by the GAFSP Steering Committee at their September 2013 meeting.
- Served as lead facilitator and project director of an effort to assist Gina McCarthy, then Assistant Administrator of the Office of Air and Radiation at the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, with the design and facilitation of a series of listening sessions with key stakeholders affected by the regulation greenhouse gas emissions at new facilities under the New Source Performance Standards of the Clean Air Act. The effort included listening sessions with representatives of electric power generators, petroleum manufacturing facilities, state governments, and environmental and environmental justice groups. These highly successful public meetings were conducted over a three-month period ending in March 2011.

- In 2012, served as the lead facilitator of a workshop convened by the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) and World Resources Institute (WRI) and hosted by the Johnson Foundation at Wingspread. The objective was to construct a platform and narrative around the profound climate impacts affecting people in specific places across the country, to help policy makers at all levels of government, the media, and citizen leaders better understand the risks of climate change and the potential benefits of action on climate change. Scientists and local and national leaders discussed how to effectively communicate such impacts, what a compelling strategy for communication might look like, and how such a strategy could be implemented. This meeting led to the formation of the Climate Impacts Collaborative, to which Meridian contributes as a process design and facilitation expert. The Climate Impacts Collaborative is a national partnership—guided by the UCS, WRI and Meridian—that strategically connects groups to share information and strategies around climate impacts and leverages our collective resources to elevate local impacts to the national level in order to advance the national dialogue on climate change.
- Served as project director for the Congo Basin REDD+ project. For this project, Meridian Institute was commissioned by the Government of Norway’s International Climate and Forest Initiative to serve as an independent convener and facilitator for a process aimed at increasing multilateral and bilateral support for, and collaboration regarding, the implementation of REDD+ in the Congo Basin region of Central Africa. (REDD+ refers to Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation, including the conservation and sustainable management of forests as well as the enhancement of forest carbon stocks.)
- From 2006 through 2011, served as project co-director for the United States Climate Action Partnership (USCAP). Meridian helped to convene this CEO-level group and facilitated discussions among 30 organizations, including major utility, energy, manufacturing, and consumer products companies and leading nongovernmental organizations. USCAP members joined together to recommend the prompt enactment of national legislation in the United States to slow, stop, and reverse the growth of greenhouse gas emissions over the shortest period of time reasonably achievable.
- Please see <http://merid.org/staff/tmealey> for a full list of projects completed.

Previous Experience

The Keystone Center

Keystone, Colorado 1989–1997

Associate Director, Science and Public Policy Program

Co-managed a variety of program, budget and personnel-related functions. Served as project director and lead convener, facilitator, and mediator of negotiations and policy dialogues aimed at resolving a wide variety of issues.

The Conservation Foundation/World Wildlife Fund (now Resolve)

Washington, DC 1986–1989

Associate, Program on Environmental Dispute Resolution

Provided third-party mediation and facilitation services in environmental, natural resource, and land use disputes. Conducted negotiation training seminars and research on innovative methods for resolving environmental conflicts. Served as editor of the organization's newsletter.

ICF Incorporated

Washington, DC 1985–1986

Associate

Provided policy analysis, meeting facilitation, and conflict management services to public- and private-sector clients.

University of Virginia, Institute for Environmental Negotiation

Charlottesville, Virginia 1983–1985

Associate/Graduate Assistant

Provided mediation assistance in negotiations over uranium mining, water treatment, and land development disputes in Virginia. Investigated environmental disputes for mediation potential. Taught graduate-level courses on environmental dispute resolution.

The Center for Collaborative Problem Solving

San Francisco, California 1981–1983

Associate

Provided strategic planning and meeting facilitation services to public- and private-sector clients.

Education

University of Virginia

M.S., Urban and Environmental Planning
1985

University of California, Santa Cruz

B.A., Economics and Environmental Studies
1981