



“Development is just as much about selfishness as it is about selflessness. I expect to learn more from others than they do from me; however I hope that one day I can realize I positively impacted someone else as much as they have influenced my life.”

Elaine Springgay

Elaine Springgay identifies herself as a global nomad. Although she has travelled and lived around the world, Richmond, BC is home. She graduated with a B.Sc. (Honours) from the University of Toronto in Physical & Environmental Geography and History. This interest in understanding the history of Earth, its human occupants and the relationship between the two has greatly influenced her. Most recently, Elaine completed a Masters of Forestry at the Australian National University, specializing in community forestry. She is excited to apply her skills and experiences in an internship that aims to engage with local community leaders in sustainable forest management and to promote transparency. She hopes the internship leads to a career in international development.

The Center for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development's (CIKOD) *Making the Forest Sector Transparent* project is working with civil society groups in forest-rich countries to engage with policy makers and advocate for capable, responsive and accountable forest sector governance. The project supports local environmental and human rights campaigners in up to eight countries to monitor transparency and to advocate on issues of importance to local communities.

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