

# Leadership Bios

Consortium of Indigenous Peoples and Local  
Community Organizations (CIPLCOs)



## **Evelyn Barry**

Chairperson

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### **Credentials & Background:**

Atty. Evelyn F. Barry is a women rights advocate with a background as a professional lawyer. Ms. Barry is the founder and executive director of Carefound Liberia, educating women and girls on land rights and legal protections. Ms. Barry has over 10 years' experience in conflict and post-conflict settings, working with multiple international agencies in fields including advocacy, education, gender rights, legal environment, and program development.

**Personal Statement:** "My motivation to work with CIPLCOs is to advocate for agroforestry rights for women and girls in Liberia while educating them on the effects of climate change."



## **Gbeintor Bleh**

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### **Credentials & Background:**

Ms. Bleh's educational background is in management and accounting, with additional credentials in Global Leadership for Women. Ms. Bleh has over 15 years of experience working on major projects coordinating training, advocacy, and empowerment in areas of food security, women and youth, land rights, and climate change. Ms. Bleh is the founder and CEO of Community Sustainability Development Organization (COSDO).

**Personal Statement:** "I decided to join this noble consultum because we are all women of like minds. We have lots of things in common. We share the same goal."

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## **Aretha Togbah**

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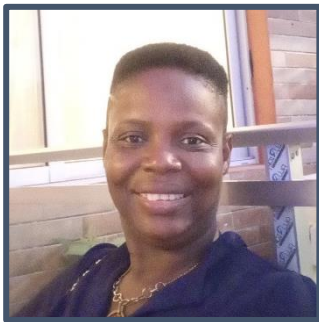
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### **Credentials & Background:**

Ms. Togbah's educational background is in Accounting and Management, with additional certifications in project management and land governance. Ms. Togbah has over seven years of experience in advocacy for women in areas including land rights, leadership, security, economic empowerment, and emission reduction for forest-dependent women. Many of Ms. Togbah's works have involved collaborations with major international groups.

**Personal Statement:** "To raise the voices of indigenous people and ensure their rights are secured"

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## **Laura Bee Kiekpo**

Treasurer

**Affiliated Organization:**

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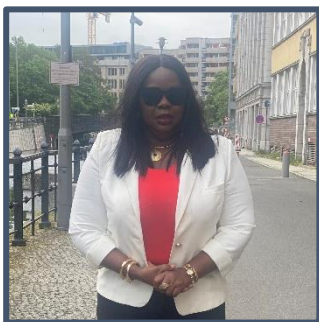
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### **Credentials & Background:**

Ms. Kiekpo's educational background is in public administration and management, with additional credentials in women's health, business, and community works. Ms. Kiekpo's experience has focused on training and awareness building for women in rural areas, girls human rights, and sexual reproductive health and rights.

**Personal Statement:** "WEFL believes that indigenous peoples have the right to social benefits and that it is our responsibility to acknowledge these rights. To forget about the involvement of indigenous peoples is to create setbacks and loss of development."



## Miatta Y Gray

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### **Credentials & Background:**

Ms. Gray has over 15 years of experience advocating for women and girls, including experience in representing victims of rape, domestic violence, child abuse, and human trafficking. Ms. Gray is also a leader in representing human rights for women, advocating for girls education, and raising awareness of climate change's effects on women in agriculture.

**Personal Statement:** "My motivation for working with CIPLCOs is to see like-minded women coming together to work for the good for our environment and women."

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## Helen Ketter Taylor

Member

**Affiliated Organization:**

WED

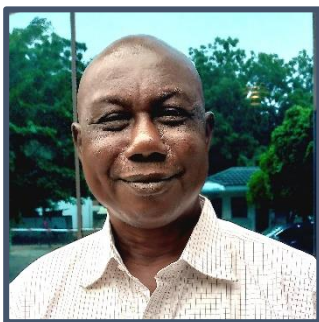
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### **Credentials & Background:**

Ms. Taylor's educational background is in sociology and public administration. Ms. Taylor has experience in the fields of gender based violence, human rights advocacy and training, psychosocial counseling, and land rights advocacy. Helen is the executive director for W.E.D.

**Personal Statement:** "I am motivated to work with CIPLCOs so that together we can open the world's eyes to the rights of the indigenous peoples of Liberia. These peoples cannot provide these rights for themselves but need the support of CIPLCOs."



## **Lawrence A.K.T. Bondo**

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### **Credentials & Background:**

Mr. Bondo's educational background is in sociology and economics, with additional credentials in advocacy, counseling, communication, and education. Mr. Bondo has spent over 25 years working with international organizations conducting research and offering support for indigenous peoples and other under-represented peoples across Liberia and is currently representing the affiliated organization Community Development Initiative Inc. (CDI).

**Personal Statement:** "I am increasingly driven by the World Bank motivation, and demonstration for the establishment of a network that involves indigenous peoples and local community organizations in Liberia. I am so passionate about the formation because it demonstrates our willingness to amplify the voice of the voiceless and bring light into darkness for our deprived and marginalized women, children, girls, and peoples living with disabilities."



## **Nicholas Modlin**

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### **Credentials & Background:**

Mr. Modlin's educational background is in business administration, entrepreneurship, and mathematics education, with additional credentials in sustainable food systems. Mr. Modlin has experience coordinating the startup of multiple organizations and excels in the areas of communications and coaching.

**Personal Statement:** "I believe in a future where the small communities that support the rest of the world are accounted for at the same level as the rest. I believe in CIPLCOs because it offers an opportunity for these communities to strengthen themselves and earn the protection and credit that they have deserved from the beginning."

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## About CIPLCOs

CIPLCOs is a Consortium of Indigenous Peoples and Local Community Organizations across Liberia. Indigenous and rural communities are among the most vulnerable to economic and climate changes, yet they are often excluded from the decision-making processes related to these changes. These communities often lack the resources or education to impact their situation.

CIPLCOs was initiated in the spring of 2023 to provide a voice for these communities, while coordinating the financial and logistic support that they need to move forward.

*Write to us and support this mission by helping one of the most impacted groups of people in our world today.*

