



The Forests Dialogue

STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER

Ruth Thomas

Title: Director

Organization: Global Agribusiness Alliance

Location: UK

Nationality: British

Contact: ruth.thomas
@globalagribusinessalliance.com

SC Since: 2020

Ruth has over 15 years of experience developing and implementing cutting-edge sustainability initiatives in resource-intensive high-impact sectors with a focus on sustainability strategy, stakeholder engagement and issues management. Prior to her current role as Director Strategy and Operations at the Global Agribusiness Alliance she led the Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform's Farm Sustainability Assessment programme (2016-2017) and was a Manager for the Environmental and Social Change Programme at the International Council on Mining and Metals (2011–2016). Ruth's experience has been built from an upstream role at British American Tobacco, in corporate-engagement at WWF-UK and in the sustainable development team at Shell International.

She has a PGC from Cambridge Programme for Sustainability Leadership, a BSc in Agricultural and Environmental Science, an MSc Environmental Science from UCL and is an AI Gore Climate Leader. Ruth is passionate about the potential that the agricultural industry has in contributing to environmental stewardship, sustainable livelihoods and economic development.