

# The Forests Dialogue

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Before joining Ford in 2019, Victor led the Mesoamerican Alliance of Peoples and Forests (AMPB) School for Youth Training and Leadership Development, where his fluency in regional dynamics allowed him to foster agreements with indigenous and community-based grassroots groups to develop joint training and leadership-promotion programs. Prior to that, as executive director of the Community Forestry Association of Guatemala Utz Che', he led staff and regional teams in their efforts to strengthen local governance of sustainable forest and natural resource management.

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