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In addition to campaigning on IFIs, he is active in local community-based studies of customary systems of land tenure in Latin America and related advocacy on indigenous peoples' land rights.

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