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Ms. Roig provides technical and strategic leadership within the global network of affiliate Centers and represents the organization within the foreign assistance community with a personal commitment to multilateralism and global cooperation. During her tenure, she conceived of and oversaw a three-year global evaluation of the Partners’ investment model in local Centers. The final report released in 2014 has made a substantial contribution to learning in the international development field, including: authentic international and local partnerships, sustainable investment in local capacity, and long-term impact on democratic governance.

Ms. Roig is an attorney licensed in the state of Maryland with many years of diverse international management experience and practical field work. She is a substantive expert in Good Governance, Rule of Law, and Conflict Resolution, and has provided systems design, strategic planning, cooperative advocacy, program management, community outreach and training throughout the world. Prior to joining Partners, Julia served for two years as the Country Director for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Belgrade Serbia. She is also a recognized expert on community justice and dispute resolution in Colombia having spent five years living and working from Bogota, promoting a national expansion of the
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