Nakana New Port Social Equity Manager

Steve Nakana is the Port of Portland’s new social equity manager. In this new position, Nakana will create a social equity program for the Port, which will include a policy and action plan, as well as metrics and a reporting mechanism.

Nakana was previous peace building advisor, and program and project management trainer for Mercy Corps, traveling through Africa and other countries working on consensus-based solutions to local conflicts. He has also worked as a project manager for the National Policy Consensus Center, a consultant for the Gray Family Foundation, an adjunct instructor at Concordia University and Portland State University Department of Conflict Resolution, and as a policy researcher for the Centre for Conflict Resolution in Cape Town, South Africa.

Nakana has a Ph.D. in International Development: History and Politics from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies at University of Geneva in Switzerland; an M.A. in Sociology from University of California (Berkeley), and an M.A. and B.A. in International Relations from University of Cape Town, South Africa.

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