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Biographies of Participants



I. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

AFPPD MEMBERS

Afghanistan



Hon. Mrs. Ruqia Nayel
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Ruqia Nayel serves as Member of Parliament and Member of the Standing Committee on Finance, Budget, Public Accounts and Banking Affairs. She was elected to the Parliament in 2005 and has served on the Commission for Communication, Transportation, Urban Housing and Municipalities. In addition to her parliamentary roles, Hon. Mrs. Nayel also serves as the Deputy of the Movement of Afghan Sisters (MAS) and a member of the Advisory Board for the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) in Afghanistan. Previously, she has worked as a nurse in the children's clinic in Lal Wa Sar Jangal and as a representative for the Ghor province in the Emergency Loya Jirga in 2002.



Hon. Mr. Kamal Safi
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Kamal Safi serves as Member of Parliament (Wolesi Jirga) representing the Kunduz Province. Hon. Mr. Safi started his career as an engineer in 2000. His former roles included Manager of Emergency Relief Refugees Projects in the Khyber Pukhtun Khwa Province of Pakistan; Admin and Finance Manager of the MSS-Afghanistan Primary Education Program in Kabul, Afghanistan; and Senior Regional Engineer and Regional Manger UNOPS in Gardez, Afghanistan. Hon. Mr. Safi is a current member of the Committee on budget, finance, banking and public accounts in the Parliament.

Bangladesh



Hon. Mrs. Salina Begum
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Salina Begum was first elected as Member of Parliament on the 23rd of March 2014. She has been actively involved with the politics of the Bangladesh Awami League, the ruling party of Bangladesh, for 25 years. Currently, she is the President of the District Women Awami League in Sirajgonj at her constituency. She is also a Member of the Central Women Awami League. As a Member of Parliament she has participated in different conferences, seminars and workshops held in the United Kingdom, Korea, Malaysia and India.



Hon. Mrs. Sanjida Khanam
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Sanjida Khanam is a Member of Parliament representing the Bangladesh Awami League. She is also a member of the Standing Committee on the Ministry of Home. She has been practicing law in the Supreme Court of Bangladesh since 1991 and has over 25 years of experience in handling matters related to general civil litigation, corporate commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution across various sectors.

Bhutan



Hon. Mr. Tek Bahadur Subba
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Tek Bahadur Subba serves as Member of Parliament representing the People's Democratic Party.



Hon. Mr. Karma Tenzin
Member of Parliament
Chair of National Committee of Bhutan on Population and Development

Hon. Mr. Karma Tenzin is a Member of Parliament, representing the People's Democratic Party. He is the Chair of the Parliamentary Affairs Committee, and Chair of the member National Committee of AFPPD. He is also a member of the Public Accounts Committee and is serving his second tenure as the Chairman of the Finance Committee. Prior to his appointment as a MP, Hon. Mr. Tenzin worked at various capacities as Bank Examiner, Financial Analyst and Research Analyst at the Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan. He was also an active member in the

Macroeconomic Framework Coordination Technical Committee in framing budget policies and budgeting under the Ministry of Finance.

Cook Islands



Hon. Ms. Selina Napa
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Selina Napa serves as Member of Parliament, representing the Cook Islands Democratic Party. She was elected in the 2012 Titikaveka by-election. She is a former sportswoman and member of the Medical and Anti-Doping Commission.



Hon. Mr. Tai Tura

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Tai Tura serves as Member of Parliament representing the Cook Islands Party (CIP) and as Associate Minister for Foreign Affairs. Hon. Mr. Tura is also the Treasurer of the Parliamentary Committee for Population and Sustainable Development, and a Former Deputy Speaker of Parliament.

India



Hon. Mrs. Viplove Thakur

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Viplove Thakur is a well-known, active and vocal champion on women empowerment (ICPD, MDGs, SDGs) issues in the Indian Parliament carrying the legacy of her parents in politics. As the former Minister in the State of Himachal Pradesh, she has worked hard to empower the women of Himachal Pradesh and to stand against violence on women. Previously, she was a member of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, a member of the Hindi Salahkar Samiti of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and an active member of Sub-Committee I which examines the functioning of All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) of the Committee of Health and Family Welfare. From 2008 to 2009, Hon. Mrs. Thakur was also member of the Committee on Government Assurances.



Hon. Mr. Boora Narsaiah Goud

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Boora Narsaiah Goud serves as Member of Parliament representing the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS). Prior to his political career, he was a laparoscopic, obesity and gastrointestinal surgeon. He is the founding Chairman of Boora Laxmaiah and Rajamma (BLR) Foundation which provides free laparoscopic infertility services for childless couples.

Indonesia



Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah

Member of Parliament

Chairperson of IFPPD

Hon. Ms. Ermalena Muslim Hasbullah serves as Deputy Chairperson of Commission IX (Population and Health) of the Indonesian Parliament. She has also been the Chairperson of the Indonesian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (IFPPD) since 2015. Before joining the Parliament, she has served as Senior Adviser to the Minister of Cooperative and Small Business, and Senior Adviser to the Minister of Religious Affairs. Hon. Ms. Hasbullah has also held various

roles with international organizations such as UNICEF, Save the Children, and Helen Keller International, as well as with several institutions under the Nahdatul Ulama (the biggest Muslim organization in Indonesia).



Hon. Ms. Andi Fauziah Pujiwatie Hatta

Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Andi Fauziah Pujiwatie Hatta serves as Member of Parliament representing the Fraksi Partai Golkar Party for South Sulawesi III. By profession, Hon. Ms. Hatta is a dentist and has worked at the Katobengke community health center in Bau-Bau from 2008 to 2009. In the period of 2014-2019, she is tasked in Commission IX responsible for demographic affairs, health, manpower and transmigration.



Hon. Ms. Sri Wulan

Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Sri Wulan serves as Member of Parliament representing the Great Indonesia Movement Party Faction. Hon. Ms. Wulan was a former legislator in the Central Java provincial parliament from 2009 to 2014. She was tasked in Commission IV responsible for agriculture, plantations, maritime affairs, fisheries and food and was moved to Commission IX, responsible for demographic affairs, health, manpower and transmigration.

Kazakhstan



Hon. Mr. Shavhat Utemissov

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Shavkhat Utemissov was first time elected to the lower house of the Parliament in 2007. He is currently a member of the Parliament Standing Committee on environment and natural resources utilization. Prior to becoming a parliamentarian he served as a deputy head of the local administration in Akzhaik district in Western Kazakhstan (from February 2006 till the end of 2007), and the head of the same district administration (from 2002 till 2006.) Prior to that he occupied various managerial positions in local administrations.



Hon. Ms. Anar Zhailganova

Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Anar Zhailganova has been a member of the lower house of the Parliament of Kazakhstan since March 2016. She is currently a member of the Parliament Standing Committee on Finance and Budgeting. Prior to becoming an MP, she was a member of the Constitutional Council of the Republic of Kazakhstan. From 2004 to 2008, Hon. Ms. Zhailganova worked as a judge in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kazakhstan. She is also a member of the National Commission on Human Rights and the National Commission on Legislative Clemency.

Kyrgyzstan



Hon. Mr. Dastan Bekeshev
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Dastan Bekeshev was first elected to the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan in 2010. At that time, he was 27 years old. Hon. Mr. Bekeshev was elected again to the Parliament in November 2015. Currently, he is the Deputy Chair of the Parliament Standing Committee on Economic and Fiscal Policy. Previously, Hon. Mr. Bekeshev served continuously as Head of Unit at the Fiscal Policy Department at the Ministry of Economics. In 2008, Hon. Mr. Bekeshev initiated the Public Foundation of Dastan Bekeshev. The Foundation implements different social projects to support visually challenged children, children with disabilities, and indigent families. Hon. Mr. Bekeshev plays chess at a professional level.



Hon. Ms. Zhyldyz Musabekova
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Zhyldyz Musabekova was first elected to the Parliament in November 2015. She is a member of the Committee on International Affairs, Defence and Security. She is a party-list nominee of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan which is the ruling presidential party. Hon. Ms. Musabekova started her professional career in 1995 as a reporter of a weekly newspaper. From 2008 to 2012, she continuously served as a Chief Editor of several newspapers. In 2012, she was promoted to Department Head in Bishkek City municipality.

Lao PDR



Hon. Mrs. Vanpheng Keolakhone
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Vanpheng Keolakhone serves as Member of Parliament representing the 9th Constituency, Xieng Khouang Province. She is currently the Vice-Chair of the Ethnic Affairs Committee. Previously, she has served as Member of Parliament representing the 1st Constituency, Vientiane capital from 2006 to 2016. Hon. Mrs. Keolakhone also held the roles of Director of the Vientiane Capital Information and Culture Department, and Member of the Vientiane Capital Women's Union Executive Board. In her earlier career, she has worked as a teacher for the Vientiane Secondary School and the National University of Lao.



Hon. Ms. Thavisay Phasathan
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Thavisay Phasathan serves as Member of Parliament representing the 13th Constituency, Savannkhet Province. She is also the Vice-Chair of the Lao Women Parliamentarians Caucus of the National Assembly. From 1990 to 2015, Hon. Ms. Phasathan has served the roles of Division Deputy and Department Deputy Director-General and Director-General at the National Assembly. She has also worked as an Official at the Provincial Youth Organization (1989 – 1990), Member of

the District Youth Union Executive Board (1988 – 1989) and Official at the Education Office of Khanthabouly district. In her earlier career, Hon. Ms. Phasathan was a teacher at the Savannakhet Secondary School.

Malaysia



Hon. Mr. Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Tan Sri Abdul Khalid Ibrahim serves as Member of Parliament for Bandar Tun Razak. He has previously served as the 14th Menteri Besar (Chief Minister) of the state of Selangor from 2008 to 2014. He was elected to the Selangor State Assembly and the Parliament of Malaysia in 2008 as a member of the People's Justice Party, but became an independent in August 2014. Hon. Mr. Khalid Ibrahim began his career as a university lecturer. In 1979, he joined the United Malays National Organisation.

Maldives



Hon. Mr. Saud Hussain

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Saud Hussain serves as Member of Parliament representing the Progressive Party of the Maldives. Previously, he was the Council President of the GA Villingili Council.



Hon. Ms. Asma Rasheed

Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Asma Rasheed has served as Member of Parliament since 2009 representing the Progressive Party of the Maldives. She is also a member of the Social Affairs Committee and has been actively involved in promoting women's empowerment. Hon. Ms. Rasheed has participated in numerous meetings related to gender equality and women's empowerment including the Women's Political Participation and Leadership-SAARC Exchange Meeting of Women Parliamentary Causus (2014) in Kathmandu, AFPPD's 10th Women Ministers and Parliamentarians Conference (2014) in Manila, and the Commonwealth Women Leaders' Summit (2016) in London.

Nepal



Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay

Member of Parliament

State Minister of Water Resource

Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth

Hon. Ms. Dina Mahalaxmi Upadhyay is a Member of Parliament representing the Nepali Congress. She also serves as the State Minister of Water Resource, President of the Community and Women Development Center (CWDC), Chairperson of the National Forum of Parliamentarians for Population and Development (NFPPD), Nepal, and Co-Chair of the AFPPD Standing Committee on Investing in Youth.

Previously, she was a member of the Drafting Committee of Constitution on Fundamental Rights and Directive Principle. Hon. Ms. Upadhyay has a strong interest in social and development issues. She has extensive training on: HIV/AIDS/STI awareness; non-formal education; leadership development and women; skill management and market management; safe motherhood and reproductive health; and community development and sanitation.



Hon. Mr. Bishma Nath Adhikari

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Bishma Nath Adhikari serves as Member of Parliament representing the Communist Party of Nepal (UML). He is also the General Secretary of the National Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (NFPPD), Nepal. Hon. Mr. Adhikari started his political career as a student activist in the democratic movement of Nepal in 1978. From 1989 to 1990, he was actively involved in the joint mass movement of the Nepalese Political Parties which succeeded to bring the monarchy under the Nepalese

constitution. During the historical 2005-2006 political movement, Hon. Mr. Adhikari led a party committee responsible for the restoration of democracy in Nepal. He has also served as a member of the Constituent Assembly and was involved in re-drafting various laws in Nepal.



Hon. Mr. Yogendra Narayan Chaudhary

Member of Parliament

New Zealand



Hon. Ms. Ria Bond
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Ria Bond is a Member of Parliament representing New Zealand First. She is also an active member of Rotary and has served on New Zealand First's board. Hon. Ms. Bond joined the New Zealand Parliamentarians Group on Population and Development (NZPPD) in 2016 when she was elected as NZPPD representative of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Investing in Youth. She will represent the NZPPD Co-chair (Hon. Ms. Barbara Kuriger) of the Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment at the 11th Women Ministers and Parliamentarians Conference. Hon. Ms. Bond has a business background and experience as a mediator and spokesperson. She is outspoken of her own background which was affected by family violence and has become a powerful advocate for women and families affected by family and sexual violence.

Papua New Guinea



Hon. Ms. Julie Soso
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Julie Soso was elected as Governor for Eastern Highlands Provincial in 2012 representing the Triumph Heritage Empowerment Party. She is also a Member of the Permanent Parliamentary Pensions and Retirement Benefits Committee, Member of the Parliamentary Referral Education Committee, Member of the HIV/AIDS Advocacy Special Committee and Deputy Chair of the Parliamentary Group on Population and Sustainable Development. Previously, Hon. Ms. Soso was the President of the Women Council (Eastern Highlands Province) and a self-employed business woman.

Philippines



Hon. Ms. Bernadette Cruz Herrera Dy
Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Bernadette Cruz Herrera Dy serves as Member of Parliament representing the Bagong Henerasyon Party List. She is the Vice Chairperson of the House Committee on Welfare of Children, and Member of the Committees on Rules, Foreign Affairs, Small Business and Development, Metro Manila Development, Ways and Means, and Accounts. She is a member of the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development, the member National Committee of AFPPD. Hon. Ms. Herrera Dy has numerous accomplishments in health and education advocacy, having initiated the Supplemental Feeding Program for the Risk Group or the Malnourished Group, and established the First Free Mobile Clinic and several community-based Computer Learning Centers in Quezon City. She has also founded a multi-awarded non-government organization called Bagong Henerasyon Foundation, Inc. (BHFI) which has become her backbone in providing quality service to those in need.



Hon. Ms. Sitti Djalia Turabin Hataman

Member of Parliament

Hon. Ms. Sitti Djalia Turabin Hataman serves as Member of Parliament representing AMIN (Anak Mindanao Party-list). She was also elected as the Chairperson of the Committee on Muslim Affairs. Her priority bills include: Anti-Racial, Ethnic and Religious Discrimination Act; Peace Zones Policy Act; and Women-Child Friendly Spaces Act. As a member of the Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development, the member National Committee of AFPPD, Hon. Ms. Hataman actively participated in campaigns on women and children's rights such as the ongoing campaign on the Reproductive Health law and the bill on the prohibition of recruitment of child soldiers in Mindanao in 2015. Her active involvement in civil society movement led her to establish Pinay, Kilos or PINK. Under her leadership, PINK successfully conducted a series of relief and fact-finding missions in armed conflict areas, provided venues for alternative education and capacity-building of women and children in Mindanao, and led peace initiatives in the region and opened a library for women.

Sri Lanka



Hon. Mr. S. B. Dissanayake

Member of Parliament

Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare

Chair, SLPPD

Hon. Mr. S. B. Dissanayake is a member of the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA) and Minister of Social Empowerment and Welfare. Hon. Mr. Dissanayake is a member of the Committee of Public Accounts. His political career include: member of the Communist Party in Sri Lanka from 1970 to 1979; President of the Inter-University Students' Federation from 1972 to 1974; President of the Student Council of the Vidyodaya University from 1972 to 1974; and President of the Lanka National Student Council from 1974 to 1976.



Hon. Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle

Member of Parliament

State Minister of City Planning and Water Supply

Hon. Dr. Sudarshini Fernandopulle serves as Member of Parliament representing the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA). She is also a member of the SLFP Central Committee and Head of the Women's Front of the SLFP. Hon. Dr. Fernandopulle is a Specialist in Public Health who has served the Government of Sri Lanka for 24 years. Previously, Hon. Dr. Fernandopulle has served at the Family Health Bureau (Ministry of Health) which was responsible for the maternal, child health and family planning programme in Sri Lanka. She has also worked as the State Minister for City Planning and Water Supply and was appointed as Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Research in 2015. In 2016, Hon. Dr. Fernandopulle has participated in AFPPD's 11th Women Ministers and Parliamentarians Conference.



Hon. Mr. Lakshman Senewiratne
Member of Parliament
State Minister of Science, Technology and Research

Hon. Mr. Lakshman Senewiratne serves as Member of Parliament representing the United People's Freedom Alliance (UPFA) for the Badulla district, and as State Minister of Science, Technology and Research. He is involved with the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Economic Development, the Sectoral Oversight Committee on Youth, Sports, Arts and Heritage, among others. Hon. Mr. Senewiratne has previously served as the Cabinet Minister of Sugar Industries.

Tajikistan



Hon. Mrs. Gulbakhor Ashurova
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mrs. Gulbakhor Ashurova was elected as Member of Parliament of the V Convocation in 2015. She is a member of the Committee on Social Issues, Family and Health Care. She is a medical doctor, an obstetrician and a gynaecologist. Driven by her strong interest in health, Hon. Mrs. Ashurova has been actively involved in the healthcare system legislation, focusing on reproductive health. From 1998 to 2007, she has worked as a gynaecologist in numerous national hospitals. In 2008, she became the Chief Specialist of the Organization of Health Services for Mothers and Children and Family Planning of the Ministry of Health.

Since January 2014, Hon. Mrs. Ashurova has served as the Director of the National Center for Reproductive Health of the Ministry of Health and Social Protection of Tajikistan.



Hon. Mr. Jamshed Murtazaqulov
Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Jamshed Murtazaqulov became a member of the lower house of the parliament of Tajikistan in 2015. He is currently a member of the Parliament Standing Committee on Science, Education, Culture, and Youth Policy. After graduating from the Tajik State University with a degree in Law in 1995, Hon. Mr. Murtazaqulov joined the faculty. Currently he is a professor of the Tajik State University and Chair of the Association of Young Lawyers.

Thailand



Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont
Member of Parliament
AFPPD Secretary-General

Hon. Dr. Jetn Sirathranont has been the Secretary-General of AFPPD since 2014. Hon. Dr. Sirathranont is a medical doctor and has been working on health issues as a legislator. In his capacity as the current Chairperson of Thailand's National Legislative Assembly's (NLA) Public Health Committee as well as AFPPD's Secretary-General, Hon. Dr. Sirathranont is leading advocacy efforts to address teenage pregnancy issues through a Reproductive Health Protection Bill in Thailand. Hon.

Dr. Sirathranont has served twice as Member of the Senate of Thailand from 2008 to 2011 and from 2011 to 2014. From 2013 to 2014, he was the Chairperson of the Standing Committee of Public Health of the Senate.

Tonga



Hon. Lord Fusitu'a

Member of the Parliament

Co-Chair of AFPPD Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment

Hon. Lord Fusitu'a is the Co-Chairperson of AFPPD's Standing Committee on Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. He has participated in AFPPD's activities since 2013, and is a strong advocate of the International Conference on Population and Development Programme of Action (ICPD PoA) in the Kingdom of Tonga and in the Pacific Region. Hon. Lord Fusitu'a is Member of Parliament for the Niuas, Legislative Assembly of the Kingdom of Tonga. He is a member of the Standing Committee on Privileges, Standing Committee on Legislation, Standing Committee on Social Services, and Standing Committee for Retirement Fund Board. Hon. Lord Fusitu'a also serves as Barrister of the High Court of Australia, Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory, and Law Practitioner of the Supreme Court of Tonga.



Hon. Mr. Mateni Tapueluelu

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mr. Mateni Tapueluelu was first elected to Parliament in the November 2014 General Election. He represents the Democratic Party of the Friendly Islands for Tongatapu 4. Previously, he has worked as a correspondent for Radio New Zealand International and as Editor of the Kele'a newspaper.

Vietnam



Hon. Mme. Le Thi Nguyet

Member of Parliament

Hon. Mme. Le Thi Nguyet serves as Member of Parliament and Vice-Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Social Affairs (PCSA).

II. RESOURCE PERSONS

(Alphabetical Order)



Ms. Melissa Alvarado

Regional Manager - EAW, UN Women

Ms. Melissa Alvarado heads the program on the Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW) in UN Women in Bangkok, Thailand. Previously, she has worked for UN Women in New York as an EVAW Program Specialist as well as the Gender Based Violence (GBV) Coordinator for UNFPA in Darfur, Sudan.



Mr. Stephen Blight

Regional Adviser for Children Protection, UNICEF

Mr. Stephen Blight is the UNICEF Regional Child Protection Advisor for East Asia and the Pacific. Based in Bangkok, he provides oversight and technical support to the child protection programs in 14 countries in the region. He was formerly Chief of Child Protection in UNICEF Sudan, South Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Mr. Blight was Country Director of Save the Children UK in DRC and also worked with OXFAM and CARE International. He has worked in Ethiopia, Burundi, Algeria, Zaire, Mauritania, Kenya, Somalia, Guinea and Thailand.



Mr. Paul Buckley

Regional Technical Specialist, UN-ACT (COMMIT)

Mr. Paul Buckley began his career with UNIAP in 2007 and continues to serve as Regional Technical Coordinator of UN-ACT in 2014. He has anti-trafficking experience working with the International Labour Organisation (ILO) on human trafficking and child labour projects, as well as with the Labour Rights Promotion Network, based in Thailand.



Ms. Najwa Fathimath

Director of Social Affairs, South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

Ms. Najwa Fathimath is presently serving at the SAARC Secretariat in Kathmandu as Director of Social Affairs. She joined the Secretariat in July 2014 as Director representing the Maldives. As head of the Social Affairs Division, she oversees, coordinates and drives the implementation of the Social Affairs mandate of SAARC in its eight Member States, which include key issues related to health, women, children and youth. Ms. Fathimath is a diplomat from the Maldives Foreign Service and has served in the Maldives Foreign Service in different capacities at the headquarter as well as in diplomatic missions abroad, since her joining the Service in 2001.



Dr. Margarita Guerrero
Director, Statistical Division, UNESCAP

Dr. Margarita Guerrero heads the Statistical Division United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). Dr. Guerrero has over 30 years of experience in the field of statistics in national, regional and international settings as an academic, methodologist, official statistician, senior manager and expert advisor in a wide-range of statistical areas. Since joining the United Nations in 1999, she has focused on statistical capacity development for official statistics, providing technical assistance, advisory services and training to a large number of developing countries in Asia and the Pacific. Previously, she has served as Director at the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (SIAP).



Ms. Lindsey Higgs
Partnerships Officer, International Organization for Migration

Ms. Lindsey Higgs is a youth engagement specialist with experience in designing and facilitating youth-based initiatives around the world, including projects with UNESCO, Youth Challenge International and Plan Canada. She is currently a Partnerships Officer at the International Organisation for Migration X (IOM X). IOM X is the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) innovative campaign to encourage safe migration and public action to stop exploitation and human trafficking.



Ms. Myleen Inohiaban
Program Assistant, Migrant Forum for Asia

Ms. Myleen Inohiaban works as a Program Assistant at the Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA), a regional network of migrants' organizations, NGOs, advocates, grassroots organizations and trade unions working to promote the rights and well-being of migrant workers and members of their families. She liaises with MFA members and partner organizations in line with the MFA's engagement with Parliamentarians particularly to coordinate the MFA Asian Parliamentary Caucus on Labour Migration. She also manages the MFA media partners, the South Asia Media for Migrants. Ms. Inohiaban also coordinates with the MFA Regional Coordinator and the MFA network's engagement with the UN Human Rights Council in particular with the Office of the Special Procedures.



Ms. Razia Ismail
Executive Director, India Alliance for Child Rights

Ms. Razia Ismail is the Executive Director of the India Alliance for Child Rights. She has initiated and led coalitions and collective processes for independent review and reporting to the UN through wide-ranging consultations among NGOs, development experts and inter-faith bodies. Ms. Razia also held senior advocacy positions in UNICEF (1976-99). She has published many articles and papers on development with justice, peace, child rights and respect for diversity, gender justice in childhood, sustainable development and the role and responsibility of the voluntary sector in policy formulation. She is the co-author of the books titled "India Social Development Report" and "A Place to Live."

Mr. Christopher Lomibao

Attorney, Migrant Forum for Asia



Mr. Manabendra Mandal

Chairman, Action against Trafficking and Sexual Exploitation of Children (ATSEC) South Asia

Mr. Manabendra Mandal is the Chairman of ATSEC South Asia and National Coordinator of ATSEC India. With 26 state chapters, ATSEC India is a network of 561 NGOs that are working to prevent sexual exploitation and human trafficking, especially of women and children. ATSEC also has regional chapters in the South Asian countries of Bangladesh, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. A human rights lawyer by profession, Mr. Mandal has a long standing commitment to address this issue from a rights based perspective.



Ms. Marika McAdam

Independent Consultant

Ms. Marika McAdam is an independent legal consultant, specialising in criminal justice response to migrant smuggling and human trafficking, migration issues and human rights. She has worked as a Legal Consultant for the International Organization for Migration (IOM), working on different projects including the development of training material and piloting of training for the Royal Thai Police, on combating trafficking in persons in the Thai fishing industry. Ms. McAdam has also worked for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



H.E. Dr. Seree Nonthasoot

Representative of Thailand, ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR)

H.E. Dr. Seree Nonthasoot is the Representative of Thailand at AICHR appointed by the Cabinet, based on the recommendation of the Foreign Minister. He is an international law expert and serves as Legal Counsel to the State Enterprise Policy Office within the Ministry of Finance. He was a member of the AICHR-appointed ASEAN Human Rights Declaration drafting group. He is also a member of the law faculty at Chulalongkorn University.



Ms. Anna Olsen

Technical Specialist, ASEAN TRIANGLE Project, ILO

Ms. Anna Olsen is the Technical Specialist with the Tripartite Action to Enhance the Contribution of Labour Migration to Growth and Development in ASEAN (TRIANGLE in ASEAN) project. In this role, she works on legal and policy development, assisting with capacity building activities, providing support in drafting of legislation to protect migrants and managing activities for providing direct support to migrant workers in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia. Ms. Olsen worked more broadly on issues of human trafficking, labour migration, child protection and women's rights in South East Asia for

over a decade. She was based in Cambodia for five years, working with the Ministry of Women's Affairs as a Technical Assistant to the Minister.



Mr. Muhammad Mohsen Rashid

Secretary-General, South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation in Law (SAARCLAW)

Mr. Muhammad Mohsen Rashid serves as the current Secretary-General of SAARCLAW, an association of the legal communities of the SAARC countries comprising judges, lawyers, academicians, law teachers, public officers and a host of other law-related persons, duly registered with the SAARC Secretariat.



H.E. Mr. Paul Robilliard

Ambassador of Australia to Thailand

H.E. Mr. Paul Robilliard is a senior career officer with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Before arriving in Thailand, he served in Canberra as First Assistant Secretary, South and West Asia Division. Prior to this, he served twice as Head of the United Nations Security Council Taskforce (July–Oct 2013 and Nov 2012–May 13) and served in between as Senior Adviser, International, in the Prime Minister's Office (May–July 2013). He has served overseas as: Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta (2009–12); Consul-General at the Australian Consulate-General in Honolulu (2001–04); Ambassador to Syria and Lebanon (1992–95) and had an earlier posting in Singapore (1986–89).



Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong

Representative of Thailand, ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children (ACWC)

Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong is a Senior Consultant Prosecutor in the Office of the Attorney-General of Thailand. Previously, he was the Director-General for International Affairs Department, and Director-General for the Labour Litigation Department in the Office of the Attorney-General. He has also served as Director-General for the Department of Correction, and Director-General for the Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection in the Ministry of Justice. Mr. Roujanavong is a UNODC's expert on trafficking in persons. He represented and negotiated on behalf of Thailand during the deliberations of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime; the UN Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children; the UN Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air; among others.



Ms. Dorothy Rozga
Executive Director, ECPAT International

Ms. Dorothy Rozga became Executive Director of ECPAT International in 2013. She has extensive work experience and a strong commitment to the rights of children, especially through her work with UNICEF where she has managed offices and overseen programmes in a wide range of sectors, including programmes related to eliminating child prostitution, child pornography and child trafficking. Previously, she was the Representative of UNICEF in Tanzania, where she provided leadership to work related to the study, prevention and response to violence against children that was recognized by the UN Secretary General's Special Representative on Violence against Children in her presentation to the UN General Assembly.



Mr. Willem Pretorius
Deputy Team Leader, Australia Asia Program to Combat Trafficking in Persons (AAPTIP)

Mr. Willem Pretorius is the Deputy Team Leader of AAPTIP, a program that provides support to the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN), working with the ASEAN Secretariat (ASEC), regional anti-human trafficking bodies and individual partner countries. Previously, he was the Team Leader of the Asia Regional Trafficking In Persons (ARTIP) Project initiated by the Australian Government.



Mr. Rasa Sekulovic
Regional Adviser, Child Rights and Protection, Plan International

Mr. Rasa Sekulovic is the Regional Adviser on Child Rights and Protection at Plan International in Bangkok. Previously, he has worked as the Protection and Participation Program Manager in South East Europe for Save the Children, and as the Assistant to the Head of Mission at the World Health Organization.



Ms. Sankalita Shome
Program Director, Dnet

Ms. Sankalita Shome is the Program Director and Head of Business Development at Dnet, a social enterprise which envisages to use information and communication technology (ICT) for economic development of Bangladesh. She is the lead on the the Missing Child Alert (MCA) project of Dnet. A corporate lawyer by training Ms. Shome has worked in the highly volatile world of mergers and acquisitions in Mumbai, before starting her journey as a development practitioner. Having lived in four countries on three different continents, she has worked on the resettlement of the refugee community in Cairo, where she also co-founded the Cairo Refugee Film Festival.



H.E. Amjad Hussain Sial

Secretary General, South Asia Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)

H.E. Amjad Hussain Sial has assumed the office of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) as Secretary-General in 2015. Previously, H.E. Sial has spent 33 years in Pakistan Foreign Service. He has also worked at the SAARC Secretariat as the Director from Pakistan from 2003 to 2006, and has served as the Special Secretary at the Pakistani Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Ms. Simrin Singh

Senior Specialist on Child Labour, International Labour Organization

Ms. Simrin Singh is a Senior Specialist on Child Labor at the International Labour Organization (ILO), based in Bangkok, where she provides support and advisory services to child labour elimination efforts in East, South East Asia and the Pacific.



Mr. Suthi Sukosol

Inspector General, Ministry of Labour, Thailand

Mr. Suthi Sukosol has served as the Inspector General at the Ministry of Labour of the Kingdom of Thailand since January 2016. Previously, he has served as the Assistant Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, and Director of Thailand Overseas Employment Administration. He was also the Provincial Labour Chief of the Khon Kaen Province.



Hon. Mr. Isra Sunthornvut

Secretary General, ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly

Hon. Mr. Isra Sunthornvut was elected as the Secretary-General of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly in 2016. As the AIPA Secretary-General, he is responsible for the administration of the Secretariat, which represents all member parliaments in connecting and communicating with ASEAN, various international and regional organizations, as well as international governments and parliaments. Hon. Mr. Sunthornvut is a former party-list Member of Parliament from the Democrat Party.

III. SAIEVAC



Dr. Rinchen Chopel

Director General, South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children

Dr. Rinchen Chopel is the Director General of the South Asia Initiative to End Violence Against Children (SAIEVAC). He is a medical doctor by profession. Previously, he has held the position of Executive Director of the National Commission for Women and Children, The Royal Government of Bhutan, and has championed the promotion and protection of the rights of women and children with distinction. At the regional level, he is a well-known and highly regarded expert on gender and human rights, and supported many agencies including the SAARC Secretariat in many key regional projects and initiatives. Dr. Chopel has extensive experience in working with the Ministries of Women and Children of the Governments in South Asia as well as with the UN, INGO, NGO and research organisations in the SAARC Region.

IV. AFPPD



Ms. Mika Marumoto, Ph.D., Japan

Executive Director, Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

Ms. Mika Marumoto is the Executive Director of the Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD). Ms. Marumoto is currently working with AFPPD's Standing Committees on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, Investing in Youth, and Active Ageing. Prior to her current position, Ms. Marumoto was a Special Advisor for Management and Governance, serving on the AFPPD Task Force on Transparency, Accountability and Governance. She also worked as a development practitioner and strategy consultant for organizations including the ADB, UNFPA, UNDP, the World Bank Group, and McKinsey & Company.