



## DHL YES Awards National Jury Members

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*There are five countries participating in the DHL YES Awards – Bangladesh, Thailand, Philippines, Pakistan and Singapore. This is an overview of the national juries members from each of the countries.*

### **Bangladesh**

#### **Ms. Rokeya A Rahman**

*President*

*Women Entrepreneurs Association of Bangladesh*

Ms. Rahman was the first female bank manager in Bangladesh and one of the advisors of the 2001 caretaker government and director of Bangladesh Bank. She is a former director of Bangladesh Bank and Midas.

She is the President of Women Entrepreneurs Association of Bangladesh and Small Enterprises of Bangladesh.

Ms. Rahman has received the "Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World" award from the United States in 1999.

#### **Ms. Tahrunessa Abdullah**

*Joint Director in Charge*

*Women's Program for Bangladesh's Integrated Rural Development Program*

Ms. Abdullah is Joint Director in charge of the Women's Program for Bangladesh's Integrated Rural Development Program (IRDP) and board member on various Bangladesh institutions including the Independent University of Bangladesh and the Bangladesh NGO forum.

She has been awarded the 1958 Ramon Magsaysay Awardee for Public Service for "her gift of service to the Ceylonese people and example she has set by her full life of dedication as a private citizen to the needs of others" and the 1978 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Community Leadership.

#### **Dr. Syed Farhat Anwar**

*Lecturer*

*Institute of Business Administration University of Dhaka*

Dr. Anwar is a lecturer at the Institute of Business Administration University of Dhaka. After obtaining MBA from the same institute, he was involved with Aarong (Country's leading exporter of handicrafts) as Export Manager.

Dr. Anwar has worked on different projects with the country's leading NGO's on small business development as well as KATALYST ( an agency funded by DFID\_UK to assist small business in Bangladesh) on several projects. Dr. Anwar also worked with Several Fast Moving Consumer Goods (FMCG) manufactures, leading Multi-nationals Companies (MNC) and big corporate bodies as marketing consultant.

#### **Dr. Samant Lal Sen**

*Professor*

*Plastic Surgery Department, Dhaka Medical College Hospital*

Dr. Sen is the Professor , Plastic Surgery Dept, Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Leading doctor and a responsible citizen of the country, helping to spread awareness on the effects of Acid attacks in the rural areas as well as the cities of Bangladesh.



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**Ms. Khushi Kabir**

*Chairperson*

*Coalition of Environment NGOs and the Association of Land Reform and Development – ALRD*

As a human right activist, Ms. Kabir has joined Nijera Kori, a development organization fighting for better access of rural services in 1980, and is active in organizing workshops and trainings on human rights, women and environment issues. She was elected as the Executive Committee to Association of Development Agencies in Bangladesh (ADAB) (the Apex Body for NGOs in Bangladesh) for several terms since 1983 and in 1993-95 served as Chairperson of ADAB. As an NGO activist she played an important role in developing ADAB into a strong network, and also in building bridges and links to other networks, citizen's forums and Groups, as well as with the Government.



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### Pakistan

#### **Mr. Shakir Husain**

*International Advisor*

*Integration Capital & Trade*

Mr. Husain is an international advisor at Integration Capital & Trade and focuses on developing opportunities in Pakistan. He has been providing consulting and advisory services to corporations, international financial institutions, government organizations and non profit organizations. He has also addressed various conferences for the youth of Pakistan not to mention his contribution through his publications.

Mr. Husain has a B.A. in Political Science from Whittier College where he received the Ben Burnett Award for excellence in Political Science.

In 2000, He found as a consolidated Business Enabling Company, Creative Chaos (Pvt.) Ltd. Creative Chaos (Pvt.) Ltd, an ISO 9000:2001 certified business enabling company that has generated a broad range of innovative ideas in the field of IT. It comfortably straddles the two worlds of technology and business processes. Also providing a significant advantage in the age of the global village where ideas can virtually be transformed into platforms at breath taking speed.

#### **Ms. Fatima Surraiya Bajja**

*Advisor to the Sind Chief Minister*

*Provincial Government*

She is a prominent writer who has expressed powerful views on education, culture, society and role of family in the upbringing of children through her long association with Pakistan Television. Besides being a household name she is an educator and dedicated social worker. She is also the President of the Pakistan-Japan Cultural Association (PJCA) and has been involved in fostering friendship between Pakistan and Japan.

In 1997, She received the highest civilian award by the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, known as 'Pride of Performance' in recognition of her contribution to Literature.

She was awarded the highest civilian award, 'The Order of the Sacred Treasure Crola Rays with Rosette' by his majesty the emperor of Japan in 1999.

#### **Mr. Javed Iqbal**

*Founder*

*CMC*

Mr. Iqbal is the President & CEO of the biggest PR Company, in Pakistan. CMC affiliated with Manning, Selvage & Lee, New York, USA. Activities undertaken by CMC over its twenty five years tenure are corporate promotions, issue management, crisis containment, government/parliamentary relations, public opinion campaigns, communications strategy development, media strategy development, seminars and conferences at national and international level and public service campaigns.

He is the founder / editor in chief / publisher of Export times launched in 1994, providing comprehensive information on export opportunities around the world to Pakistani businesses and industries.

In 1995 he founded the first of its kind monthly magazine in Pakistan, highlighting trends and developments in public relations, advertising, marketing, internet, print & electronic



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media and market research.

His publication on developing countries affairs is called Southasia. It highlights the South Asian region, economical events, business and technological developments, social issues and cultural trends.

He has been instrumental in hosting and moderating a numerous programs on business, current affairs and social issues which encompass interviews of prominent political, social and business personalities including the interview of the Chief Executive of Pakistan, (now President), General Pervez Musharraf on completion of his government's 100 days.

### **Mrs. Shehnaz Ismail**

*Head of Textile Department and founder member  
Indus Valley*

Mrs. Ismail is the Head of Textile Department and founder member of one of the largest Art and Architecture School in Pakistan namely Indus Valley. She has the distinction of reviving various weaves of the cottage industry.

She has a Diploma in design from NCA and a Post Graduate Diploma, from Hornsey College of Art, London.

Mrs. Ismail serves the role of a mentor for youth which in return contributes to Pakistan's textile industry and helps in developing students as independent entrepreneurs.

She is also an active member of "The Citizen's Foundation" (TCF).

### **Mr. Anwar Maqsood**

*Artist*

Mr. Maqsood is a pioneer visionary and an outstanding communicator. A TV writer, host, painter and columnist, he has established a niche for himself.

His TV career started in early seventies and today commands a very respectable name in the Television Fraternity. He can be called a master in every field from art, television, radio, theater and press. He has done programmes of varied nature both in the realm of entertainment and for mass awareness. His plays for television enjoy the reputation of a cult classic

In 1959, Mr. Maqsood had his first painting exhibition at the French Embassy, and within a span of half an hour he had sold 60 of his paintings, with Jamshed Marker buying 35 of them.

He is well known for promoting social campaigns run by multinationals. Skilled and dedicated hard work has made quality writing his hallmark.

### **Mrs. Nargis Rahman**

*Activist*

Mrs. Rahman is a dedicated social worker. She received her schooling from St. Joseph Convent School, Karachi while she did her Masters in English Literature from Government College, Lahore. On doing so, her focus became Literacy, education and gave rise to interest in development of income generating skills for women and children in multi ethnic slums of Karachi.



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Over a period she has contributed to development of community schools for poor and backward communities. This gave way to establishment of a venture by the name of 'FALAH' which has financed 8000 boys and girls over a period of thirteen years.

In addition, she convened a Women's group called the Karachi Women's Peace Committee (KWPC) in 1994 to tackle Karachi's growing socio political violence. The KWPC is an awareness creating civil society organization coordinating with other groups to promote understanding and harmony. In its first decade seminars, forums, debates by renowned intellectuals, theologians, jurists, politicians, bureaucrats, civil society groups as well as university students were organized to encourage healthy dialogue relating to religious socio – political issues.

KWPC has presently formulated a plan to donate artificial limbs and other medical aids to the disabled.

### **Mr. Stephen Rasmussen**

*Lead Specialist*

*Finance and Private Sector Development, South Asia Region, World Bank*

Mr. Rasmussen is a Lead Specialist of the Finance and Private Sector Development, South Asia Region, World Bank.

He is based in Islamabad where he has been working as the South Asia region's microfinance resource person since early 2004. Much of his recent work has focused on developing the microfinance sectors in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

He is also the CEO of the Pakistan Microfinance Network, a position he has held since 2001. From 1994-2003 he was the CEO of the Aga Khan Rural Support Programme in Pakistan and during that time he helped to create the First MicroFinanceBank, a 'transformation' of AKRSP's microfinance program into the first private sector microfinance bank in Pakistan.

Over the past ten years he has worked in most countries in South and Central Asia, primarily focusing on rural development and microfinance.

### **Ms. Shandana Khan**

*CEO*

*Rural Support Programs Network*

Ms. Khan is the current Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Support Programs (RSP) Network and was instrumental in setting it up.

She has a social sciences background, with a Masters degree in the Social and Political Sciences from Pembroke College, University of Cambridge as well as a Masters in International Public Policy from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University.

The Network is a strategic platform for the ten RSPs of Pakistan. It acts as a policy, capacity building and coordination mechanisms for the RSPs.

She has thirteen years of extensive grassroots and policy level experience in rural development, mainly in the RSPs of Pakistan as well as in the South Asia region.

Ms. Khan has worked with the RSPs since 1990, having experience in women's programmes, monitoring rural development programmes, gender mainstreaming, social mobilisation and overall project design and management.



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She is has been a Member of the Advisory Board for Local Government and Rural Development, Government of Pakistan, an Associate of the Rockefeller Foundation's Leadership in Environment and Development Programme and is currently on the Boards of the Balochistan RSP and the Pak-Oman Micro-Finance Bank.



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### Singapore

#### **Mr. Gerard Ee**

*Chairman*

*National Kidney Foundation*

Mr. Ee is the Chairman of the NKF and active in the field of social service. He helped convert a program providing respite care into the Assisi Home and Hospice in 1987 and established Bizlink Centre, an employment programme for the disabled.

He has chaired a whole range of social service organizations and programs which include juvenile rehabilitative centres, grassroots organizations, schools, and various programs for the elderly and youth. He was also an active member of the Task Force which established the Code on Religious Harmony.

Prior to NKF, Mr. Ee was the President of the National Council of Social Services. He is the Chairman of the Medifund Advisory Council and is also a member of the National Medical Ethics Committee. He was a Nominated Member of Parliament from 1997 to 2002.

Mr. Ee is the son of late Ee Peng Liang, who is known as the "Father of Charity" in Singapore.

#### **Mr. Howard Shaw**

*Executive Director*

*Singapore Environment Council*

Mr. Shaw is Executive Director of the Singapore Environment Council (SEC), a non-government organization working with various stakeholders to help raise environmental awareness and promote greater levels of sustainability for Singapore and is a leading figure in Singapore's green movement.

In his role with the SEC he oversees the council's outreach programmes and represents the council on various national bodies, including the US-Singapore Free Trade Agreement's Environmental Review Committee, and the Action Plan Committee for the Singapore Green Plan 2012.

Mr. Shaw also previously served on the Youth Challenge Management Committee.

#### **Mr. Jack Sim**

*Founder*

*World Toilet Organization*

Mr. Sim is the founder of the World Toilet Organization (WTO) – a non-profit organization that communicates the need for better toilet standards in both developed and developing nations of the world.

He set up the WTO in 2001 and was presented the Singapore Green Plan 2012 award by Singapore's National Environment Agency for his efforts in aiding the environment.

Since the organization was founded, Mr. Sim's aim is to put Singapore on the "world map" through taking the lead in having clean public toilets. Mr. Sim manages worldwide events such as the World Toilet Summit Series and the Restroom Asia Exhibition. He also oversaw the production of a series of Toilet Pantomime Acts and was responsible for the declaration of 19 November being named "World Toilet Day".



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### **Ms. Eunice Olsen**

*Philanthropist*

In March 2006 Ms. Olsen received an Honoree for The Outstanding Young Persons of Singapore Award.

She is an accomplished pianist and started teaching piano at the age of 17. In 2004, her love for music eventually led to her cutting an album in Korea entitled “Believe”.

Ms. Olsen is an active volunteer taking her first steps into volunteer work when she was crowned Miss Singapore in 2000. Using her title towards community involvement, she has worked with Toa Payoh Girl’s Home and AG Home dealing with the issues facing youths at-risk and the potential problems dysfunctional families can pose to these youths.

She was appointed as a Nominated Member of Parliament (NMP) in 2005. One of her main roles as an NMP has been to highlight issues pertaining to the youth and volunteerism.

### **Mrs. Tan Chee Koon**

*Chief Executive Officer*

*National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre*

Mrs. Tan is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Volunteer & Philanthropy Centre (NVPC) which promotes volunteerism and philanthropy in Singapore.

She is a member of the National Youth Council and the Deputy Chairman of the Singapore Youth Awards Community & Youth Services Advisory Committee. She also sits on the Arts Appeal and Broadcast Appeals Advisory Committees of Ministry of Information, Communications and The Arts; the Alexandra Hospital Medifund Committee; Singapore Advisory Council of World Vision; Tsunami Reconstruction Facilitation Committee and represents NVPC on the Steering Committee of the National Tripartite Initiative for Corporate Social Responsibility.

On the global scene, she is on the Executive Committee of the International Association of Volunteer Effort (IAVE) and represents Asia Pacific on its Board.

### **Mr. James Soh**

*Executive Director*

*National Youth Achievement Award*

Mr. Soh has been the Executive Director of the National Youth Achievement Award (NYAA) Council of Singapore since 1992. Under his leadership, the NYAA Council was conferred the ‘Excellence of Singapore Award 96’ in recognition of the Council’s work both in Singapore and abroad. Mr. Soh was also awarded ‘The Green Leaf Award 93’ (Individual) by the Ministry of Environment for outstanding contribution to environmental protection and preservation in Singapore. He has held various positions in government ministries and non-governmental agencies and has chaired many international and national youth projects. Besides his knowledge of youths, Mr. Soh had previously given active service to the PAC Subcommittee for Info-Education programs.



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### Thailand

#### **Dr. Snoh Unakul**

*Chairman*

*Thailand Development Research Institute*

Dr. Unakul is currently the Chairman of the Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) Foundation and former Chairman of the Council of Trustees and the Board of Directors.

He obtained his Diploma in Accounting from Thammasat University, a bachelor's degree in Commerce from University of Melbourne and a doctorate degree in Economics from Columbia University.

He is also former Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Executive Board at Bank of Asia Public Company Limited, Secretary-General of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB), Governor of the Bank of Thailand, Chairman of the University Council at the National Institute Development Administration (NIDA), President of the Economic Society of Thailand, and Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand.

#### **Mr. Mechai Viravaidya**

*Founder and Board Chairman*

*Population and Community Development Association*

Mr. Viravaidya is the founder and Board Chairman of the Population and Community Development Association (PDA). He has popularized the use of condoms and led AIDS education campaigns in Thailand.

He graduated from Melbourne University with a bachelor's degree in Commerce. Later he received many Honorary Doctorate degrees including the Honorary Doctorate of Population and Developments from the National Institute Development Administration (NIDA), Thailand.

He is also former Minister of the Prime Minister's office, Deputy Minister of Industry and senator.

#### **Asso. Prof. Dr. Gotom Arya**

*Chairman*

*Second National Economic and Social Advisory Council*

Asso. Prof. Dr. Gotom is currently the Chairman of the second National Economic and Social Advisory Council and former lecturer at the Faculty of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University.

He obtained bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees in Electrical Engineering from Paris University, France.

He is a former Election Commissioner and Secretary to the Executive Committee of the Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA).

#### **Mr. Sanphasit Koompraphant**

*Director*

*Centre for the Protection of Children's Rights*

Mr. Koompraphant is the director of the Center for the Protection of Children's Rights (CPCR).

He has worked with numerous organizations concerned with child issues, including UNICEF, World Vision International, Save the Children alliances and International Society of the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN).



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Mr. Koompraphant was also chairperson of the Coordinating Committee of Human Rights, staff member and legal advisor to the Foundation for Children, member of the National Council for Youth and Development.

He received the 1996 C. Henry Kemp Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Child Abuse and Neglect from ISPCAN and the 1997 Asian Human Rights Award from the Foundation for Human Rights in Asia.

### **Mr. Wallop Tangkananurak**

*Founder & the Secretary to Board Committee  
Foundation for the Better Life of Children*

Mr. Tangkananurak is the Founder and the Secretary to Board Committee of the Foundation for the Better Life of Children. Currently he is also a member of the National Legislative Assembly.

He obtained a bachelor's degree in Education from Chulalongkorn University.

Wallop "Khru Yui" Tangkananurak regularly writes articles concerning children's problems for various newspapers. He has published two books "Dek Thi Took Luem Nai Sangkhome Thai" (Forgotten Children of the Thai Society) and "Dek Look Kammakorn Koh Sang" (Children of the Construction Workers).

He was also elected as a Bangkok senator in 1996, serving as Chairman of the Committee on Women Youth and Elderly Affairs.

### **Ms. Chitrapa Soontornpipit**

*Deputy Director-General  
Office of the Women's Affairs and Family Development, the Ministry of Social Development and Human Security*

Ms. Soontornpipit is currently Deputy Director-General of the Office of Women's Affairs and Family Development, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security.

Ms. Soontornpipit has a bachelor's degree in Economics and a master's degree in Public Administration for Executive from Thammasat University.

She previously worked as Director of the Bureau of Gender Equality Promotion, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security and Policy and as Planning Analyst at the National Commission on Women's Affairs. Her experience in gender development extends to international level including cooperation with the United Nations.

### **Dr. Suteera Vichitranonda**

*Chairperson  
Advisory Board of the Gender and Development Research Institute*

Dr. Vichitranonda is the Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the Gender and Development Research Institute.

Dr. Vichitranonda obtained a bachelor's degree in Science from Chulalongkorn University. She won the Fullbright scholarship to study a master's degree program in radiobiology and a Ph.D program in Microbiology in the United States of America.



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She has worked on human and organization development with many organizations including Canadian International Development Agency, Thailand Development Research Institute, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, and the Asian Development Bank.

### **Ms. Tuenjai Deetes**

*Secretary-General and Co-founder*

*Hill Area and Community Development Foundation*

Ms. Deetes is currently Secretary-General and co-founder of the Hill Area and Community Development Foundation.

Graduating from the Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and Anthropology, Ms. Deetes later completed an advanced certificate programme from the Graduate Volunteer Centre, Thammasat University. She also received an Honorary Doctorate of Sociology and Anthropology from Ramkhamhaeng University in 2000.

Currently Ms. Deetes is a member of the National Legislative Assembly, working on the development of local community and labour organizations in the Northern region. A previous senator of Chiang Rai province, Ms. Deetes' experience includes working with the Ministry of Education in developing a curriculum and textbooks for schools in the hill tribe area. Her work focuses on the most pressing problems facing tribal populations in Northern Thailand: unsustainable agriculture and poor education.

### **Ms. Suleeporn Bunbongkarn**

*Deputy Director*

*Information Distribution Department, the Office of the Chaipattana Foundation*

Graduating from the Faculty of Arts, Chulalongkorn University with a bachelor's degree in English, Ms Suleeporn later completed a master degree program in International Studies, focusing on rural and community development from the University of Oregon.

A young and energetic worker in the development field, her experience includes being a researcher at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and Executive Assistant to Representative to the United Nations International Drug Control Program (UNDCP).

Ms Suleeporn also works as a translator and editor for McGraw-Hill Education, an international publishing company.



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**Dr. Priyanut Piboolsravut**

*Project Director*

*Sufficient Economy Research Project at the Crown Property Bureau*

After winning a Thai Government Scholarship to study for bachelor and master programs in economics at Tsukuba University in Japan, Dr Priyanut started working at the National Economic and Social Development Board. Later she completed her doctorate degree in Economics from Simon Fraser University in Canada.

Her work experience includes cooperating with the United Nations' project involving the Millennium Development Goals and World Bank's project on the Country Development Partnership on Poverty Analysis and Monitoring.



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### Philippines

#### **Ms. Evangeline “Gee” Mayuga**

*Executive Director*

*Childrens’ Hour*

Ms. Mayuga is the Executive Director Childrens’ Hour and has headed various divisions of Ayala Life. Her last assignment was as General Manager of the FCS Insurance Agency & Consultants, Inc. a subsidiary of Ayala Life and FGU Insurance. Her expertise in Psychology and Business Administration has allowed her to flexibly take on roles in different organizations including the Academe, from Human Resource to Corporate Accounts Management. Inspired by the program of Children’s Hour, Ms. Mayuga has decided to join the group after retiring from her successful career in the corporate arena.

#### **Mr. Joselito de Vera**

*Executive Director*

*Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA)*

As Executive Director of PNVSCA, Mr. Joselito de Vera is tasked to oversee the coordination and implementation of national volunteer service program to ensure that it responds to the priority development thrust of government. With the assistance of the Multi-Sectoral Advisory Body (MSAB), the Executive Director causes, among others, the formulation of policies and plans for volunteerism and the conduct of periodic review of the volunteer program. Likewise, he provides over-all direction for the continuous improvement of systems and procedures to strengthen coordination work with program partners and the volunteers.

He was with National Economic and Development Authority from 1976 – 2001. Before assuming post in 2001, he served as Assistant Regional Director of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Regional Office V – Bicol Region. For one (1) year, he was seconded to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority (MMDA) to assist the authority in planning and project development. He has various exposures on regional planning, project management and evaluation, and policy review formulation.

#### **Mrs. Margie Moran-Floirendo**

*Celebrity/Philanthropist*

Mrs. Moran-Floirendo is the board of trustees of Habitat for Humanity Philippines. Habitat builds and rehabilitates simple, decent houses with the help of homeowners, families, volunteer labor and donations of money and materials. Its core competency is to build homes for the less fortunate.

Aside from her position as board member in the Habitat For Humanity, she is head of various groups that have been working in promoting Mindanao, an island in Southern Philippines, as a major tourist destination, with her transformation of the world-famous Pearl Farm to a resort of international quality.

She is an active member of the Makati Business Club. She was also crowned Miss Universe in 1973.



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### **Ms. Raijeli Nicole**

*ISIS International Manila*

Ms. Nicole joined ISIS as Advocacy Officer (AO) in 2002, a post that put her in charge of initiating and leading the exploration, identification, development, co-ordination and participation in venues and networks where Isis advocacy can be promoted and enhanced. She has also spearheaded research projects in support of Isis advocacy themes, provided technical and analytical support to the formulation of analyses and positions on key issues within the institution, and provided technical and logistical support in the establishment of new networks.

Ms. Nicole is from Fiji Islands and received her Bachelor of Arts Degree Major in History, Politics and Economics from the University of the South Pacific, Fiji Islands. Her work experience spans project planning, management, implementation, and monitoring. She has extensive experience in lobbying and advocacy work, working with NGOs, unions, employer groups and government at national, regional and international levels. Ms. Nicole's attributes include skills in strategic planning, policy development, public and media relations.

She was also actively involved with the Fiji Women's Rights Movement as capacity building adviser and acting co-ordinator. In 2001, she worked with OXFAM New Zealand.

Ms. Nicole officially began working as ISIS' Executive Director on 07 July 2004.