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Track II Dialogue

































Participant Profiles

The below list does not include Government members of the Dialogue. For those interested the Dialogue benefited from the insights of:

- Senior Advisor to the Malaysian Prime Minister's Office (Malaysia)
- Senior Official in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)
- Senior Official in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Indonesia)
- Senior Official in the Department of Border Protection and Immigration (Australia)

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Dr Alice M. Nah is a Lecturer at the Centre for Applied Human Rights at the University of York in the United Kingdom. She conducts research on migration and asylum in Asia as well as on the security of human rights defenders at risk. She has been published in peer-reviewed journals such as the Asian Journal of Social Sciences, Journal of Human Rights Practice, Australian Journal of Human Rights, and Urban Studies.

Dr Nah is a Co-Convenor of the British Sociological Association's Sociology of Rights Study Group. She is the Vice President of the International Detention Coalition, and an advisor to the Migration Working Group of Malaysia and the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (serving as its previous Chair). She is on the Board of Protection International and on the Steering Committee of Health Equity Initiatives, Malaysia.



Dr Anne Gallagher AO

International

Anne T. Gallagher (BA. LLB, M.Int.L, PhD), is a lawyer, practitioner, teacher and scholar, recognized by the US Government as "the leading global authority on the international law of human trafficking". In her position as an Adviser to UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Mary Robinson, she participated in the drafting of new international rules around migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons and subsequently led the development of the highly influential UN Principles and Guidelines on Human Rights and Human Trafficking. She continues to be closely involved in the evolution of the international legal framework around these issues while also working on the front line with governments in South East Asia to develop more effective criminal justice responses.

An independent and award-winning scholar, Dr Gallagher is the author of The International Law of Human Trafficking (Cambridge University Press 2010) and lead author of The International Law of Migrant Smuggling (2014). In addition to ongoing Advisory positions with ASEAN and the UN, Dr Gallagher is currently a member of the IOM Migration Advisory Board and Co-Chair of the International Bar Association's Presidential Task Force on Human Trafficking.



Ms Arja Keski-Nummi PSM

Centre for Policy Development Secretariat

Arja's career with the Department of Immigration and Citizenship spanned more than 30 years. Most recently, she was First Assistant Secretary of the Refugee, Humanitarian and International Division.

Ms Keski-Nummi worked in Senior Adviser positions to immigration ministers in the Hawke and Keating Governments. This role encompassed asylum and protection issues in Australia, Australia's offshore humanitarian resettlement programs and engagement with international organisations, UN agencies, NGOs and governments on matters relating to protection and humanitarian assistance to displaced people.

Ms Keski-Nummi has played a key role in the development of Australia's settlement and integration policies for humanitarian entrants as well as being involved in direct delivery of services to refugees and migrants.



Pak Febi Yonesta

Indonesia

Pak Febi got his Bachelor's degree in Law from Hasanuddin University in 2002. He started his law career as a lawyer assistant with LBH Jakarta in 2005.

Pak Febi has been involved in legal advocacy, research, and strategic litigation. This is inclusive of advocacy or research on freedom of religion or belief, antitorture, refugee protection, and fair trial. He also has experience in conducting community legal empowerment and developing paralegal initiative. He has participated in various domestic and international forums on legal aid or human rights, often as an expert speaker. These have included speaking on migration-related topics at the International Law Conference (Jakarta), Pro-bono Conference (Singapore), and Asia Refugee Legal Aid Workshop (Kuala Lumpur).

As a director of LBH Jakarta, Pak Febi currently is also acting Chair of Suaka (the Indonesian Civil Society Network for Refugee Protection), a Steering Committee of SEALAW (the Southeast Asian Legal Aid Network), an interim secretariat of SEALawyers (the Southeast Asian Lawyers Network), and board of HRWG (the Indonesian Coalition for International Human Rights Advocacy).



Mr Gervais Appave

International

Mr Gervais Appave is the Special Policy Advisor to the Director General of the International Organization for Migration as well as the Co-Editor of the World Migration Report 2011. His professional itinerary and responsibilities have revolved around the study of trends in international migration, and the search for effective strategies and policies for the management of migratory flows.

Mr Appave was the founding Director of the Migration Policy, Research and Communication Department at IOM between 2001 and 2006. During that time he was also the Encyclopaedia Britannica's Year Book consultant author on International Migration. Between 1997 and 2001 he was the Head and Coordinator of the Intergovernmental Consultations on Migration, Asylum and Refugees. Prior to that he was a senior public servant with the Australian Department of Immigration.



Mr James Thomson

Australia

James Thomson is the Associate Director of Policy and Advocacy for Act for Peace (AfP1), the aid agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia, where he serves as a senior protection and humanitarian policy advisor specialising in protection strategy, policy development, diplomacy and advocacy, program design and capacity development relating to refugees, Internal Displaced Person's (IDP's) and conflict and disaster affected communities. He has 10 years' experience as a protection trainer, working with local Asia-Pacific partners to strengthen protection programs, policy and advocacy, including currently playing a lead role in the Sri Lankan Refugee Return and Reintegration Program.

Mr Thomson is a founding member of the International Detention Coalition (IDC) and the Asia-Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN), serving on the IDC's Board for 10 years and APRRN's Steering Committee for 5 years. He chaired APRRN's Regional Protection Working Group, which led a one and a half year stakeholder consultation process when developing APRRN's Vision for Regional Protection. James chairs the protection working groups of the global ACT Alliance and the Australian Council for International Development, and is a member of ICVA's Forced Migration Working Group and the Global Protection Cluster. Prior to working for AfP, he spent 5 years working in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

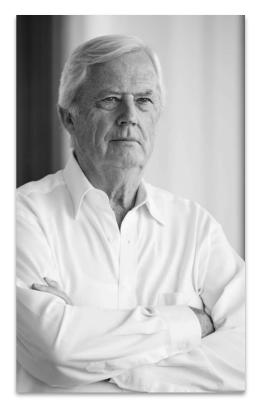


Mr John Menadue AO

Centre for Policy Development Secretariat

John Menadue was educated in South Australia and graduated from the University of Adelaide. He was Private Secretary to Gough Whitlam from 1960-67. From 1967 to 1974 he was General Manager of News Ltd in Sydney. This was followed by two years as Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet under both Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser.

He was then appointed Ambassador to Japan. He was subsequently Secretary of the Department of Immigration and Ethnic Affairs during the Indochina outflow. He was Secretary of the Department of Trade and then CEO of Qantas. He was Founding Chair of the Centre for Policy Development and is now a Fellow of the Centre. He continues to be active in refugee advocacy and assistance for homeless men. His main activity at the moment is his blog on current affairs and policy development johnmenadue.com/blog.



Mr Lars Stenger

International

Lars Stegner has worked in Indonesia since 2006, initially arriving to work on the protection of human rights defenders with Peace Brigades International. He later joined Jesuit Refugee Services working on Durable Solutions and Displacement Prevention for internally displaced persons.

Since 2009 JRS Indonesia started working with asylum seekers and refugees in immigration detention centres and urban areas, providing accompaniment and a variety of services to them. Mr Stegner is the National Information Advocacy officer for JRS Indonesia and has been involved with Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network since 2008.



Mr Paris Aristotle AM

Australia

Paris has over 25 years' experience in the field of supporting refugees and asylum seekers, particularly the provision of services to survivors of torture and trauma. Throughout this period, Paris has worked closely with the UNHCR in the field of refugee resettlement and served on a wide range of state and federal government bodies advising on refugee and asylum seeker policy, and multicultural affairs. These bodies include the Refugee Re-settlement Advisory Council and the Immigration Detention Advisory Group. In 2012 he was appointed to the Prime Minister's Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers.

Paris is currently the Chair of the Federal Government Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention (MCASD), and is an Executive Member of the Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT).

In 2002 Paris was made a Member of the Order of Australia and in 2003 was awarded an Australian Centenary Medal; with both honours recognising his longstanding work with refugees, in particular survivors of torture and trauma.



Mr Peter Hughes PSM

Centre for Policy Development Secretariat

Peter has over 30 years of experience in the development and implementation of Australian and international migration and refugee policies, including associated policies related to compliance, integration, citizenship and multicultural affairs. He has represented Australia extensively in international migration and humanitarian forums. Until early 2011 he was Deputy Secretary of the Policy and Program Management Group of the then Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

Prior to his activities in the migration field, Peter worked in a number of other Australian Government agencies. In 2011–12 he chaired the Australian Government's Access and Equity Enquiry Panel. Peter was the inaugural chair of the Australian Government's Tuition Protection Service Advisory Board in 2012-13.

Peter is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Crawford School of Public Policy and a Visitor at the Regulatory Institutions Network of the Australian National University.



Pak Rafendi Djamin

Indonesia

Pak Rafendi Djamin holds a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from the University of Indonesia and a Masters in Development Studies from the Institute of Social Studies in The Hague.

Pak Rafendi is currently the Indonesian Representative for the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). He is also the coordinator of the Coalition of Indonesia NGOs for International Human Rights Advocacy. He was previously a Chairperson and Consultant on Human Rights in Indonesia for INFOHD, an Amsterdam-based forum for human rights in Indonesia.

Pak Rafendi has a spent much of his career involved in the examination of human rights mechanisms in Asia and has worked to strengthen Indonesian human rights and humanise NGOs though his expertise on international work and campaigning.



Dr Sriprapha Petcharamesree

Thailand

Dr Sriprapha Petcharamesree completed a B.A. in Political Science from Thammasat University, Thailand. She received her PhD from the University of Paris-X Nanterre in France.

She is currently the Director of the International PhD Program in Human Rights and Peace Studies at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand. She was appointed by the Thai Government the Thai representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights where she was serving between October 2009 to December 2012.

Her research and expertise focuses on human rights, ASEAN/SEAsian studies, migration, including statelessness and citizenship, business and human rights, and international relations. She has spoken and written extensively about all of these issues. She has recently released a paper with Monash University, regarding the roles of ASEAN on forced migration.



Dato' Steve CM Wong

Malaysia

Dato' Steven Wong is Deputy Chief Executive and Member of the Board of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia. He also heads the Institute's economics division. He has worked in the public policy arena for 25 years and has spent an additional eight years in the private sector, where he held senior positions in the capital markets, investment strategy and research, fund management and management consultancy. He has extensive experience in regional affairs, having headed East Asia research with ISIS and been on the secretariats of two ASEAN eminent persons groups. He received his graduate and postgraduate education from the University of Melbourne.

He was a member of the Ministry of Human Resource's Technical Committee for the Minimum Wage and Tenaga Nasional Berhad's Economic Council. He has served as the Secretary-General of the Malaysian National Committee for Pacific Economic Co-operation and the Malaysian Committee for Pacific Basin Economic Co-operation.



Ms Sumitha Shaanthinni Kishna

Malaysia

Sumitha Shaanthinni Kishna is currently the Assistant Director at Bar Council Malaysia. She has been employed in Bar Council since Sept 2007 and assists various committees including the Human Rights Committee, Migrants Refugees & Immigration Affairs Committee and Industrial & Employment Law Committee. She is also the Head of Department of the Practitioners Affair Division at the Bar Council Secretariat. She holds a LLB (Hons) and was called to the Malaysian Bar in 2005. She is a qualified mediator and on the mediators panel of Bar Council Mediation Centre.

Ms Kishna serves with the following groups/coalitions to advocate for the protection and rights of migrants, refugees, stateless persons, trafficked persons, and foreign spouses: Migration Working Group, Malaysian Working Group, Women's Aid Organisation, ASEAN Civil Society 2015, South East Asia Lawyers Network, South East Asia Woman Caucus, South East Asia Migrant Workers Advocacy Group, Migrant Forum in Asia, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network, Lawyer Beyond Borders and a Malaysian civil society representative on Steering Committee for ASEAN People's Forum 2014.



Mr Thomas Albrecht

International

Mr. Thomas Albrecht is the Regional Representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Canberra, with geographical responsibility for 16 Pacific countries. Mr. Albrecht's role is to work with governments and other partners to ensure all persons of concern to UNHCR, including refugees, asylum seekers and stateless persons, receive protection, assistance and durable solutions to their plight. He is also keen to promote long-term cooperation on the protection of persons of concern in the region, and to increase understanding and support for refugees worldwide.

Mr. Albrecht joined UNHCR in 1987 and worked in refugee situations in the East and Horn of Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, the Americas as well as Eastern and Central Europe. These operations related to refugee protection, emergencies, capacity-building efforts as well as the advancement of durable solutions for refugees, with particular emphasis on people orientation, empowerment, gender equality, the sustainability of initiatives and results-based management. Mr. Albrecht was also posted at UNHCR's Headquarters in Geneva, where he worked in the Department of International Protection.



Dr Tri Nuke Pudjiastuti

Indonesia

Dr Tri Nuke Pudjiastuti is a researcher at the Research Center for Politics, the Indonesian Institute of Sciences in Jakarta, Indonesia. She graduated with Master of Arts (MA) in Geography and Environmental Studies with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Adelaide, with a focus on International Migration. She has also graduated as a Doctor in the Department of Criminology - Faculty of Social and Political Sciences, University of Indonesia, with a dissertation focusing on people smuggling from Indonesia to Australia. For more than five years, she was a part of the ASEAN Research Team.

Dr Pudjiastuti experience in trafficking and smuggling issues has also given her an insight into irregular migration. Although the research focuses upon Indonesia, it also notes the mobility at a regional basis, particularly at the level of ASEAN. She has also produced position and policy papers for the Indonesian government. Her team has also joined the ASEAN National Secretariat (Indonesia).



Secretariat CPD Staff













Travers McLeod

CPD - Chief Executive Officer

Travers is CPD's Chief Executive Officer. He has worked as a Policy Adviser for the Oxford Martin School at the University of Oxford. There he focused on *Now for the Long Term*, the report of the Oxford Martin Commission for Future Generations, chaired by Pascal Lamy, former Director-General of the World Trade Organisation.

Travers has taught in Australia and the UK, including nearly two years as a Lecturer in Politics and International Relations at Merton College, Oxford. He has also worked as a lawyer and was an associate to Justice Michael Kirby in the High Court of Australia. Travers remains an Associate of the Oxford Martin School and is an Honorary Fellow of the University of Melbourne's School of Social and Political Sciences and the University of Western Australia's Faculty of Law. He is a Board member of the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture.

Travers grew up in Exmouth and Perth in Western Australia, and graduated from the University of Western Australia with honours degrees in arts and law. He completed a DPhil and MPhil (Dist) in international relations at Balliol College, Oxford, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. Travers' first book, 'Rule of Law in War: International Law and United States Counterinsurgency in Iraq and Afghanistan', was published by Oxford University Press in 2015.



Kelly Farrow

CPD - Policy Director

Kelly Farrow has qualifications in Arts/Law (Hons) (University of Melbourne) and Political Science Hons (Australian National University). She has a Masters in Public Policy (Dist.) from the University of Cambridge.

Kelly has worked as a senior adviser to Senators in the Australian Parliament and in state and federal public service departments. Before moving into policy, Kelly practiced as a legal aid solicitor-advocate, appearing in Melbourne metropolitan courts and tribunals. She has also worked as an Associate in the Supreme Court of Victoria and as a Policy Secondee at the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (Brussels).



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Shivani Nadan is CPD's Administration and Research Officer. Shivani has had previous experience with not-for-profit organisations, holding volunteer roles with Oxfam and the Cancer Council. She has also previously undertaken an internship with CPD assisting with the production and launch of the report 'Beyond the Boats', released in late 2014.

Shivani is a recent graduate from the University of Technology Sydney, with a degree in Communications (Social Inquiry) and International Studies. She spent a year abroad in Switzerland learning French and investigating the role of gender within conscription in Switzerland.



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Annabel Brown is an experienced advisor and facilitator with over 15 year's experience supporting effective social and economic development in Australia and the Asia-Pacific. Annabel has particular expertise leading research and evaluation projects focused on understanding policy influence, advocacy, leadership development, governance, accountability and empowerment. Agencies and networks she has worked with include Transparency International, Oxfam, WaterAid, the Secretariat of Pacific Community, the Australian Public Service Commission and the Australian Aid Program.

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Rob has significant professional experience across public policy, consultancy and law. He joins CPD from the Australian Trade Commission, where he prepared strategic advice on international and trade policy, including during Prime Minister Abbott's Business Mission to North America last year.

He holds a Masters in International Relations from the London School of Economics, a law degree from Sydney University, and has previously worked for both Minter Ellison Lawyers and KPMG Australia.



Sam Hurley

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Sam worked for six years as an economist and policy analyst at the Commonwealth Treasury. Much of Sam's work at Treasury focused on international economic and political trends and how these shape Australia's longer-term policy challenges. Sam had a particular focus on commodities, trade opportunities with China and telling the story of structural reform. Most recently, he worked at ANU's Crawford School of Public Policy on a project investigating the role of trade and investment policy in Myanmar's economic reform and development.

Sam holds degrees in commerce and law and recently completed a Masters of International Affairs at the Australian National University.

