

PARTICIPANT PROFILES



Achsanul Habib

Indonesia

Mr. Achsanul Habib is the Acting Director for International Security and Disarmament at the Directorate General for Multilateral Cooperation. At the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mr. Habib is also serving as the Director for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. Previously he served as Deputy Director for North and Central American Affairs and in the ASEAN Political and Security Affairs Directorate.



From 2015-2018 Mr. Habib worked at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia to the United Nations in New York, covering human rights issues, decolonisation, counter-terrorism, Palestine and legal issues. He also worked as a negotiator to country specific resolutions (ie. Myanmar, Syria, Iran etc) at the United Nations General Assembly. From 2012-2015 he was person in charge in the Indonesia-US Strategic and Comprehensive Partnership and has also served at the Indonesian Mission in Geneva and Embassy in Pyongyang.

Achsanul Habib holds a degree in International Relations Studies from Padjadjaran University in Bandung and in Policy Studies from the Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo.

Adelina Kamal

Indonesia

Ms Adelina Kamal is an Associate Senior Fellow at the Singapore-based ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute. She is a humanitarian, a disaster management professional and an international policy development strategist with more than a quarter century experience with ASEAN. She led the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management or the AHA Centre as its first female Executive Director for almost five years from 2107 to August 2021, leading ASEAN's response to major disasters in the region. Prior to that, she worked with the ASEAN Secretariat for over two decades where she developed ASEAN's major regional treaty on disaster management, among others.



Ms Adelina played a key role in the ASEAN response to Cyclone Nargis in Myanmar in 2008, negotiating access and leading ASEAN's first humanitarian operations on the ground. After leaving the AHA Centre, she has been advocating out-of-the box approaches to humanitarian crises in Myanmar. She has also written and advocated localising humanitarian action, building disaster resilience and comprehensive crisis management, and provided strategic advisories for international organisations and governments on development financing, governance for disasters & public health emergencies, and regional arrangements, among others.

Adrian Edwards

International

Mr Adrian Edwards is UNHCR's Representative for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific. He took up his posting in April 2021 and leads the work of UNHCR's multi-country office in Canberra.



Adrian joined UNHCR in 2009, having previously worked with the UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan and before that with the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Cambodia. A former international journalist in the Asia Pacific region including with the Far Eastern Economic Review, Reuters, BBC and Economist Intelligence Unit, he became a spokesperson for UNHCR and led its global news team for over a decade and through multiple humanitarian emergencies. Adrian is a national of the United Kingdom and holds a Master's degree (public administration) from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

Ahmad Shuja Jamal

International

Mr Ahmad Shuja Jamal is a researcher and former Afghan civil servant now in exile. Most recently, he served as the Director-General for International Relations and Regional Cooperation at the Afghan National Security Council, where he helped manage Afghanistan's security partnerships. He also served as Director for Peace and Civilian Protection and handled Afghanistan's policy portfolio on international sanctions, including those of the UN Security Council and the US against Taliban, Al-Qaeda, and ISIS.



Prior to his civil service work, he was a researcher for Human Rights Watch and served as director for development at the American University of Afghanistan, helping to reopen the university after the devastating terrorist attack on campus in August 2016. Jamal has authored several publications, including for the US Institute of Peace and Human Rights Watch. He is also the coauthor of a forthcoming book, the Decline and Fall of Republican Afghanistan (Hurst). He is a Fulbright recipient and has a Master's in Public Policy from Georgetown University.

Ahmad Tarmizi bin Sulaiman (TBC)

Malaysia

Hon. Ahmad Tarmizi bin Sulaiman is Member of Parliament for Sik, Kedah for the Malaysian Islamic Party (PAS) and Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Refugee Policy.

He is also a member of the Public Accounts Committee, a member of the Parliamentary League for Al Quds, Chair of the Muda Agricultural Authority (MADA), Chair of Isra' Foundation and former Vice President of the Malaysian Council of Islamic Organisations (MAPIM).



Anabel Lusk

New Zealand

Ms Anabel Lusk is a Senior Policy Officer in the International Security and Disarmament Division at the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). Prior to this, Anabel was posted as Second Secretary to the New Zealand High Commission in Solomon Islands and has held roles across MFAT's Pacific and Development Group. She holds a Master of Environmental Studies from Victoria University of Wellington, focused on climate change adaptation in the Pacific region.

Andrew Hudson

Australia

Mr Andrew Hudson is the Chief Executive Officer at the Centre for Policy Development. He has 25 years of experience in advocacy, campaigns, and senior leadership, working with NGOs, the UN, the private sector, and government. He is an expert in building collaboration and promoting social change for disadvantaged people.

Until March 2021, Andrew was CEO of Crisis Action in New York, leading a global team of 50+ people in 11 countries to build coalitions to protect civilians in wars such as Syria, Yemen or South Sudan. Prior to Crisis Action, Andrew worked at Human Rights First in New York, where he coordinated UN advocacy, managed the Human Rights Defenders Program and led Latin American work.



Axel Wabenhorst

Australia

Mr Wabenhorst is Acting Assistant Secretary, Afghanistan and Regional Branch at Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). He has been working on Afghanistan for three years. Previously, he was Ambassador to Qatar in addition to postings to Iran, Saudi Arabia and Iraq. In Canberra, Mr Wabenhorst has also worked on counter-proliferation and the bilateral relationship with Indonesia, was DFAT Liaison Officer to Headquarters Joint Operations Command.



Charles Prestidge-King

Australia

Mr Charles Prestidge-King is currently Acting Assistant Secretary for Southeast Asia Mainland Branch, and is usually Director of the Myanmar Political Section at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Charles most recently served as Senior Adviser, International Division at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, and worked as Adviser to the Minister for Foreign Affairs from 2019-2020. He was posted to Yangon from 2015-2018, with an earlier deployment to Jakarta in 2013. He has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Strategic Studies from the Australian National University.

Chris Lewa

International

Ms Chris Lewa is the Director and Founder of The Arakan Project (AP), an NGO engaged in research and advocacy on the situation of the Rohingya minority in Myanmar, and on their conditions as refugees in Bangladesh and other Asian countries since 1999. She has previously been based in Myanmar. For the past 15 years, she has been monitoring Rohingya maritime movements in the Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea with the AP field office in Bangladesh.

Ms Lewa is also Deputy Chair of the Rohingya Working Group of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN), a regional network of civil society organisations and promoting refugee rights, and a Steering Committee member of the International Peace Support Group (IPSG), a Yangon-based network of international experts working together to study conflict dynamics in Myanmar and support efforts to promote peace in the country. She regularly consults for international organisations, UN agencies and donor governments.

David Muehlke

USA

Mr David Muehlke is the Regional Refugee Coordinator for East Asia at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok and arrived in Thailand in June 2019. In this role he helps to coordinate and implement the U.S. Department of State's diplomatic, humanitarian assistance, and resettlement programs for refugees and asylum seekers in East Asia. David joined the Department of State in 2005 and his previous overseas assignments include Guangzhou, China; Athens, Greece; Baghdad, Iraq; and Hanoi, Vietnam. In Washington, he worked in the Office of Korean Affairs and twice in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. David has a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science and Public Policy from Harvard College. He is married with two children, and his interests include travel, basketball, and eating street food.



David Wilden

Australia

Mr David Wilden is the First Assistant Secretary of the Refugee, Humanitarian and Settlement Division in the Australian Department of Home Affairs, where he is responsible for policy development, advice, and administration of Australia's refugee, humanitarian, settlement and migrant English language programs as well as child wellbeing operations and the Unaccompanied Humanitarian Minor programme.



David previously led the International Policy Division where he was responsible for providing the Department, portfolio agencies and the wider government with advice on international policy issues in relation immigration, national security and international engagement. Prior to this he led the Immigration and Citizenship Policy Division, responsible for policy development and advice for temporary and permanent visas in the skilled, family, and humanitarian programs as well as the citizenship, status resolution and community protection areas. From 2009 to 2012 Mr Wilden was Regional Director, Europe, based in London. Over the course of his career, Mr Wilden has worked in a range of government departments and agencies including Centrelink and the Public Service Commission and across functional areas as diverse as IT and Human Resource Management. David has a Graduate Certificate in Public Administration and a Masters of Business Administration.

Dennis Villaseñor, MNSA, CESO IV

Philippines

Mr Dennis Villaseñor is a Director at the Department of the Interior of Local Government. He has had a wide variety of roles over a period of twenty years, being responsible for the development of policies and programs on local development planning and budgeting, social protection concerns, and interior relations, among others.



He had engagements in several regional conferences, including the Capacity Development Program to Make the Rights Real for Persons with Disability, ASEAN Taskforce Meeting on Business Registration, ASEAN Committee on Micro Small Medium Enterprise, and ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime.

Mr Villaseñor received a Master's Degree in Public Management from Nueve Ecija University of Science and Technology in 2000 and a Master's Degree in National Security Administration from the National Defense College of the Philippines in 2018.

Dewi Fortuna Anwar

Indonesia

Dr Dewi Fortuna Anwar is a Research Professor at the Research Center for Politics, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) and was previously the Deputy Chair for Social Sciences and Humanities-LIPI (IPSK-LIPI) from 2001 to 2010. She is also the Chair of the Board of The Habibie Center, on the Board of the Centre for Policy Development, member of the Indonesian Academy of Sciences (AIPI) and co-founder of Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia.



Between October 2010 and May 2015, Dr Fortuna Anwar served as Deputy Secretary for Political Affairs, and from May 2015 to February 2017 as Deputy for Government Policy Support to Vice President Boediono and Vice President M. Jusuf Kalla of the Republic of Indonesia, respectively. In 1998-99 she served as Assistant Minister of State Secretariat for Foreign Affairs during the Habibie Presidency.

Dr Fortuna Anwar obtained her PhD from Monash University, Melbourne in 1990, while her Masters and Bachelors Degrees were from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

Evan Jones

International

Mr Evan Jones is the Manager of the Asia Displacement Solutions Platform (ADSP), an INGO coalition working towards transitional solutions for protracted displacement from Myanmar and Afghanistan. He has 12 years of experience in advocacy, research, and leadership positions in Asia, working with both government and non-government organisations. Until August 2021, Evan was based in Kabul as part of his role with the ADSP, however has since relocated to Bangladesh.



Prior to his role at ADSP, Evan worked at both Asylum Access Malaysia and the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network where he coordinated capacity strengthening initiatives, community engagement, UN and government advocacy, and partnership-building. Previously, Evan worked for the Australian government in areas of social security policy, international agreements, and residency. Evan holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of New South Wales, as well as a Master of Social Development (International) from the same institution.

Jitvipa Benjasil

Thailand

Ms. Jitvipa Benjasil is a diplomat (Minister Counsellor) holding a position as the Director of Social Division under the Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. Her scope of responsibility covers 3 main areas, namely human rights, human security and human migration. The dynamism of issues ranges from political, economic, social and cultural rights, health, pandemic, cyber crime, narcotic drugs to migration and labour and human trafficking. Before her current position as the Director of Social Division, she served at the Permanent Mission of Thailand to the United Nations in New York, USA, from 2017-2021.



Lilianne Fan

Malaysia

Ms Lilianne Fan is International Director and Co-Founder of Geutanyoë Foundation, a regional humanitarian organisation based in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and Aceh, Indonesia, and Deputy Chair of the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN). She is a cultural anthropologist and humanitarian professional with more than 16 years experience working with refugees, internally displaced persons, and communities affected by conflict and disaster, and currently specialises on the situation of the stateless Rohingya in Rakhine State and in ASEAN. She provides regular expertise to a range of institutions and governments including the UN, the World Bank, ASEAN, the Government of Malaysia and the Government of Indonesia.



Between 2005 and 2012 Lilianne served in several large-scale post-crisis recovery missions, including with the UN-led humanitarian response in post-earthquake Haiti; as Advisor to the ASEAN Special Envoy on Post-Nargis Recovery in Myanmar; as member of the advisory team of the Governor of Aceh on sustainable development following the Aceh peace agreement of 2005; and as Senior Policy Coordinator for Oxfam International in Aceh and Nias from 2005-2008. She holds a Masters in Anthropology from Columbia University, New York.

Lucienne Manton

Australia

Ms Lucienne Manton is Australia's Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking. She is a senior career officer with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and most recently served as Assistant Secretary, European Union Political and Strategy Branch.

Ms Manton has previously served with the United States Branch, People Smuggling Taskforce, Iraq Taskforce and at the Australian High Commission in London. She also worked as Assistant Secretary, International Division, Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Ms Manton holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Melbourne.



Melanie Mylvaganam

New Zealand

Ms Melanie Mylvaganam is the Senior Advisor: Immigration (International and Humanitarian) Policy for the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment in New Zealand. Melanie provides policy advice and analysis on international, humanitarian and national security related issues in the immigration portfolio including those relating to refugees, Pacific labour mobility, maritime mass arrivals and immigration responses to international humanitarian crises.



Prior to joining the Ministry, Melanie led anti-money laundering/counter-terrorist financing policy for the Bar Council of England and Wales, and provided advice to barristers on ethical issues arising in their practice. She has worked across policy and regulatory spheres in both New Zealand and the United Kingdom for 10 years, including in the healthcare, legal, environmental and immigration sectors.

Melanie has an MA International Studies and Diplomacy from SOAS University of London where she specialised in comparative politics in the Middle East.

Noat Hemindra

Thailand

Mr Noat Hemindra is a Senior Plan and Policy Analyst at the Division of Internal Security, Office of National Security Council of Thailand. In this role he is in charge of Issues related to irregular migration, and has the opportunity to deal with a number of challenging tasks including drafting policy recommendations to higher authorities in resolving cases of statelessness and illegal migration problems.



Mr Noat acts as Secretary to the Sub-Committee on Solving Statelessness and related issues under the National Security Council. This Committee aims to propose innovative solutions in order to expedite granting legal status for stateless person

Nyi Nyi Kyaw

International

Mr Nyi Nyi Kyaw is a fellow at the Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen (KWI)/Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities in Essen, Germany, and honorary fellow at Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness, University of Melbourne. After obtaining his PhD from the University of New South Wales, he was a postdoctoral research fellow and assistant professor at the National University of Singapore, and subsequently a visiting fellow at the ISEAS – Yusof Ishak Institute. His work has been published in *Social Identities*, *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, and *Review of Faith & International Affairs*, and has concerned citizenship, nationalism and constitutional change in Myanmar, among other topics. He is currently working on a manuscript on Myanmar Spring.



Paris Aristotle

Australia

Mr Paris Aristotle AO is Chief Executive Officer of the Victorian Foundation for the Survivors of Torture. (Foundation House). Mr Aristotle has over 30 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, Mr Aristotle has worked closely with 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 Resettlement Advisory Council and the Immigration Detention Advisory Group.



Mr Aristotle is currently the Chair of the Refugee and Migrant Services Council. In 2012 he was appointed to the Prime Minister's Expert Panel on Asylum Seekers, and he was Chair of the Minister's Council on Asylum Seekers and Detention from 2009 to 2018. He is an executive member of the Forum of Australian Services for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (FASSTT). In 2002, Mr Aristotle was made a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) 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. In 2017, Mr Aristotle was named Victorian Australian of the Year and made an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO).

Peppi Kiviniemi-Siddiq

International

Ms Peppi Kiviniemi-Siddiq is the Senior Regional Specialist for Migrant Protection at IOM's Asia Pacific regional office in Bangkok, Thailand. In this role she supports the IOM missions in the region on IOM's migrant protection portfolio ranging from counter trafficking, assistance to migrants in vulnerable situations to return and reintegration assistance to vulnerable migrants.



Prior to joining the regional office, Peppi was working with IOM in Bangladesh coordinating the missions' Rohingya humanitarian response in the country as well as managing projects from safe migration awareness to sustainable reintegration of Victims of Trafficking.

Peppi has also worked as a journalist with the Dow Jones Newswires and the Wall Street Journal in London and Brussels. Peppi holds a Master's Degree in Comparative Politics and a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Peter Hughes

Australia

Mr Peter Hughes PSM 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 has spent time as a Visiting Fellow at the Crawford School of Public Policy and a Visitor at the Regulatory Institutions Network and School of Demography of the Australian National University. He was also a member of the Australian Government's Ministerial Advisory Council on Skilled Migration.

Pitchayadet Osathanon

Thailand

Mr Pitchayadet Osathanon is a Senior Policy Analyst of the Division of Internal Security at the Office of the National Security Council of Thailand. In this role he is in charge of issues related to illegal migrants especially those in need of international protection.



Mr Pitchayadet Osathanon was one of the Thai Government delegations who made an oral submission of the report to the Human Rights Committee under the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) in Geneva regarding human rights issues in Southern Border Provinces of Thailand.

Scott Bradford

Australia

Mr Scott Bradford is currently Acting Director of the Bali Process Section at the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). Scott most recently served as Assistant Director in the India Branch. Scott has previously had deployments in Paris 2020-21 and Jakarta 2016-20. He has a Master in Public Administration from the National University of Singapore, a Master of Asia-Pacific Studies from the Australian National University, as well as degrees from the University of Melbourne and Monash University.

Sriprapha Petcharamesree

Thailand

Dr Sriprapha Petcharamesree is Senior Lecturer of the 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 as the Thai representative to the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) where she served between October 2009 to December 2012.



Dr Petcharamesree's research and expertise focuses on human rights, ASEAN and Southeast Asian studies, migration, including statelessness and citizenship, business and human rights, and international relations. She has spoken and written extensively on all of these issues. She has recently released a paper with Monash University regarding the roles of ASEAN on forced migration.

Dr Petcharamesree has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Thammasat University, Thailand. She received her PhD from the University of Paris-X Nanterre in France.

Steven CM Wong

Malaysia

Dato' Steven Wong is the former Deputy Chief Executive and Member of the Board of the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia. In that position, he headed 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.



Dato' Steve Wong has extensive experience in regional affairs, having headed East Asia research with ISIS Malaysia, and having been on the secretariats of two ASEAN eminent persons groups. He received his graduate and post-graduate education from the University of Melbourne.

Dato' Steve was a member of the Ministry of Human Resources' 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 Cooperation.

Steve Scott

Australia

Steve Scott is the Australian Deputy Ambassador to Indonesia. Previously he was the Assistant Secretary of the Humanitarian and Refugee Policy Branch in DFAT, formerly served as a Senior Adviser on North Asian and North American affairs for Foreign Minister Marise Payne, and Acting Chief Innovation Officer and Assistant Secretary of the Consular Policy Branch - where he led the teams for the Egypt, Libya, Christchurch and Japan consular emergency responses in 2011.



Since joining DFAT in 1994, Steve has served overseas as Deputy Ambassador in the Philippines, Minister-Counsellor Political and Economic Section in Indonesia, Economic Counsellor in China and Second/First Secretary Economic in Malaysia.

Steve has a Bachelor of Business degree, with honours in Economics, from Curtin University, Western Australia. He has also completed a Leadership in Crisis post graduate course at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Graduate Diploma in Finance and Investment with the Securities Institute of Australia.

Sufiur Rahman

Bangladesh

His Excellency Mr Mohammad Sufiur Rahman is the former Bangladesh Ambassador to Myanmar and ardent student of politics and migration issues in South Asia and Southeast Asia. He is a career diplomat under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangladesh since 1991, including ambassadorial assignments in Sri Lanka (2012-2014) and most recently, Ambassador to the Bangladesh Embassy in Myanmar (2014-2017).



Sufiur Rahman has also served as Deputy High Commissioner at Bangladesh High Commission in Islamabad from 2008-2009 and as Director at the SAARC Secretariat from 2004-2007. He also served in Bangladesh Missions in New Delhi and Geneva.

Sukmo Yuwono

Indonesia

Mr Sukmo Yuwono is the Indonesian Co-Manager of the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime. He is also currently serving as Deputy Chief of Mission and Deputy Permanent Representative to the UNESCAP of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Bangkok since 2021.



He has joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia since 1995. He was assigned to several posts in foreign countries, among others, the Indonesian Embassy in Ottawa, Canada (1999-2002), the Indonesian Consulate General in Hong Kong (2005-2010), and the Indonesian Embassy in Singapore (2013-2016). Prior to his arrival in Bangkok, he has previously served as the Head of Bureau of Law and Public Relations of Indonesian Migrant Worker Protection Agency (2019-2021).

He completed his Bachelor's Degree in Law from University of Jenderal Soedirman, Purwokerto, Central Java and Master's Degree in Business Law from University of Padjadjaran, Bandung, West Java.

Susan (Sue) Hill

Australia

Ms Sue Hill is a Senior Executive in the Australian Public Service. She is currently the Assistant Secretary, Americas, Europe, Middle-East and Pacific Branch (AEMEAP) a role she commenced in early January 2022. As Assistant Secretary AEMEAP, Sue is responsible for developing and maintaining strategic relationships with foreign governments, departments and agencies as well as industry, academic and think tank organisations to help inform the work of the Department and the Portfolio more broadly.



In her 33 years with the Department of Home Affairs, in its various iterations, Sue has held a wide variety of senior roles including the recent command of the Marine Workforce Capability Branch where she was responsible for the delivery of the Marine Workforce Capability for the Australian Border Force.

Sue has held positions regionally, in Canberra, overseas and on secondments to various agencies, including the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet and as a Departmental Liaison Officer across the tenures of three Ministers.

Tasneem Siddiqui

Bangladesh

Dr Tasneem Siddiqui is one of the leading migration scholars of Bangladesh. Her work on drivers and impacts of labour migration, female labour migration, diaspora, remittances, climate change adaptation and migration have been published both nationally and internationally. She is the Founding Chair of Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit (RMMRU) and Professor of Political Science at the University of Dhaka.



Dr Siddiqui has contributed to major policy changes on migration in Bangladesh. For example, she drafted the National Strategy for Climate and Disaster Induced Internally Displaced Persons in Bangladesh for the Ministry of Disaster and Relief and UNDP (2015). She was one of the key members that drafted the national Overseas Employment Policy, 2006 and the Law Commission initiated draft of the Overseas Employment and Migration Act of 2013. Her research on female labour migration has contributed to the lifting of the ban on international migration of low skilled women from Bangladesh in 2003.

More recently, RMMRU's research and policy advocacy has contributed to changing the perception of migration from a failure of local level adaptation to a more inclusive view that treats migration as one of the tools of climate change adaptation in Bangladesh.

Thomas Daniel

Malaysia

Mr Thomas Daniel is a senior fellow in the Foreign Policy and Security Studies Programme at the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) Malaysia. His interests lie in the security/strategic challenges and impacts of major power dynamics on ASEAN and its member states, the South China Sea dispute, and Malaysia's national security and foreign policies.



Thomas also looks at the policy implications of refugees, asylum seekers and other displaced people in Malaysia, and the government's refugee policy of "not having a policy". Thomas holds an MA (International Studies) from the University of Nottingham (Malaysia), a BA in Communication and Media Management, and a BA (hons) in Communication, Media & Culture from the University of South Australia. He was a public relations practitioner focusing on social media management and media engagement strategies.

Tri Nuke Pudjiastuti

Indonesia

Dr Tri Nuke Pudjiastuti is a Research Professor at the Research Center for Politics, National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN). For more than five years, she was a part of the ASEAN Research Team. Dr Pudjiastuti's experience in trafficking and smuggling issues has also given her an insight into irregular migration. Although her research focuses on Indonesia, it also notes regional mobility, particularly at the ASEAN level. She has also produced position and policy papers for the Indonesian government.



Dr Pudjiastuti graduated with a Master of Arts in Geography and Environmental Studies from the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Adelaide, with a focus on international migration. She graduated with a PhD 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.

Zhala Sharifi

New Zealand

Ms Zhala Sharifi is an Advisor in the Refugee and Migrant Support Team of Immigration New Zealand. Prior to this role she was an Immigration Officer in the same agency. She has completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and Mass Communication, and a Postgraduate Master's degree in International Relations and Diplomacy from the University of Canterbury New Zealand.



Centre for Policy Development



The Centre for Policy Development (CPD) is an independent, values-driven and evidence-based Australian policy institute, founded in 2007 by John Menadue AO, former Australian Ambassador to Japan and Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet under Prime Ministers Gough Whitlam and Malcolm Fraser.

CPD exists to solve the biggest policy challenges facing Australia and the region, and to take people on a journey to solving them. CPD's policy development is geared towards an Australia that is equitable, aspirational and truly prosperous – and enlivened by the challenge of shaping a better future at home and abroad. CPD fuses domestic and international insights, combining fresh expertise to build a progressive Australian agenda.

CPD's model is collaborative and practical. CPD assembles coalitions of consensus from across business, government, politics, civil society and academia with a shared purpose to tackle long-term challenges and produce lasting systemic change. This is embodied in our Create-Connect-Convince working method. We:

- Create ideas from rigorous, evidence-based, cross-disciplinary research at home and abroad
- Connect experts and stakeholders to develop these ideas into practical policy proposals
- Convince governments, businesses and communities to implement these proposals

CPD's policy development is based on the following core values

- A government that is active and effective
- A country respected for leadership and cooperation
- An economy that is clean, innovative and productive
- A society that expands opportunity and social justice

National Research and Innovation Agency



The National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) was formed by the Indonesian government in 2019, and was established as a new government agency in April 2021.

The 2020-2024 vision for BRIN is: "A National Research and Innovation Agency that is reliable, professional, innovative and with integrity in service to the President and Vice President to realize the Vision and Mission of the President and Vice President: An Advanced Indonesia that is Sovereign, Independent, and Has Personality based on Mutual Cooperation"

The mission of the BRIN is to:

- Improve national science and technology capability, research and innovation through improving science and technology capability, strengthening economic transformation, and sustainable development based to increase competitiveness.
- Improve transparent, effective, and reliable government management

This mission includes efforts to respond to science and technology development challenges, and in the 2020-2024 period in the aspects of research and innovation policies, development cooperation and partnerships, increasing research, development, assessment and application of science and technology in several priority focuses of national research and innovation, as well as improving good governance in the context of bureaucratic reform.

In order to achieve BRIN's vision and mission, the strategic objectives that must be achieved are:

- Increasing invention productivity and innovation for competitiveness
- Improving good governance in the context of bureaucratic reform

Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies



Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies

The Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies (IHRP) was created following a merger between Mahidol University's Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development and the Research Center for Peacebuilding. IHRP combines the experience and perspective both centers have to offer. IHRP is uniquely interdisciplinary and is redefining the fields of peace, conflict, justice and human rights studies in the Asia Pacific region and beyond.

The Center for Human Rights Studies and Social Development (CHRSD) was established in 1998. For more than ten years, it served as an academic institution specialising in human rights, with a track record in providing postgraduate education as well as training programs to students, human rights workers, human rights defenders, members of civil society organizations and government officials. The Masters in Human Rights started by the CHRSD is the longest running graduate degree program in human rights in Asia.

The Research Center for Peacebuilding was founded in November 2004 with the impetus to be part of the peaceful solution to conflicts in Thailand, especially the conflict in three southern-most provinces: Pattani, Yala, and Narathiwat. The Center has developed and implemented considerable action and participatory research projects. These projects focus on facilitating cooperative efforts to deal with the conflicts through opening space for dialogue at all levels, reducing violence, and identifying the needs of community and society. Also, the projects provide input for new public policies, in order to transform conflicts and build a just and peaceful society.

Mission: Our focus remains on social and political realities at the community, national and international levels. The IHRP is committed to the advancement of human rights and peace by educating human rights and peace practitioners, promoting outreach programs to community and international organizations, and conducting cutting edge research on important issues. Our mission is to promote learning excellence in human rights and peace, engaging communities in the transformation towards just peace.

Institute of Strategic and International Studies



The Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS) was established in 1983 as an autonomous, not-for-profit research organization. ISIS Malaysia has a diverse research focus which includes economics, foreign policy, security studies, nation-building, social policy, technology, innovation and environmental studies. It also undertakes research collaboration with national and international organizations in important areas such as national development and international affairs.

ISIS Malaysia engages actively in Track Two diplomacy, and promotes the exchange of views and opinions at both the national and international levels. The Institute has also played a role in fostering closer regional integration and international cooperation through forums such as the Asia-Pacific Round-table, the ASEAN Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ASEAN-ISIS), the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC) and the Network of East Asian Think-Tanks (NEAT). ISIS is a founding member of the Council for Security Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific (CSCAP) and manages the Council's Secretariat.

ISIS Malaysia has four research programmes:

- **Economics:** to promote rapid and sustained economic growth and equitable development; to develop actionable policies and to spur institutional change
- **Macroeconomic policy:** trade and investment, banking and finance; industrial and infrastructure development and; human capital and labour market development
- **Foreign Policy and Security Studies:** To provide relevant policy analyses on Malaysia's strategic interests, and on regional and international issues, with a focus on the Asia-Pacific Region; including security studies, foreign policy, Southeast Asian politics and military affairs
- **Social Policy:** demographic and socio-cultural trends that are changing Malaysian society; effective nation-building and fostering greater national unity; Malaysian National Blueprint, youth, women and underprivileged communities
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