



**International
Detention Coalition**
Human rights for detained refugees,
asylum seekers and migrants

Regional Peer-Learning Platform and Program of Action on Alternative Care Arrangements for Children in the Context of International Migration in the Asia Pacific

5 April 2022

Virtual Workshop:

What makes Government and Civil Society Partnerships
Effective?



ATD Regional Peer-Learning Platform 5th Workshop: What makes Government and Civil Society Partnerships Effective?

Date: Tuesday 5 April 2022

Time: 9am BKK/JKT, 10am KL, 12pm AEDT, 2pm NZT for 2.5 hours

Objective: To showcase a range of positive examples of govt/civil society partnerships and identify elements that make them successful.

Background:

The International Detention Coalition (IDC) and Secretariat of the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration (ADFM) are pleased to progress the Regional Peer Learning Platform and Program of Action on Alternatives to the Detention of Children in the Context of Migration in Asia Pacific (the Peer-Learning Platform).

This Peer-Learning Platform brings together individuals from policy and implementing agencies in the governments of Australia, Indonesia, Malaysia, New Zealand and Thailand, as well as civil society and international organisations, in order to share positive practice and concrete examples of what is working.

Session outline:

Partnerships between government and civil society are a key part of implementing policy, including community-based alternatives to detention. Experiences globally as well as in the Asia Pacific region have shown that a whole of society approach with strong partnerships between different levels of government and civil society implementers can lead to more comprehensive, innovative and efficient responses to children and their families. Everyone involved in the Platform will no doubt have experience with these types of partnerships, and have experienced them working well and having difficulty.

This session will seek to identify some of the elements that make these partnerships effective, drawing lessons from the extensive expertise of participants. The agenda has been designed to maximise time for dialogue and open discussion, including in small group formats, to give participants time for reflection. A provisional agenda is below.

Instead of formal presentations during the event, we invite participants to reflect on the following questions in advance of the session. These will form the basis of our discussions:

1. Please share an example of how you, or your ministry/organisation have worked with govt/civil society implementers
2. What value has this partnership brought, and what were some positive outcomes?
3. What challenges can this sort of partnership bring, and how did you work to address these?

All discussions will take place under the Chatham House Rule of non-attribution. Simultaneous interpretation will be available in Thai and Bahasa Indonesia. For any questions or further information required please contact adfm@cpd.org.au.

Provisional agenda:

Time	Activity
10 mins	<u>Welcome</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome new and existing participants• Housekeeping and technical support• Recap of purpose of the Regional Platform, what makes it different• Introduce topic and agenda for today and tomorrow session.
30 mins	<u>Session 1: Country group discussion</u> <p>Participants will be divided into breakout groups based on their country of work to discuss three questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is an example of how you, or your ministry/ organisation have worked with government/ civil society implementers?• What value has this partnership brought, and what were some positive outcomes?• What challenges can this sort of partnership bring, and how did you work to address these? <p>Facilitated small group discussions for around 20 minutes, with 10 minutes to report back in plenary.</p>
60 mins	<u>Session 2: Plenary discussion to explore different examples of partnerships</u> <p>Moderated discussion sharing examples from government and civil society representatives from about effective partnerships they have been involved in, benefits and challenges.</p> <p>Open discussion with all participants to reflect on these examples and draw on their own experience and lessons learned.</p>
30 mins	<u>Session 3: Small group discussions on future of the Regional Platform</u> <p>For this session we invite you to reflect on two questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• How can the Regional Platform support you in your work on ATD?• What can you contribute to the Regional Platform over the rest of the year? <p>We also welcome thoughts on a future in person session later in 2022, if possible.</p>
10 mins	Report back & update on the future of the Regional Platform

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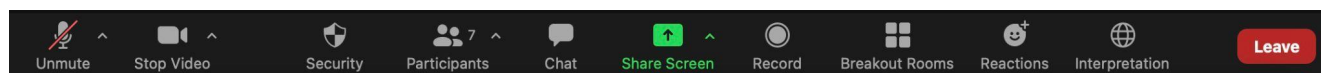
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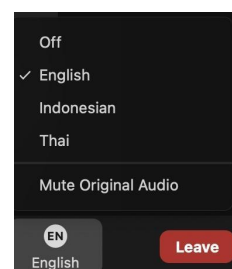
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Participant list:

Name	Organisation	Country
Ahmad Tarmizi bin Sulaiman	Member of Parliament of Sik	Malaysia
Anderson Selvasegaram	Executive Director, SUKA Society	Malaysia
Andrew Hudson	International Director, Centre for Policy Development	Australia
Arisa Chomketkaew	Plan and Policy Analyst, Division of Internal Security, Office of National Security Council	Thailand
Asrul Nizwan bin Muhamad	Assistant Secretary, Immigration Affairs Division, Ministry of Home Affairs	Malaysia
Aswin Wihdiyanto	Evaluation Division Coordinator, Directorate of Community and Special Education, Ministry of Education, Culture and Research and Technology	Indonesia
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Bambang Pristiwanto	National Task Force on Handling of Foreign Refugee, Ministry of Political, Legal and Security Affairs	Indonesia
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Carolina Gottardo	Executive Director, International Detention Coalition	International
Chandra Rodja	Regional Migrant Care Coordinator, International Organisation for Migration	International
Charawatt Chawarangkul	Southeast Asia Programme Manager, International Detention Coalition	International
Christopher Butler	Director, Child Wellbeing Operations, Department of Home Affairs	Australia
Ciput Eka Purwianti	Deputy Assistant of Special Protection, Ministry of Women Empowerment and Child Protection	Indonesia
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Febrian Irawati Mamesah	Coordinator of Humanitarian Functions, Directorate of Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Indonesia
Ferry South	Deputy Director of Immigration Cooperation, Department of Immigration	Indonesia
Gading Gumilang Putra	National Legal Service Officer, Jesuit Refugee Service	Indonesia
Josef Szwarc	Senior Advisor, Policy and Advocacy, Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture	Australia
Khairul Amri Ahmad	Senior Principal Assistant Director, Department of Social Welfare	Malaysia

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Kyi Thar	Project Director (Urban Refugee Program), Jesuit Refugee Service Thailand	Thailand
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Mattika Mathurapotwachana	Director of Programs, Step Ahead Foundation, Thailand	Thailand
Muhammad Zulasri Rosdi	Assistant Secretary, Human Rights and Humanitarian Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Malaysia
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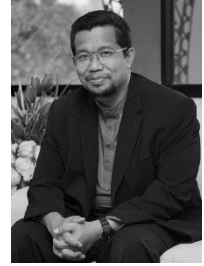
Participant Profiles

Ahmad Tarmizi bin Sulaiman

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).



Anderson Selvasegaram

Malaysia

Mr Anderson Selvasegaram is the Executive Director of SUKA Society, which he founded in 2010. SUKA focuses on solutions that protect and preserve the best interests of children, working on the following key areas: creating access to education for Indigenous children, protecting victims of human trafficking and advocating for alternatives to detention for children affected by immigration arrest and detention. In 2015, SUKA Society won the United Nations Malaysia Award in conjunction with the United Nations' 70th Anniversary.

Anderson holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Universiti Putra Malaysia. He was invited by the US State Department to attend the International Visitors Leadership Program (IVLP) in 2013. In 2016, he was appointed as the International Detention Coalition (IDC) Regional Advisor for Southeast Asia. He is currently advocating with the government to initiate an 'alternatives to detention for unaccompanied and separated minors' pilot program in Malaysia. He is also currently a member of the National Project Advisory Committee (PAC) for the EU-UNICEF Initiative.



Andrew Hudson

Australia

Mr Andrew Hudson is International Director and Acting CEO 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. Crisis Action builds 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. Previously, Andrew was a lawyer in Australia representing disadvantaged clients and refugees and spearheading major law reform projects. He has also worked with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Ecuador and the UN Regional Commission in Thailand. He was Australia's first Youth Representative to the UN. Andrew holds honours degrees in politics and law from the University of Melbourne and a Masters of Laws from New York University School of Law. He is a John Monash Scholar.



Arisa Chomketkaew

Thailand

Arisa Chomketkaew is a Plan and Policy Analyst at Division of Internal Security, Office of National Security Council. In this role she is in charge of issues related to irregular migration especially on labour migration. She also has opportunity to deal with many challenging tasks such as assisting on policy recommendation and evaluation the framework about illegal migration and labour management.

Arisa has also taken part in the Sub-Committee on Solving Statelessness and related issues as an assistant secretary. The committees aim to provide recommendations to governments and government agencies involved in tackling the problem of irregular migration and statelessness.



Aswin Wihdiyanto

Indonesia

Mr Aswin Wihdiyanto, is the Coordinator of the Evaluation Division, Directorate of Community and Special Education, the Directorate General for Early Childhood, Basic, and Secondary Education, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Research, and Technology. He has been a government employee since 2005.

Mr Wihdiyanto is experienced in developing education programs and the implementation of the curriculum for special education. He has been a resource for many workshops and seminars in the education for people with disabilities.



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Bambang Pristiwanto

Indonesia

Brigadier General Bambang Pristiwanto served as Assistant Deputy for Transnational and Extraordinary Crimes at the Deputy for Kamtibmas, Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal, and Security Affairs.

Bambang has served for more than 30 years in the Indonesian National Police and has a background in traffic management. He joined the Coordinating Ministry for Political, Legal and Security Affairs in 2020, and has also served as the Head of the Refugee Handling Task Force to date. In this position, the main tasks that he carries out are coordinating, synchronizing, and controlling Ministries/Agencies and Local Governments in handling refugees in Indonesia.



Caitlin McCaffrie

Australia

Ms Caitlin McCaffrie is International Lead at the Centre for Policy Development (CPD) where she coordinates CPD's international work, including the Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration (ADFM), providing policy analysis, advice and research on topics including migration governance, human trafficking, forced migration and refugee resettlement.

Caitlin has previously worked for several years in Phnom Penh including for Stanford University's WSD Handa Center for Human Rights and International Justice, managing programs on research, education, outreach and trial monitoring of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia. Caitlin holds a Masters of Public Policy and Management Degree from the University of Melbourne and a first class Honours degree in International Studies from the University of Adelaide.



Chandra Rodja

Indonesia

Mr Chandra G. Rodja is Regional Migrant Care Coordinator for Mental Health Psychosocial Support Unit at the International Organization for Migration (IOM). He has 18 years of experiences in working with NGOs, UN agencies and the private sector. He spent most of his time providing support to survivors of natural and man-made disaster and serving disadvantaged people.



In 2005, Chandra moved to Aceh and joined an international non-governmental organisation working in mental health and psychosocial areas during emergency response, after massive earthquake and tsunami struck Aceh in December 2004. He joined another emergency mission in Nias and Padang until 2008 to response natural disaster. He continues his journey to assist the man-made disaster, aid ex-combatants in Aceh-Papua and survivors of torture. He has shared his experience and best practice from Indonesia in Colombo, Sri Lanka in the regional conference on rehabilitative action for victim of torture.

Chawaratt Chawarangkul

International

Mr Chawaratt Chawarangkul (Mic) has been with the International Detention Coalition (IDC) as the Southeast Asia Programme Manager since July 2020. Prior to that, Mic served in a wide range of roles within the humanitarian, human rights and development fields across Asia and Africa, advocating for and protecting the rights of marginalised groups, building resilient communities, and promoting sustainable development environments for the poorest and most vulnerable. He also facilitated the development of the Thailand policy to end the immigration detention of children, and fostered the development of the national refugee screening mechanism in Thailand.



At IDC, Mic is working with coalition members and partners to prevent and reduce immigration detention, including through promoting alternatives to detention and the ending of child detention in Southeast Asia.

Christopher Butler

Australia

Christopher Butler is the Director of Child Wellbeing Operations in the Department of Home Affairs. His team focuses primarily on the safety and wellbeing of children in an immigration context by building organisational and operational capability in line with Australia's domestic and international child-related obligations. His team also promotes and supports a continuous improvement culture where children's safety and wellbeing is at the centre of the Department's and the Australian Border Force's values, actions and practice.



Christopher has broad government experience, working at both the local and Federal Government level for over 10 years. He has an extensive litigation background with a primary focus on matters regarding vulnerable and culturally and linguistically diverse people and asylum seekers.

Ciput Eka Purwianti

Indonesia

Ms Ciput is the Director for Special Protection for Children from Violence, Ministry of Women's Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia. She previously served as Director for Child Protection in Emergency Situations and from Pornography (2019-2020), Deputy Director for Handling of Victims of Human Trafficking (2018-2019), Deputy Director for Gender in Science and Technology (2015-2018), Deputy Director for Gender in Environment (2014-2015) and Head of Foreign Affairs Division (2008-2013).



As an officer of Indonesian policymaking and coordinating agency, she has assisted and advocated at national and local levels in areas of gender justice in environment, infrastructure, technology and poverty alleviation through capacity building to line ministries related to environmental issues, particularly in the development and implementation of gender-responsive actions toward climate change mitigation and adaptation. One of her main achievements is the development of gender disaggregated data at provincial levels and guidelines for local government in integrating gender issues into vulnerability assessment, climate resilience strategy and development planning and budgeting. The most recent work is Inter-Sector Protocol to respond on the needs of Child Protection during Covid19 Pandemic

Datin Izzatul Shima Binti Md. Thahir

Malaysia

YBhg. Datin Izzatul Shima Binti Md Thahir is an Administrative and Diplomatic Officer (PTD) currently serving the Ministry of Women, Family and Community Development. She is Deputy Undersecretary in the Policy and Strategic Planning Division, overseeing two units, namely the National Social Policy Unit and Children's Policy Unit. Among her key responsibilities in the ministry are introducing legislative and administrative reform relating to children's policy.



She began her career in 2000 as an Assistant Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry. In 2008, she was stationed in Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation as Principal Assistant Secretary in Science and Technology Division. She has also served as Special Officer for the Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation's Office for two years, and also Senior Principal Assistant Secretary in Service Division at Public Service Department for six years.

As her current responsibility, her targets relating to children include coordinating and overseeing the development of the National Child Policy and accompanying Plan of Action, as well as monitoring the National Strategy Plan on Addressing the Causes of Child Marriage (2022-2025), and also pilot projects such as the Family-Based Care Pilot Project, Alternative to Detention (ATD) Pilot Project, and Diversion Pilot Project. Meanwhile, the second and fifth National Reports of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) were submitted to the CRC Committee in Geneva, Switzerland through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 5 August 2021.

David Keegan

Australia

Mr David Keegan is the founder and Managing Director of HOST International, a not for profit charity working across the Asia Pacific region to assist refugees prepare for and find a new home. HOST International provides a range of direct aid and empowerment programs that build independence and encourage communities to be involved in solutions.

David is passionate about finding innovative solutions to complex problems and working with multiple stakeholders to implement approaches that build a fairer and more inclusive society. He is a qualified social worker and holds a Masters in Community Management along with a 20 year career leading projects supporting vulnerable groups in Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia. He has also co-authored publications that focus on resilience building and responsibility sharing in urban displacement contexts.



Farida Wahid

Indonesia

Ms Farida Wahid is the Head of the Sub-Directorate Instrument, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Directorate General of Human Rights within the Indonesian Ministry of Law and Human Rights. She first joined the Ministry in 2000, after working for the State Minister of Human Rights Affairs for the Republic of Indonesia.

Farida has held previous roles within the Ministry including Head of the Evaluation and Reporting Section for the Rights of Vulnerable Groups, particularly issues of children, women and persons with disabilities. She was actively involved in the drafting process of the Law No. 8 of Persons with Disabilities (2018) and has also worked in the Directorate of Human Rights Cooperation in the Ministry of Law and Human Rights.



Ferry South

Indonesia

Mr Ferry Suoth is the Deputy Director of Immigration Cooperation with the International Organizations of the Directorate General of Immigration. He has been working in the field for four years.

His main duties relate to international cooperation with international and non-international organisations of the United Nations, including formulation of draft of cooperation agreement, implementation of training program, supervision, coordination and evaluation of the published cooperation agreement. Prior to his current position, He was assigned as the Chief of Tahuna Immigration office in 2014 and Nunukan Immigration office in 2017.



Gading Gumilang Putra

Indonesia

Mr Gading Gumilang Putra is the National Legal Liaison Officer of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Indonesia. JRS Indonesia has taken the role of assisting refugees and asylum seekers since 2009. JRS Indonesia initially accompanied Rohingya asylum seekers in Aceh and North Sumatra before developing assistance for refugees in Medan immigration detention centers (2012-2013 and 2018), Surabaya (2012-2015) and Manado (2015-2018), as well as assistance for urban refugees in Cisarua (2010 - present) and Jakarta (2018 - present). JRS Indonesia provides accompaniment, health services, cash-based assistance for food and housing, psychosocial, informal education, livelihood, protection and advocacy.



Gading graduated from the Faculty of Law, Universitas Gadjah Mada in 2013, specialising in International Law and passed his bar exam in 2017. His role focuses on advocacy, protection and legal aid for JRS Indonesia in Jakarta. Currently his work involves coordination and capacity building among refugee communities, the government, NGOs, and private sector for a stronger collaboration in realising refugee rights in Indonesia and in the region.

Josef Szwarc

Australia

Mr Josef Szwarc works with the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture (Foundation House), which provides a range of services to people of refugee backgrounds, including those seeking asylum who are in immigration detention. Many of its clients in detention have been children of various ages, both with and without family members. As well as providing direct services (eg counseling) to detained children, Foundation House has advocated to the Australian government to provide alternatives to detention. Prior to his current position, Josef worked on diverse social policy and human rights issues for government and non-government agencies in Australia and the UK.



Khairul Amri Ahmad

Malaysia

Mr Khairul Amri Ahmad is the Senior Principal Assistant Director of Children's Division in the Department of Social Welfare. He has 20 years experience in the field of welfare and social work in the Department. Recently, he has just been transferred to the Children's Division from 28 March 2022. Mr Khairul Amri is a member of the Malaysian Association of Social Workers (MASW) and also a member of the Special Project Team (SPT) for the Bills of the Social Worker Profession. His contribution to social work practice in the Department of Social Welfare includes as coordinator in preparation of the Guideline of Social Work Case Management System and the Guideline of Social Work Supervision. Mr Khairul Amri has a Bachelor Degree in Science (Human Development) from University Putra Malaysia (UPM) and Master Degree in Social Science (Social Work) from University Science Malaysia (USM).



Kiradit Sachdev

Thailand

Mr Kiradit Sachdev is a junior diplomat (First Secretary) currently working at the Social Division under the Department of International Organizations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand. His main responsibilities cover issues related to irregular migration such as protection, as well as engaging and cooperating with relevant agencies to reach sustainable solutions on various aspects of irregular migration at local, regional and international levels. Before joining the Social Division, Mr Kiradit was posted to the Royal Thai Embassy in Lima, Peru, from 2016-2019, where he worked as a political and economic officer at the Embassy.



Kyi Thar

Thailand

Mr Kyi Thar is the Project Director of Urban Refugee Program (URP) of Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS), Thailand. He is responsible for the direction and implementation of URP and its staff. His responsibilities include developing new initiatives and project proposals; implementation and evaluation of the approved proposal; administration of the project and care for the JRS team and its relations with the local refugee population and with local authorities



Lilianne Fan

Malaysia

Lilianne Fan is International Director and Co-Founder of Geutanyoe 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 of experience working with refugees, internally displaced persons, and communities affected by conflict and disaster, including in Aceh, Myanmar, Haiti and with Syrian refugees in Jordan, 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 an MA in Anthropology from Columbia University, New York.



Mattika Mathurapotwachana

Thailand

Ms Mattika Mathurapotwachana is the Director of Programs for the Step Ahead Foundation in Thailand. In 2017, Mattika joined the team to develop an innovative foster care program for refugee and asylum seeker children living in Bangkok's Immigration Detention Center. After the 2019 MoU was signed to end the detention of children, Mattika pioneered a program called Freedom for Families in collaboration with other like-minded NGOs to see the release of mothers from detention on bail and reunited with their children.



Mattika continues to give oversight to those Step Ahead projects as the Director of Programs. She is passionate about all children in Thailand growing up in safe and nurturing families. She believes strongly in collective impact and contributes as an active member of the Coalition on the Rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP) and Strong Families Alliance Thailand (SFAT).

Min Jee Yamada Park

International

Min Jee Yamada Park joined the IDC as the Asia-Pacific Programme Officer in 2019. Prior to that, she worked in the areas of detention monitoring, research, policy advocacy, and capacity building, particularly for government actors in Southeast Asia and Africa. Her previous role as a Policy and Research Coordinator with the Thailand Institute of Justice focussed on advocating for the humane treatment of marginalised groups including migrants, stateless persons and ethnic minorities in criminal detention and promoting the implementation of the relevant international human rights standards into national laws and policies in Southeast Asia.



She has also published and spoken at various international and regional platforms on the experiences and challenges of vulnerable groups deprived of liberty, particularly women and their accompanying children, based on her extensive field research in detention facilities in Cambodia, Indonesia, Thailand and Kenya. Min received a Master of Arts in Development Studies from the International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands. She is currently based in Bangkok, Thailand.

Murni Abdul Hamid

Malaysia

Ms Murni Abdul Hamid is the Undersecretary of the Human Rights and Humanitarian Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. Prior to that, she was the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Malaysia in Washington D.C., USA and Counselor at the Permanent Mission of Malaysia to the United Nations in New York, USA. In 2020, she published a journal titled "Malaysia's Membership at the United Nations Security Council 2015-2016: Successes and Setback" in the Malaysian Journal of International Relations, Vol. 8.

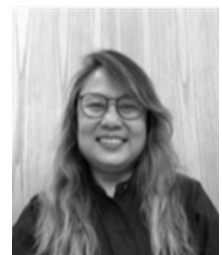


Ms Murni Abdul Hamid holds a Bachelor of Science in Internal Relations (with Honours) from London School of Economics and Political Science and a Master of Arts in International Relations (with Honours) from International University of Japan.

Naiyana Thanawattho

Thailand

Ms Naiyana Thanawattho joined Asylum Access Thailand (AAT) in 2019. She oversees overall operations, programming, and policy advocacy at AAT, working closely with refugee networks on alternative to detention and advocates the government to recognize refugees.



Naiyana has over 12 years' experience working in child protection thematic area both in development and humanitarian aspects with UNICEF, UNHCR and Save the Children. At UNHCR, Naiyana led Best Interest Determination process for refugee children along the Thai-Myanmar border. She also provided child protection technical support to the program implementation team at Save the Children.

Nik Hasni Sabihah binti W. Ab. Rahman

Malaysia

Nik Hasni Sabihah binti W Ab Rahman serves as Assistant Director at the Human Security Unit, National Security Council responsible for refugee management, irregular migration and human rights issues. Her key responsibility in the Ministry are to introduce legislative, policy and administrative reform on women's rights guided by the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). Her key achievements in this role are submission of Malaysia's reports on CEDAW and as a member of special project team to draft domestic laws related to women and gender in Malaysia.



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International

Ms Ni Ni Aung is a Project Manager (Policy and Partnership) of the Regional Support Office of the Bali Process on People Smuggling Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime (RSO). Her key responsibilities are to support refugee protection and international migration projects, including human trafficking and smuggling that the RSO is undertaking in partnership with its strategic partners, such as UNODC, UNHCR, IOM, and the NEXUS Institute.



Besides this, Ni Ni has substantial working experience with IOM Missions, non-governmental organizations, and community-based organizations in Thailand and Myanmar on migrant assistance and protection projects. She is a 2019 Asian Peacebuilders Scholarship (APS) awardee and holds a Masters' Degree in International Law and Human Rights from the United Nations-mandated University for PEACE (UPEACE). Ni Ni holds a Masters' Degree in Business Administration, a Masters' degree in Political Science, and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations. She is fluent in English, Thai, and Myanmar.

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Thailand

Noat Hemindra is a Senior Plan and Policy Analyst at Division of Internal Security, Office of National Security Council. In this role he is in charge of Issues related to irregular migration, he has an opportunity to deal with number challenging task such as drafting policy recommendation to higher authority in solving statelessness person and illegal migration problems. Mr. Noat act as Secretary to the Sub-Committee on Solving Statelessness and related issue under the National Security Council. This committee would purpose the innovative solution in order to expedite granting legal status for stateless person



Noor Aziah Hj. Mohd. Awal

Malaysia

Professor Dato' Noor Azilah Hj. Mohd. Awal was appointed the Children's Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia in August 2019. Professor Dato' Noor Azilah is a Professor of law at Faculty of Law, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM) and has served as Director of Institute Islam Hadhari, UKM and as Chairperson of Biro Kebajikan dan Tabung Pelajaran, Sukmanita UKM since 2000. Professor Dato' Noor Azilah is also a member of the Islamic Religious Council of Negeri Sembilan and was the first female to be appointed to such a post in Negeri Sembilan; the National Advisory and Consultative Council for Children since 2017; the Board of Directors for IKIM; the Editorial Board of Jurnal Kanun, Dewan Bahasa dan Pustaka; and the Disciplinary Panel for Bar Council Disciplinary Committee. In 2016 she was appointed as Malaysian Representative to the Asean Commission on the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children for three years. She has written five books on women, family and the law, and has authored more than 100 articles.



Omar Alkhamash

International

Omar Al-Khamash is Deputy Director of the Geutanyoe Foundation, a regional humanitarian organisation based in Malaysia and Aceh. He is also Co-founder of Refugee Coalition of Malaysia, the first refugee network in Malaysia which includes 14 different refugee communities for the purpose of joint refugee-led advocacy on refugee rights to Malaysian policy makers. Omar also serves as Deputy Head of Secretariat of the All Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Refugee Policy, and Secretariat of the Malaysian Advisory Group on Myanmar.



Born in Syria and having witnessed more than four years of war, Omar has been professionally involved in advocating for refugees rights in Malaysia for more than four years, including on documentation, access to accredited education, access to affordable healthcare and work rights. He has been involved in establishment of a Consortium of Universities that developed a white paper on tertiary education for refugees in Malaysia, and has helped to coordinate and monitor Geutanyoe's award-winning homeschooling programme for Rohingya and Afghan refugee women. Omar is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Laws Degree L.L.B. at the University of London.

Oki Mubarok

Indonesia

Mr Oki Mubarok is the Assistant Deputy Director of Immigration Cooperation with the International Organization of the United Nations of Directorate General of Immigration. He graduated with a Master of Law focusing on the Indonesian immigration law concerning the issue of irregular migrants.

Oki has been working on international organization matters for about two years. His main duty is related to international cooperation with international organisations of the United Nations, including formulation of draft of cooperation agreement, implementation of training program, supervision, coordination and evaluation of the published cooperation agreement.



Parinya (Ann) Boonridrerthaikul

Thailand

Ms Parinya Boonridrerthaikul (Ann) is a Child Protection Officer with UNICEF Thailand. Ann is responsible for programme development, planning, management, monitoring, technical and operational support to the children affected by the migration programme, as well as networking and partnership building with UNICEF Thailand.

Ann has worked on civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights issues over the past twenty years, with experience in both program and management functions. Ann coordinated the Thai Civil Society Organization (CSO) Coalition for the United Nations Universal Periodic Review, during Thailand's second review in 2016. In 2015 and since then, Ann has worked on advocacy campaigns for rights-based migration management for urban refugees and stateless persons, by helping to establish the Coalition for the rights of Refugees and Stateless Persons (CRSP).



Paula Attrill

New Zealand

Ms Paula Attrill is the General Manager of International Casework and Intercountry and Domestic Adoption in the Ministry for Children-Oranga Tamariki. Paula has had a long career in the New Zealand Public Service having held various operational roles in front line service delivery, leadership and management of care and protection, youth justice and adoption services, and advisory roles which have informed significant reform of the State care and protection system in New Zealand.

Paula holds both a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Social Work from Massey University New Zealand. She was recently awarded the Te Tohu Ratonga Tūmatanui o Aotearoa | The New Zealand Public Service Medal recognising her contribution to the New Zealand Public Service.



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 in Thailand. In this role, he is in charge of issues related to illegal migrants especially those in need of international protection. Mr Pitchayadet 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 the human rights issues in Southern Border Provinces of Thailand.



Sharyn Titchener

New Zealand

Ms Sharyn Titchener is a qualified and registered social worker and is currently the Manager of the International Child Protection Unit for Oranga Tamariki-Ministry for Children. Sharyn has a special interest in the protection of children when they are being moved across international borders. For the past 14 years, Sharyn has been contracted as an international consultant by the United Nations, Save the Children and other international organisations, to provide technical assistance to projects in the Pacific. These projects have been aimed at developing and implementing safeguards to protect women and children from violence, exploitation, trafficking and harmful cultural practices.



Sharyn has studied at Massey University (New Zealand) and obtained a Master of Philosophy, a Post Graduate Diploma in Social Policy and Social Work, and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Social Science). Sharyn has also obtained Certificates in 'Monitoring Rights of Children', 'Child Participation' and 'Human Smuggling and Trafficking' from the Human Rights Education Bureau, USA.

Sriprapha Petcharamesree

Thailand

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Suthida Srimongkol

Thailand

Ms. Suthida Srimongkol, Director of Protection System Development Sub-Division at Department of Children and Youth, Ministry of Social Development and Human Security. She plays a significant role in developing a child protection system at the policy and implementation level. In addition, she oversees the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in Thailand and the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Implementing the ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration.

Ms. Suthida is passionate and specializes in providing social welfare services and foster family services for vulnerable children. She led the implementation of the alternatives to immigration detention of children and their families in Thailand and oversight the development of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) framework as a tool to support the Royal Thai Government to fulfill the obligations under the MOU on ATD and international child rights standards.



Temme Lee

Malaysia

Temme Lee is the ATD Coordinator at SUKA Society. She is working with the government to implement an alternative to detention for unaccompanied and separated minors pilot program in Malaysia.

She has more than 10 years' experience in human rights advocacy, with a primary focus on refugee protection. She also has 4 years' experience working on refugee child protection case management. Prior to SUKA Society, Temme worked at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network (APRRN). She holds a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in International Studies and Writing, from Monash University Malaysia.



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Thananya Plainoi is a Plan and Policy Analyst at Division of Internal Security, Office of National Security Council. In this role she is in charge of Issues related to irregular migration especially nationality and statelessness person. She also has opportunity to deal with many challenging responsibilities such as reducing and resolving on statelessness person and evaluation the policy framework about children migrants.

Miss Thananya is one of assistant secretary in the sub-committee on solving stateless person and related issues under the National Security council. This subcommittee aim to purpose the innovative solution in order to expedite the process of granting legal status in Thailand.



Tri Nuke Pudjiastuti

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Dr Tri Nuke Pudjiastuti is the Deputy Chair for Social Sciences and Humanities at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences in Jakarta. She 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 completed her 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. 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 upon Indonesia, it also notes regional mobility, particularly at the level of ASEAN. She has also produced position and policy papers for the Indonesian government.



Upinya Boonruangnam

Thailand

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In this position, she is responsible for working on Thailand's National Screening Mechanism (NSM) jointly with key government departments and foreign organizations for the Thai Immigration Bureau in the committee's secretary team.



Vivienne Chew

International

Ms Vivienne Chew joined the International Detention Coalition (IDC) as the Asia Pacific Regional Coordinator in 2012. Prior to that, she worked for over eight years with refugee and asylum seeking communities, predominantly in countries of first asylum. During that time, she successfully established and managed refugee legal aid programs for Asylum Access in Thailand and Tanzania. Vivienne has undertaken a number of research projects on children's rights, birth registration, statelessness, and the inclusion of refugees in the formal labour market in Malaysia.



Vivienne holds a Law degree from the University of Cardiff, Wales, and a Master's degree in International Human Rights from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver. Prior to joining the humanitarian sector, she practiced as a corporate finance lawyer for Clifford Chance LLP in London and Thailand.

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Thailand

Yuhanee Jehka is Regional Manager for Host International Foundation Thailand. She joined HOST international in 2021 to develop the community-based case management program for refugees and asylum seeker children and their families who are released from Immigration Detention in Thailand. Yuhanee is also a Human Right Lawyer from Bangkok Thailand. She brings with her wealth of experience, having worked with refugee communities in urban and camp contexts. After graduating from law school, Yuhanee worked as a human rights lawyer and has been working in refugee protection and legal advocacy for the past 9 years. In this role, she has assisted urban refugees and asylum seekers with their refugee status and resettlement to a third country in accordance with the RSD process



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About the Organisers

The Asia Dialogue on Forced Migration (ADFM) is a Track II process established in August 2015 to pursue more effective, durable and dignified approaches to forced migration in the Asia-Pacific. It has become a leading expert group on issues of forced migration in the region, trusted by the Bali Process and ASEAN for independent and credible advice. The ADFM Secretariat comprises policy institutes in four countries: the Centre for Policy Development in Australia, the National Research and Innovation Agency (BRIN) in Indonesia, the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University Thailand, and the Institute of Strategic and International Studies Malaysia.



The International Detention Coalition (IDC) is a global network of over 400 civil society organisations and individuals in almost 90 countries who advocate to secure the human rights of people impacted by and at-risk of immigration detention. IDC has been collaborating with governments, civil society and intergovernmental agencies globally and within the Asia Pacific region for over 10 years to support the development of community-based alternatives to immigration detention, particularly for children.

