

Board Paper 2018.1

The elections were conducted according to the approved procedure. Nominations were circulated (annex 1). Dr Alison Gillwald declined the nomination. Dr Americo Muchanga's name was included and voted upon. Dr Siopo Ofa was elected but has indicated that ESCAP procedures do not permit him to serve. All nominees received over 11 affirmative votes. The new Board composition, as of January 1, 2019 is given below

	Name	Gender	Country	Expertise	Term ends	Funding Y
1	Americo Muchanga	Male	Mozambique		2022	2019
2	Ashok Jhunjhunwala, PhD	Male	India	Telecommunication, m-banking, urban-rural	2020	2019
3	Dong Hee Shin	Male	Korea		2022	2020
4	Erwin Alampay, PhD	Male	Philippines	Finance, mobile banking, research methodology	2022	2020
5	Helani Galpaya	Female	Sri Lanka		2020	2019
6	Krishna Oolun, PhD	Male	Mauritius		2020	2019
7	Masanori Kondo	Male	Japan		2022	2020
8	Monica Kerrets Makau, PhD	Female	Kenya		2020	2019
9	Nirmita Narasimhan, PhD	Female	India		2020	2019
10	Olivier Nana Nzepa, PhD	Male	Cameroon		2020	2019
11	Payal Malik	Female	India	Competition and regulation, economics	2020	2020
12	Pirongrong Ramasoota, PhD	Female	Thailand	Media policy, social networking, Data protection, privacy	2022	2020
13	Rasheda Sultana	Female	Bangladesh		2022	2020
14	Rohan Samarajiva, PhD (Chair)	Male	Sri Lanka	Reform, regulation, legal, policy, big data, privacy	2022	2019
15	Supriya Singh, PhD	Female	Australia	Sociology, m-banking, information and communication technologies, qualitative methodology, globalization	2022	2020
16	Timothy Waema, PhD	Male	Kenya	Information systems, strategic management	2022	2020
17	Tracy Cohen, PhD	Female	South Africa		2020	2019
18	Zhong Liu, PhD	Male	China	Economics, telecommunication, information economics	2020	2020

The male/female ratio has not changed and remains at 55:45. The African representation has decreased from 45 percent to 33 percent; while the E Asian and Oceania percentage has more than doubled from 15 to 33. S and SE Asia has marginally increased from 40 percent to 44 percent. Given the latter category includes India (1.3 billion), Indonesia (264 million), Pakistan (197 million) and Bangladesh (164 million), this is not unreasonable, though efforts should be made to increase the African representation on the Board. From now on, elections will be held every two years for approximately half the membership.

Annex 1: Nominees for CPRsouth Board

Profiles

Nominees 1-6 and 10 are nominated by Rohan Samarajiva. Nominees 7-9 are renominations by Ashok Jhunjunwala. Americo Muchanga was nominated by Alison Gillwald.

1. Erwin Alampay, Philippines

Dr. Erwin Gaspar A. Alampay is Associate Professor of Public Administration at the National College of Public Administration and Governance in the Philippines. His specializations include active citizenship, e-governance, ICT policy, ICTs for development, organizational studies and management, systems analysis, and voluntary sector management.

He is the current Director of the Center for Local and Regional Governance (CLRG) who also previously served as the Director of the Center for Leadership, Citizenship and Democracy (CLCD). He is Senior Editor of the Electronic Journal of Information Systems in Developing Countries (EJISDC) and is a Senior Research Fellow with LirneAsia. He does extensive research on information and communication technologies for development, telecommunication policy and e-governance. In line with this, he has worked with various ICTD networks such as LirneAsia, Technology and Social Change (TASCHA)-University of Washington, Strengthening Information Society Research Capacity Alliance (SIRCA), OpenNet Initiative, etc. Recent articles he has published include: Harmonizing e-Government initiatives in the Philippines: a collaborative institutional framework and Social Media and Citizen-engagement: Two Cases from the Philippines.

He was the Asia-Pacific Regional Coordinator for the Amy Mahan Research Fellowship Grant, and Editor of the book 'Living the Information Society in Asia' (2009) (ISEAS Press). He is currently a Research Fellow with the Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion (IMTFI), University of California-Irvine doing research on the use of mobile money for conditional cash transfers to the poor.

2. Alison GILLWALD, South Africa

Alison Gillwald (PhD) is the Executive Director of Research ICT Africa (RIA). She holds an adjunct professorship at the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Development, Policy and Practice where she supervises PhD candidates focusing on ICT policy and regulation.

President Mandela, on parliamentary advice, appointed Alison to the founding Council of South African Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (SATRA) in 1997.

In 1994, she set up the policy department at the first Independent Broadcasting Authority.

Alison also served on the first South African National Digital Advisory Body, which reported on digital migration in 2001. She continues to serve on the board of the South African Broadcasting Corporation. She is also deputy chairperson of the SA National Broadband Advisory Council.

3. Masanori KONDO, Japan/Thailand

Masanori Kondo is Deputy Secretary General of the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity (APT) since February 2015. Before he joined APT, he worked at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC), Japan for about 25 years and built his career as an expert on international affairs in the field of ICT. He holds B.A. in Economics from Keio University and MSc. in Economics from the London School of Economics (LSE). He also served as visiting scholar in several universities in Japan and U.S.A including Keio University (2013) and Harvard University (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2004). He participated in CPRsouth 1 and 2 and gave the dinner speech at the Taipei conference in 2015.

4. Dong Hee SHIN, Korea

Donghee (Don) Shin is a Full Professor of School of Media and Communication at Chung-Ang University and a Distinguished Endowed Professor of Ministry of Education in Korea. Prior to Chung-Ang University, he was a former founding Chair of the Department Interaction Science at Sungkyunkwan University. As a Director of Interaction Science Research Center, he also served as a Principal Investigator of BK21 Plus, a national research project hosted by the Ministry of Education in Korea. Dr. Shin received his Master's and Ph.D. degree from Syracuse University. Prior to coming to Korea, he was an Assistant Professor at College of Information Science and Technology, Penn State University (2004-2009).

Dr. Shin has served as an editorial board at 12 journals of internationally recognized journals including Telecommunications Policy, Computers in Human Behaviors, Journal of Computer-Mediated Communications, Information Processing and Management, Internet Research, Info, Journal of Information Policy, and Journalism Mass Communication Quarterly, Journal of Mobile Communications. He has served Associate Editor for Computers in Human Behaviors and Information Technology and People. He has presented papers at several CPRsouth conferences.

5. Rasheda SULTANA, Bangladesh

Rasheda Sultana is Head of Financial Services at Grameenphone Ltd (the largest mobile phone operator in Bangladesh). Previously, she headed the Regulatory and Corporate Affairs functions at GP. In her 13 year plus, career at GP she has worked on Corporate Strategy & Business Development, Regulatory Strategy, Government Relation and Interconnection. She has related experience at Telenor India and Telenor Pakistan. She has completed her Masters in Accounting and Information System from University of Dhaka. Following are some research products presented at CPRSouth and other international forums.

1. 'Mobile Financial Services (MFS) Business and Regulations: Evolution in South Asian Markets (https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2524220)
2. 'Universal Service Fund Utilization: Lesson from Pakistan' (http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1976117)

3. ‘Management of Multi-operator interconnection through interconnection exchange- a case study of Bangladesh ’
(http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1725126)
4. ‘Mobile banking: Overview of regulatory frameworks in emerging markets ’
(http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=1554160)
5. Spectrum Commons: Redefining the future of spectrum management’ at CPR Africa conference
6. Presented Keynote ‘Addressing M-banking Regulatory Hurdles across Regions’ at 5th Annual Asia Pacific Mobile Financial Service Summit, September 2011, Singapore.
7. Presented Keynote on ‘What are driving global ICT Growth: Asia, China, India...’ at 2nd EC Joint Research Center (JRC) BRIC workshop on October 2011, Johannesburg, South Africa).

6. Siopo Vakataki ‘OFA, Pacific Island Countries/Thailand

Siopo Vakataki ‘Ofa is an Economic Affairs Officer in the ICT and Development Section, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific. Siopo Vakataki ‘Ofa graduated from the Crawford School of Economics and Government, the Australian National University. His PhD research focused on the credibility of international trade agreements on telecommunications regulatory reforms in Developing Countries. He is the author of the book, *Telecommunications Regulatory Reform in Small Island Developing States: The Impact of WTO's Telecommunications Commitment* (Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2012, ISBN: 1-4438-3523-42012), several book chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles on telecommunications policy and international trade respectively.

Dr. ‘Ofa has contributed substantive inputs to ESCAP Working Papers’ in the area of ICT including:

1. ESCAP (2017), ‘Artificial Intelligence and Broadband Divide: State of ICT Connectivity in Asia and the Pacific 2017’,
http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/State_of_ICT2017_Final.pdf
2. ESCAP (2017), ‘The Impact of Universal Service Funds on Fixed-Broadband Deployment and Internet Adoption in Asia and the Pacific’,
<http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Universal%20Access%20and%20Service%20Funds%20final.pdf>
3. (ESCAP (2017), ‘A Study of ICT Connectivity for the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI): Enhancing the Collaboration in China-Central Asia Corridor’,
<http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/ICT-Connectivity-for-Belt-and-Road-Initiative-in-China-Central-Asia-Corridor.pdf>
4. ESCAP (2017), ‘Building a Resilient Digital Economy: Fostering SMEs in Central Asia’,
<http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/SMEs%20in%20SPECA%20final%20revisions%20final%20version.pdf>

5. ESCAP (2017), ‘Promoting investment in the Asia-Pacific Information Superhighway (AP-IS)’, http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/PB%20No.49%20Asia-Pacific%20Information%20Superhiway_0.pdf
6. ESCAP (2017), ‘Effect of Open International Gateways on the Broadband Connectivity Market’, http://www.unescap.org/sites/default/files/Effect_of_Open_International_Gateways_on_the_Broadband_Connectivity_Market_0.pdf
7. ESCAP (2017), ‘Planning processes, policies and initiatives in ICTD education at institutions of higher learning (IHLs) in Asia and the Pacific’, <http://www.unescap.org/resources/planning-processes-policies-and-initiatives-ictd-education-institutions-higher-learning>
8. ESCAP (2016), ‘State of ICT in Asia and the Pacific 2016: Uncovering the Widening Broadband Divide’, <http://www.unescap.org/resources/state-ict-asia-and-pacific-2016-uncovering-widening-broadband-divide>

In addition, other researches in the telecommunications sector has been published in refereed journal articles/books including:

9. ‘Telecommunications reform in Fiji, Samoa and Vanuatu and the credibility problem: the impact of independent regulators’, Pacific Economic Bulletin, Volume 25 Number 1 2010, http://peb.anu.edu.au/pdf/PEB25_1_Ofa.pdf
10. ‘The WTO’s telecommunications commitments and the credibility of telecommunications regulatory reforms in small island developing states’, Pacific Economic Bulletin, Volume 24 Number 3 October 2009, http://peb.anu.edu.au/pdf/PEB_24_3_Ofa.pdf
11. Book Chapter: ‘Telecom regulatory reforms and the credibility problem: case studies from PNG and Tonga’, Asian Development Bank, 2010, ISBN:978-92-9092-313-8 (print), 978-92-9092-351-0 (web), <http://www.adb.org/publications/political-economy-economic-reform-pacific>

Dr. ‘Ofa’s current research interest is on telecommunications regulatory reform, international trade, illicit financial flows, and financing ICT infrastructure for sustainable development. He has served in different capacities the Government of Tonga, the World Trade Organization, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

7. Pirongrong RAMASOOTA, Thailand

Rananand, Pirongrong Ramasoota, PhD, is currently Head of the Department of Journalism and Information, at the Faculty of Communication Arts, Chulalongkorn University. She is also Director of the Media Policy Center (MPC) which is a collaborative project between the Faculty of Communication Arts and the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) of Thailand. She has actively participated in several advocacy endeavors related to media reform, including being commissioner in

the reading of the country's first Public Television law, and consistently organizing seminars about media policy and regulation. She received her PhD in communication studies from Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada, where she received the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) scholarship. She was also one of the principal researchers in the famous Media Reform research project, funded by the Thailand Research Fund (TRF). Her research interests include media policy and regulation, social implications of ICTs, and media and democratization.

8. Rohan SAMARAJIVA, Sri Lanka

Rohan Samarajiva is founding Chair of LIRNEasia, an ICT policy and regulation think tank active across emerging Asia and the Pacific. He was CEO from 2004 to 2012. His most recent co-authored book (2013) is *Information lives of the poor: Fighting poverty with technology*, published in English, French, Myanmar and Spanish.

Samarajiva was Team Leader at the Sri Lanka Ministry for Economic Reform, Science and Technology (2002-04) responsible for infrastructure reforms, including participation in the design of the USD 83 million e Sri Lanka Initiative. He was Director General of Telecommunications in Sri Lanka (1998-99), a founder director of the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka (2003-05), Honorary Professor at the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka (2003-04), Visiting Professor of Economics of Infrastructures at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands (2000-03) and Associate Professor of Communication and Public Policy at the Ohio State University in the US (1987-2000). He was Policy Advisor to the Ministry of Post and Telecom in Bangladesh (2006-09).

Samarajiva serves on the Privacy Advisory Group of UN Global Pulse. He serves as Senior Advisor to Sarvodaya (Sri Lanka's largest community based organization) on ICT matters and on the Steering Committee on Infrastructure Development of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce. Samarajiva is a Board Member of Communication Policy Research south, an initiative to identify and foster policy intellectuals in emerging Asia. He is a member of the Board and former Chair of the Lanka Software Foundation and Board Member of Research ICT Africa. He serves on the editorial boards of five academic journals.

9. Supriya SINGH, Australia

Prof. Supriya Singh is the Professor of Sociology of Communications at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University. She also the deputy head at the Research, Graduate School of Business and Law, RMIT University. She is the Project Leader of Smart Services Cooperative Research Centre and Program Leader of Community Sustainability, Global Cities Research Institute, RMIT University. Her research is focused on the sociology of money and banking, user-centred design of information and communication technologies, qualitative methodology and the domestic aspects of globalization.

10. Tim WAEMA, Kenya

Prof. Timothy Mwololo Waema is a Professor of Information Systems at the School of Computing and Informatics at the University of Nairobi. He holds a PhD in Strategic Management of Information Systems from Cambridge University (UK) and a BA (Hons) in Electrical and Electronics Engineering from the University of Bath (UK). Prof. Waema has extensive ICT4D (ICT for development) research experience and is widely published in journals, conference proceedings and books. He has consulted for over 30 years in ICT and management in both public and private sector organizations throughout Africa and is a professional member of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).