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Bios of Speakers

Dr Javad Mottaghi, Secretary-General, Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union

Dr Javad Mottaghi is the Secretary-General of the ABU. Before joining the ABU, he was Director of the AIBD for 12 years. He has 35 years of national and international broadcasting experience in news and programming. Dr Mottaghi holds a PhD Degree from the University of Teesside in England, a Master Degree in Management and a Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from Tehran Sharif University of Technology. Dr Mottaghi won the Elizabeth R Award for Exceptional Contribution to Public Service Broadcasting.



Russell Isaac, Managing Director, Sports Media Services Ltd



Russell Isaac is Managing Director of Sports Media Services Ltd - one of Wales' most successful production companies producing sports and documentary programming for worldwide distribution. In the late 70's as a MA research student with the Social Science Research Council, he joined the world of Broadcasting in 1980 and subsequently worked for ITV and BBC TV and Radio in news and current affairs as a reporter/presenter before becoming an independent programme producer in the 1990's.

Akinori Hashimoto, Executive Controller – NHK Japan



Akinori Hashimoto joined NHK as a reporter in 1981 after graduating at the faculty of economics, Hitotsubashi University. Since then, he has been working for news, mainly covering natural disasters for the first 10 years and international news for more than 20 years. He used to be a correspondent to Bangkok, Hanoi and Beijing for 8 years. Since 2014, as an Executive Controller for the international relations, he has been introducing NHK's news reporting on natural disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, torrential rains and volcanic eruptions, in order to share the experience with foreign broadcasters.

Satinder Bindra, Principal Director, Department of External Relations, Asian Development Bank

Satinder Bindra is the Principal Director, Department of External Relations (DER) at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) since August 2013. As head of external relations, Mr Bindra is responsible for the corporate communications, media relations, publishing, information disclosure, and web strategies of the Manila-based multilateral development bank. DER's key priority is to support ADB's overarching mandate of reducing poverty in the Asia and Pacific Region, home to two-thirds of the world's poor, through inclusive growth, environmentally sustainable growth and regional integration.



Aqeel Qureshi, Founder and CEO, Techbility



Aqeel Qureshi is the Founder and CEO of Techbility, a company that specializes in Accessible Website Development, Mobile Applications, Accessibility Audit and Evaluation (Web and App), Research on Assistive Technology and Disability Inclusive Disaster Risk Reduction (DiDRR). He is an editor of the GAATES Global Accessibility News, which has more than 35,000 subscribers globally. Aqeel is an internationally recognized accessibility expert who has been working on the Universal Design of Web

Accessibility, information and Communications Technology (ICT) and DiDRR. He has more than 18 years in the accessibility field and brings the experience, knowledge and passion needed to help organizations and digital agencies make a difference to persons with disabilities by complying with accessibility guidelines and standards. As a disability rights campaigner, he has actively advocated for the rights of persons with disabilities."

Martin Hadlow, Independent Consultant



Martin Hadlow is an independent consultant based in Australia. He was previously Secretary-General of the Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC). Earlier he was Foundation Director of the Centre for Communication and Social Change in the School of Journalism and Communication at the University of Queensland in Australia. He joined the university following a career with UNESCO, where he served as Director and Representative of field offices in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Jordan, Iraq,

Malaysia and Sri Lanka and in senior roles at headquarters in Paris, including Director of the Division of Freedom of Expression, Democracy and Peace and acting Director of the Bureau of Public Information.

Anothai Udomsilp, Independent, Consultant

Anothai Udomsilp is an independent consultant based in Thailand. He was previously Director of the Academic Institute of Thai Public Broadcasting Service (ThaiPBS). Having worked in various areas for more than 35 years, Anothai joined ThaiPBS as Director of the Academic Institute in 2009. He was responsible for Media Research and Development, Training, and the Operation of Information Centre of ThaiPBS. His particular interest includes Quality Management and Branding for Media Organisation, Media and Information Literacy, Gender Equality in Media, and Civic Education.



Suvendrini Kakuchi, Communications Director, SEEDS Asia



Suvendrini Kakuchi directs the communications and publications section at SEEDS Asia, Kobe, Japan. She has a career background as a development journalist writing about development themes in Asia and Japan. Kakuchi is currently based in Varanasi, India, for the Participatory Community based Disaster Risk Reduction project implemented by SEEDS Asia and Banaras Hindu University, Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development.

The project, implemented under the Kyoto Varanasi Partner City Affiliation Agreement, endeavours to strengthen disaster risk awareness, preparedness through city to city exchanges.

Chris Field, Founding Director, Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology

Chris Field is the founding director of the Carnegie Institution's Department of Global Ecology and Melvin and Joan Lane Professor for Interdisciplinary Environmental Studies at Stanford University. Field's research emphasizes field and laboratory studies of impacts of climate change, from the molecular to the global scale. He was, from 2008 to 2015, co-chair of Working Group II of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which led the effort on the IPCC Special Report on Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (2012) and Working Group II contribution to the IPCC Fifth Assessment Report (2014). Field's research has been recognized with several American and international awards, including the Max Planck Research Award and the Roger Revelle Medal, and with election to learned societies, including the US National Academy of Sciences (2001). Field received his PhD from Stanford in 1981 and has been at the Carnegie Institution for Science since 1984.



Miharu Sato, Project Coordinator, SEEDS Asia

Miharu Sato, a project coordinator of SEEDS Asia, a Kobe based Japanese non-profitable organization specialized in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Education and community DRR, leads a project in Dhaka titled "Capacity Building for Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction in Urban Areas of Bangladesh" which is jointly implemented with Dhaka North City Corporation (DNCC) supported by Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA). In DNCC's endeavours to build a safer and resilient city, the project aims to establish a sustainable system where communities can



implement and continue their DRR activities.

Natalia Ilieva, Head of SG's office, Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union

In ABU Natalia is responsible for strategy development, members and external relations and marketing. She is overseeing the ABU outreach campaigns Saving Lives: Preparing for Disasters and Broadcasting For All: Focus on Gender, an initiative for all inclusive broadcasting. Her journalistic experience spans over two decades across print and electronic media working for public service and commercial organisations. Natalia began her career in Bulgarian National Television as a Foreign Desk Editor and Economic Correspondent.



Ahmed Nadeem, Head of Production Technologies, Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union



Ahmed Nadeem is an Engineer and has been working in the broadcasting industry for over 18 years. Prior to joining the ABU he was the Chief Engineer at the National Broadcaster in Maldives and has worked with a System Integrator in Singapore. Since he joined the ABU in 2008, Ahmed Nadeem has been involved in the Union's activities on Early Warnings and Disaster Risk Reduction and represented ABU in the regional UNISDR forums including the 3rd UN World Conference on DRR in Sendai in March 2015. He has been instrumental in developing and implementing of several ground-breaking workshops on media interventions for climate change adaptation and disaster preparedness, as well on ICT for inclusive broadcasting.

Engr. Professor Shahab Afroz Khan, CEO, PLANWEL



Shahab has over 25 years experience in ICT for development. He has worked for the private, academic, NGO and public (national government) sectors, and in international organizations. As CEO of PLANWEL, an ICT based not-for-profit organization in Pakistan, Shahab is responsible for all local and international projects, including the UNESCAP Telecenter projects. Shahab has also worked as a volunteer on various UN agencies projects. He is an important member of a federal government educational institution and has helped to set up video conferencing laboratories for educational projects. A strong believer in the applications of technology for education and every other human activity, Shahab received his graduate degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from Kansas State University, USA.

Shihan Zuberi, Senior Producer, BBC Media Action



Shihan has extensive experience in the international broadcast media arena, having worked for the BBC and as a freelance media professional in several countries as a series producer, TV producer/director, presenter, self-shooting filmmaker, cameraman, video editor and photographer. Currently he is employed by the BBC Media Action in Bangladesh as a senior producer for factual programmes where his experience and skills have enabled him to design, develop and lead at every stage of the production process from concept to broadcast for programmes varying in both length and format. Shihan's talents as a broadcast media professional were recognized in 2010 when he was awarded the prestigious Kari Blackburn New Talent Award for Best New Talent at the BBC Global Reith Awards in London.

Arif Al Mamun, Acting Head of Research, BBC Media Action, Bangladesh.

Arif is interested in and working on a range of issues related to governance, climate change, maternal and neonatal child health and media in the developing world. At present he is managing a large research team in the BBC Media Action Bangladesh office and overseeing several projects, which aim to enable citizens to participate in public dialogue and hold government to account and help people cope better in future crisis situations with a focus on extreme weather events. Arif has an expertise of both quantitative and qualitative techniques in his research and has a special interest in studies on media impacts on climate change adaptation and governance. Arif is a Bangladeshi. He received MBA degree from University of Dhaka and completed Bachelor Degree in Statistics from the same university.



Dr Elizabeth Sonto-Mendoza, President & Director, Courseline Media International Services

Dr Elizabeth Sonto-Mendoza is the president and director of Courseline Media International Services, Inc. She has been a radio talent, scriptwriter and director. At present, CMIS serves as service provider to academic institutions, government and non government units thru hosting of seminars, conferences, summits and forum.

