



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.



S.M. Haroon-or-Rashid, Director General, Bangladesh Television

Mr S.M. Haroon-or-Rashid, Director General of Bangladesh Television is a senior member of the Civil Service Administration Cadre. He is a cultural activist, playwright, novelist and visual content creator. He has a diversified work background in different capacities for more than 31 years. He worked in different units of the field administration. Mr. Haroon's work stations at the central level include NGO Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Post and Telecommunication, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Shipping etc. He has a vast experience in disaster preparedness and disaster management activities including post disaster relief and rehabilitation works. He is a resource person in the field of media and communication. Mr.

Haroon wrote many television dramas, motivational TV spots and scripts basing on different social, development, environmental and humanitarian issues. He is an expert on writing and making contents for awareness raising and motivational purposes.



Russell Isaac, Managing Director, Sports Media Services Ltd

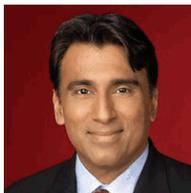
Russell Isaac is Managing Director of Sports Media Services Ltd - one of Wales' most successful production companies producing sports and documentary programming for worldwide distribution. In the late 70's as a MA research student with the Social Science Research Council, he joined the world of Broadcasting in 1980 and subsequently worked for ITV and BBCTV 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.



AHM Bazlur Rahman, Chief Executive Officer & Founder of Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication

AHM Bazlur Rahman-S21BR is Chief Executive Officer and founder Secretary of Bangladesh NGOs Network for Radio and Communication (BNNRC). From 1998 - 2010, he lead an advocacy on community radio that pioneered the introduction of community radio in Bangladesh. He has more than 20 years' experience in leveraging community media and communication to create successful policy advocacy in Bangladesh in line with rural development voices for the voiceless. He has published several articles on Community Radio and co-author of Handbook on Community Radio for Good Governance and Development, Handbook on Airwaves Advocacy in Bangladesh and Policy Advocacy Plan for Community Radio in Bangladesh.



Mofizur Rhaman, Chairperson of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, University of Dhaka

Mofizur Rhaman is a Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Mass Communication and Journalism at the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh. He is a founding member of global MediaClimate Network and researcher in the Climate Crossroad Project at the University of Bergen, Norway. He wrote chapters for several books on climate change and journalism such as Global Climate - Local Journalism: A transnational study of how media make sense of climate system, Media Meets Climate: The global challenge for journalism, Media and Global Climate Knowledge: Journalism and the IPCC. He takes special interest on the issues of journalistic norms and values in general and their application in climate change and environmental journalism in particular. He can be contacted at mofizur@gmail.com



Mofizur Rahman, Research Investigator (Environment & Climate Change), Climate Change and Health, icddr

Mr Mofizur is an Environmental Science graduate with an interest in several areas including biodiversity conservation, ecology and environmental science. He is interested in ecosystem services, how it may enhance human well-being as well as how human decisions may affect ecosystem services and processes. Mr Mofizur is currently working as research investigator at the Initiative for Climate Change and Health. He holds a Master of Science degree in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation from Europe (under Erasmus Mundus scholarship programme), and B.Sc. degree in Environmental Science from Khulna University, Bangladesh and has been involved in research projects dealing with deltaic ecosystem services in the context of socio-ecological systems as well as projects exploring the implications of climate change and salinity intrusion on human health in the coastal delta of Bangladesh.



Joan Warner, Chief Executive Officer, Commercial Radio Australia

As CEO of Commercial Radio Australia (CRA) Joan was responsible for the planning, roll-out and implementation of DAB+ digital radio in the five metropolitan capitals covering over 60% of the Australian population, and continues the DAB+ implementation for commercial radio broadcasters across regional Australia. She oversees the whole of industry marketing campaign, Radio Codes of Practice, audience survey contracts and industry copyright agreements. She is responsible for the annual National Commercial Radio Conference, Siren Creative Awards and Australian Commercial Radio Awards.



Donna May Lina, President, UBE MEDIA, Inc.

Donna May Lina has a wide experience in various aspects of communication and media production. Currently, she is also the Executive Producer of the longest running all-weather show in the Philippines, Panahon.TV. Among her notable productions are Retired Chief Justice Artemio Panganiban, Jr's bio-musical Ageless Passion (2011), Aliw Award Winner for Best Stage Collaboration Manila Symphony Orchestra's Rockestra (2005), Gawad Urian Best Film for 2001 Batang West Side. She has produced television programs such as A Round of Golf on Solar Sports (2008- May 2012) and Hapinas on QTV (2006), Sa Totoo Lang on Zoe TV 11 (2000-2001), Anak Seal Awardee Next Stop on NBN(2005). She also segment produced for various programs for Cinema One such as Review Night (2000-2001) and Access (2001-2002), Digital Tour on Studio 23 (2000), Kikay Machine on Juice (2002). She also hosted a baseball sports program Ninth Inning (2009) together with Anthony Suintay on Makisig Channel. A cum laude graduate of Broadcast Communication from the University of the Philippines, she also received the best thesis distinction together with Garlic Garcia for their thesis video, Mabuhay Ka, Iskolar ng Bayan. She received a certificate in film production from the New York University School of Continuing and Professional Studies. Donna enjoys watching films and concerts, traveling, dining out, and playing a round of golf. As a leader, she believes in encouraging her team to give only the best and success will surely follow.



Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen, Director of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka

Professor Dr. Mahbuba Nasreen is the Director of the Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies (IDMVS), University of Dhaka, and is one of the founders of the IDMVS. Prior to joining to the IDMVS she has served as a Professor in the Department of Sociology at the same university. She has been working in the fields of environment, education, gender & social inclusion, climate change & disasters since last three decades and conducted several pioneering research in relevant fields. Commonwealth Scholar Prof. Mahbuba has received the Mary Fran Myers Award, 2016 from the Natural Hazards Centre, University of Colorado (Boulder), USA for her three-decade long outstanding contributions in the field of Disaster & Gender studies. Dr. Mahbuba has a large number of national and international publications. She has contributed to several recent policies in home and abroad as member of delegation/technical appraisal; advisory committee/author including education curriculum; SDGs; drafting chapter for the Seventh Five Year Plan; Climate Change Gender Action Plans; National Conservation Strategies; Disaster Risk Reduction. Dr. Mahbuba is the honourable Chancellor nominated Senate Member & elected member of the Teachers' Association of the University of Dhaka.



Benjamin Strauss, Vice President for Sea Level and Climate Impacts, Climate Central

Dr. Benjamin Strauss serves as Vice President for Sea Level and Climate Impacts at Climate Central. He is a national expert and author of numerous scientific papers and reports on sea level rise, as well as architect of the Surging Seas suite of maps, tools and visualizations. Strauss has testified before the U.S. Senate and presented to state and local elected officials, and the White House has highlighted his work. His research and Surging Seas have generated coverage across the U.S. and internationally by, among others, the New York Times, Washington Post, AP, Reuters, Bloomberg, The Guardian and USA Today, totaling more than 7,500 stories. He has appeared as an expert on national network news, nationally syndicated radio and documentary television.

In earlier roles at Climate Central, Dr. Strauss served as interim Executive Director and COO. He was a founding board member of Grist.org and the Environmental Leadership Program. Strauss co-organized the 1994 Campus Earth Summit, and consulted to the Nathan Cummings Foundation on higher education and the environment. He holds a Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Princeton University, an M.S. in Zoology from the University of Washington, and a B.A. in Biology from Yale University.



Abdusattor Esoev, Deputy Chief of Mission, IOM Bangladesh

Mr Abdusattor Esoev is the Deputy Chief of Mission of IOM Bangladesh. He is responsible for overseeing and strategizing the mission's overall programme including strategic partnership with key stakeholders. Mr. Abdusattor has almost 20 years of experience in emergencies and post crisis as well as in development sector. He has served in a number of senior key positions across several IOM missions for the last 15 years in Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Sudan. Starting to work in his home country Tajikistan from the position of Senior Programme Assistant in 2002 Esoev made strong career growth in the mission with his last position as Chief of Mission a.i. between 2007-08. In IOM Afghanistan he led the largest programme operations in the mission heading Kandahar Sub-Office. During his tenure with IOM Sudan he managed the joint IOM/UNDP conflict reduction programme, which helped hundred communities in conflict bring in peaceful coexistence through peace process and sustainable community stabilization initiatives.

Esoev is an MBA graduate from University of Liverpool UK, currently pursuing his doctorate in Public Policy and Administration with Walden University, US. He also holds two Bachelor's Degrees in Economics and Linguistics. In additions to his mother tongue (Tajik) and English he speaks Russian and basic Arabic.



Atiq Kainan Ahmed, Programme Manager, Climate Change and Climate Risk Management, Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)

Mr Atiq Ahmed is a prominent Regional Expert in the areas of climate and disaster risk management, community resilience, community based adaptation and people-centric multi-hazard early warning systems in the Asia-Pacific. He is working at the Bangkok based Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) since 2006 and brings about two decades of extensive experiences of bringing science, institutions and societal applications to diverse set of societies together to build climate resilience and adaptation in various social-ecological systems ranging from plainland, deltas, coastal zone, riverine systems, mountain systems, drylands, in the Asia-Pacific countries. He has extensive experiences in several pioneering works including development of coastal community resilience (CCR) framework, climate-smart disaster risk management (CSDRM), integrated water management (IWRM), climate risk management (CRM) and setting up strategic programs for climate forecast application and climate change adaptation and strategic involvement of science and society through innovative measures. He has studied at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London and an honourable Fellow of the Society for Applied Anthropology, USA and member of the American Meteorological Society (AMS). He is also one of the expert reviewers of the International Panel of Climate Change's (IPCC) latest assessment report (AR5) for the two working groups.



Richard Lace, Country Director Bangladesh, BBC Media Action:

Richard has a total of 15 years' experience working in the media and development fields, including in Europe and Africa as well as Bangladesh. He has been leading the BBC Media Action office in Bangladesh since early 2014, and leads a team of 80 staff to deliver media and communications projects that aim to improve family health, enable people hold their leaders to account, and help people improve their economic security and preparedness for disaster. Prior to becoming Country Director, Richard led BBC Media Action Bangladesh's projects on climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction, including initiating, developing and delivering the ground-breaking Amrai Pari project, which helped millions of people across the country become more resilience to weather- and climate-related shocks and stresses.



Muhammad Mamtaz Uddin, Senior Officer-Project & Construction, German Red Cross/IFRC Bangladesh

Muhammad Mamtaz Uddin is a Bangladeshi national and graduated in Civil and Environmental Engineering from Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Sylhet in 2002. He has been working with German Red Cross/IFRC Bangladesh for last three and half years. He has been working with the Forecast based Financing Project since its beginning in July 2015. Prior to this, he worked with Concern Worldwide (CWW) as a Technical Specialist-Engineering for about 2 years. With CWW he provided technical support and guideline on shelter construction, mitigation activities, and the establishment of water and sanitation facilities in rural areas during emergency and peace times. With UNICEF Aila response he worked as WASH Emergency Officer for 11 months. He worked with Oxfam for one and half years immediately after Aila with responsibility to establishment of water and sanitation facilities, construction of transitional shelter and development and design of Cash for Work schemes. Before Oxfam he worked with the NGO Forum for Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation (current name NGO Forum for Public Health) as Project Engineer/Technical Field Supervisor for about four and half years. He also worked as Environmental Engineer with Prodiplan for one year.



Olaf Neussner, Delegate for Forecast Based Financing, German Red Cross

Olaf Neussner is a German national working with a contract of German Red Cross under the umbrella of the International Federation of the Red Cross Red Crescent Societies in Bangladesh. He supports the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society in the Forecast base Financing project since one year. Olaf was educated as a natural scientist in Germany and after some years of research and teaching in universities he worked for four years in the Horn of Africa in relief and development work. After a break of one year with Amnesty International supporting refugees in Berlin he returned to development oriented work. For eight years he supported Non Governmental Organizations in the Philippines. The next four years were dedicated to organizing training for Capacity Building International in South East Asia. After this he joined GTZ/GIZ in 2007 in the field of disaster risk management concentrating on the establishment of early warning systems and the production of various hazard and risk maps for land use planning purposes and other aspects of DRM. Since May 2016 he works with GRC/IFRC in Dhaka.



Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Secretary, Public Security Division, Ministry of Home Affairs, Bangladesh

Dr Kamal Uddin Ahmed is the Secretary of Public Security Division under the Ministry of Home Affairs of Bangladesh Government. Prior to this assignment, he was secretary to the ministry of Environment and Forests. A career civil servant, Dr. Ahmed has successfully done multidimensional tasks holding various positions in civil bureaucracy for socio-economic development of Bangladesh. He has worked efficiently in policy planning, coordination, implementation as well as agreement negotiation in bilateral and multilateral level. Dr Ahmed researched on 'Vulnerability to Flood Induced Disasters in Bangladesh: People's perspective for risk assessment and mitigation' for his Ph D degree. A degree in law as well as experience in magistracy has enabled him to precisely comprehend human rights issues and the social justice system. Degrees in Development Studies and Development Education have contributed to his academic and professional development to grasp intricate issues distinctively, conduct research on various issues and present papers at seminars and conferences. An MBA degree holder, Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed had also worked as an Executive in a Multinational Company.



Md. Shah Kamal, Secretary, Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief, Bangladesh

Md. Shah Kamal is the Secretary of Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief of Bangladesh government and has been in this position since 2015. A member of BCS Administration Cadre of 1984 batch, Mr. Kamal joined in Bangladesh civil service in 1986 after completing B.Com (Hons.) and M.com degree with first class from University of Dhaka. He has served in different capacity in field administration and policy sphere of government of Bangladesh. He is involved with many social and humanitarian organizations and now serving as the National Commissioner (SD) of Bangladesh Scouts. He has been awarded “Golden Tiger” and “Silver Hilsha”, the top most national level medals for extraordinary contribution in Scouts activity. During his service, Mr. Kamal participated and contributed in many international seminar, workshop, conference and meeting. He got training from different reputed universities and training institutes of home and abroad, including Harvard University, USA, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, University of Korea, Seoul, University of Wolverhampton, England, National University Singapore, London School of Economics, Srampatum University, Thailand, Civil Officers Staff College, Singapore, Administrative College, China. A recognized professional expert on Local government of Bangladesh, he has expertise also on project management and disaster management.



Md Riaz Ahmed, Director General, Department of Disaster Management, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Md Riaz Ahmed, an Additional Secretary of the Government of has been working as Director General of Department of Disaster Management for the last two years. During his long thirty-one years career, he discharged his duties in policy making level in different ministries and field administration of the government.



Dr Maria Lourdes Del Pilar-Garcia, Concurrent Chairperson, Department of Broadcast Communication, Philippines

Maria Lourdes Del Pilar- Garcia is the concurrent Chairperson of the Department of Broadcast Communication (PUP); former Dean and faculty Professor VI of the College of Communication of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines at Sta. Mesa campus; She is an Ethnographer and the faculty Researcher among Indigenous Group in the Philippines; She finished her Masters in Mass Communication (1993) and Doctor of Educational Management (2002) at the Graduate School Polytechnic University of the Philippines in Manila; She is also a former Radio Broadcaster at Radyo ng Bayan having conceptualized Sandiwa, an Award-winning Radyo ng Bayan program on socio-cultural and moral dimensions of the Philippines society. She is now President of National Spiritual Council of the Philippines and Escuela ng Deus Espiritu Santo Inc.; Formerly, an Executive Council Member of the National Commission for Cultural Information & Special Events (NCCISE) of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA); She also won numerous awards for short films including the CMMA (Catholic Mass Media Awards) for herself and her students dealing with revitalization movements. Her doctoral dissertation dealt exhaustively with several of the indigenous spiritual movements (Kapatiran) and their implications for education. She has traveled to many parts of the world to observe cultural phenomena as it relates to communication.



Mr Khondker Jakaria Khaled, Deputy Secretary General of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS), Divisional Chief of Disaster Risk Management (DRM)

Mr Khondker Jakaria Khaled has more than 35 years' of involvement with Red cross and Red Crescent Movement, now he is holding the position of Deputy Secretary General of Bangladesh Red Crescent Society (BDRCS) and divisional chief of Disaster Risk Management (DRM). He has long experience in organizational development, capacity building and disaster management. After completion of his graduation from University of Dhaka he started his career with BDRCS in 1975. Initially he worked with different branches of the Society; worked for fund raising and implementation of DRM activity and projects. He was in-charge of Myanmar Refugee Operation at Cox's Bazar during 1978-80. Later, he worked as Director Blood Program, Organizational Development (OD), Cyclone Preparedness Programme (CPP), Estate and Training Department. His one of the major achievements was to work with Cyclone Preparedness Programmes (CPP), which is recognized as one of the best disaster risk reduction models around the world. He retired from the regular service as Director and became the Deputy Secretary General (On contract basis) in 2009.

He has very good understanding and analytical skill in disaster risk management and under his supervision and instruction, DRM department of BDRCS has taken number of new initiatives for disaster risk management programme.



Mr Satyabrata Saha, Additional Secretary, Government of Bangladesh

Mr Satyabrata Saha is the Additional Secretary of the Government of Bangladesh. He has been working in the Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief since 2014. His responsibilities in the present position include policy formulation and execution in the field of disaster management and disaster risk reduction. He joined in country's Civil Service in 1998. In his long professional career, Mr Saha worked in different capacities in the field administration and dealt with disaster management within his purview.



Pham Thanh Ha, Reporter, Vietnam Digital Television

Pham Thanh Ha has been working at Vietnam Digital Television since 2011. Her channel is VTC14 - the only channel of the Vietnamese government specialising in the environment and climate change. She produces news reports and documentaries about environmental and climate change issues in Vietnam. Her work focuses on people living in vulnerable regions and how they are adapting to climate change.



Dr Cindy Bruyère, Deputy Director, C3WE/MMM, National Center for Atmospheric Research, USA

Dr Cindy Bruyère leads the NCAR-based systems development effort for the Engineering for Climate Extremes. She plays a key role in the development of the Global Risk, Resilience, and Impacts Toolbox (GRRIT), which pulls information from disparate locations, including local drives, the cloud, or servers located in different places. In her role, Cindy conducts research into dynamical and statistical downscaling for regional climate modeling, and finds new ways to make science more useful for managers. Cindy has an MSc in Dynamical Modeling and a PhD in Environmental Management.