



Amb. Chantale Wong

United States Executive Director, ADB

Amb. Chantale Yok-Min Wong is the United States Executive Director. Before her appointment, she was the Senior Vice President at Amida Technology Solutions. She was appointed by President Obama to serve as Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Chief Financial Officer at the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC). Prior to MCC, she was the budget director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She has also held leadership positions at the Office of Management and Budget, Departments of Treasury and Interior, and the Environmental Protection Agency. She joined ADB in 1999 as an Environment Specialist and was subsequently appointed by President Bill Clinton as U.S. Alternate Director. She holds a Master in Public Administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. She has another Master in Environmental Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, with a focus on water and wastewater management. She earned her undergraduate degree in civil and structural engineering from the University of Hawaii.



Kenichi Yokoyama

Director General, South Asia Department, ADB

Mr. Yokoyama assumed office in May 2020 and oversees the operations of seven sector divisions and six country offices in South Asia regions as well as regional cooperation initiatives. The six countries include Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

Mr. Yokoyama joined ADB in 1999 as project specialist (water resources) and has since occupied progressively responsible positions including Country Director for Nepal Resident Mission (2012-2017) and India Resident Mission (2017-2020). Prior to joining ADB, he worked for the Government of Japan (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, and Embassy of Japan in Dhaka, Bangladesh) for 16 years.



Bruno Carrasco

Director General

concurrently Chief Compliance Officer, SDCC, ADB

He leads ADB-wide knowledge, innovation, policies and strategies in all thematic and sector operation areas and ensures compliance with environment and social safeguards policies. He oversees the administration of trust funds and global funding initiatives and provides advice to Management on strategic and policy matters, work plans, and major operational matters.

Mr. Carrasco has worked at ADB for more than 23 years and has served in countries across all of its regional departments. An expert in governance, public sector management, and economics, he was most recently Chief of ADB's Governance Thematic Group, where he defined and sharpened ADB's work on domestic resource mobilization, infrastructure governance, state-owned enterprise reforms, and fiscal decentralization. Mr. Carrasco has also worked at the United Nations Office for Project Services, the United Nations Development Program, and the European Central Bank.



Urooj Arshad

Senior Program Manager, Dignity for All

Urooj Arshad is the Senior Program Manager, Dignity for All, LGBTQI+ Assistance Program at Freedom House. Dignity for All is a consortium of six organizations providing rapid-response financial assistance, project funding for time-sensitive initiatives, and holistic security support globally to human rights defenders and civil society organizations under threat due to their work for LGBTQI+ rights. Previously, Urooj was the Director, International LGBTQ Youth Health and Rights Programs at Advocates for Youth, where she supported organizations working on sexual and reproductive health and rights and also designed a project addressing the reproductive and sexual health needs of Muslim youth. She co-founded the Muslim Alliance for Sexual and Gender Diversity, which addresses the intersectional impact of islamophobia, homophobia, and transphobia.



Rosanna Flamer-Caldera

Founder and Executive Director of EQUAL GROUND

Rosanna Flamer-Caldera is the Founder and Executive Director of EQUAL GROUND, the oldest LGBTIQ organization in Sri Lanka. Rosanna served 2 terms as Co-Secretary General of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Intersex Association (ILGA) and is the co-founder and former Chair of the Commonwealth Equality Network. In 2018 Rosanna was instrumental in filing the first case of its kind at the UN CEDAW committee, challenging the criminalization of consenting adult same-sex sexual relationships in Sri Lanka. In September 2021 she spearheaded another first legal case in the SL Court of Appeal, against homophobic and inflammatory speeches made by police trainers in Sri Lanka.



Naosuke Fujita

Co-founder and Co-representative Director
Lawyers for LGBT and Allies Network (LLAN)

Naosuke Fujita is co-founder and co-representative director of Lawyers for LGBT and Allies Network (LLAN), a Japanese non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating discrimination and prejudice against sexual minorities. Naosuke, a graduate of Waseda University and University of Michigan Law School LLM, has practiced law for 35 years privately and as corporate counsel. The coming out of his Japanese colleague during his tenure as General Counsel for Goldman Sachs Japan led to the founding of LLAN and other initiatives aimed at promoting diversity and inclusion in Japan. In 2017, he received the Most Innovative General Counsel Award from the Financial Times for his work with LLAN.



Sen. Risa Hontiveros

Senator and Senate Committee Chair on Women, Children,
Family Relations and Gender Equality, Philippines

Senator Risa Hontiveros is a health and women's rights advocate, a proud activist, and a champion of the basic sectors. She is the Philippines' first socialist woman Senator and is widely known and celebrated for her tireless work in promoting public health, the rights of women and other marginalized groups, and the welfare of the Filipino family. As chairperson of the Senate Committee on Women, Children, Family Relations and Gender Equality, Hontiveros has successfully pushed into law the Expanded Solo Parents Welfare Act (RA 11861), which provides wider social benefits to solo parents, the Safe Spaces Act (RA 11313) which protects Filipinos - especially women - from gender-based harassment in public spaces, and the Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children Law (RA 11930) which boosts government efforts to end online abuse and exploitation of Filipino children.



Gina Ortiz Jones

Former Undersecretary of the US Air Force

The Honorable Gina Ortiz Jones served as the 27th Under Secretary of the Air Force, the second-highest civilian in the Department of the Air Force. A first-generation Filipina-American, Jones was appointed by President Joe Biden and unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate in July 2021. Jones is the first woman of color and the first out-lesbian to serve as the under secretary of any military department. Jones is a recipient of the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service, the highest award the Secretary of Defense may bestow on a civilian.



Henry Koh

Executive Director of ILGA Asia

Henry Koh (they/them) is the current Executive Director of ILGA Asia. Prior to joining ILGA Asia, Henry served as a human rights specialist with regional human rights organizations and the United Nations. They had extensive experience engaging in UN advocacy to advance SOGIESC rights, access to healthcare for vulnerable groups, freedoms of expression, assembly and association. Henry is also the co-founder of Beyond Borders Malaysia, focusing on refugees' rights, EXCO member of PROHAM (Society for the Promotion of Human Rights), and the Malaysian MSM Representative for the UN Global Fund's Country Coordinating Mechanism (2019–2022). They initially joined ILGA Asia as the Research Officer from March to July 2021, and was part of ILGA Asia's UN Human Rights Mechanisms trainers from 2017 to 2019. Henry holds a Masters of Law (LL.M.) in International Human Rights Law, Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) (University of London), and a Postgraduate Diploma in International Arbitration.



Masako Mori

Member of the House of Councilors, Japan
(Constituency: Fukushima Prefecture)

Ms. Masako Mori is currently Special Advisor to the Prime Minister in Charge of Women's Empowerment and Promoting Understanding of LGBT. Prior to this duty, she served as the Special Advisor to the Prime Minister in Charge of Women's Empowerment and a member of the Special Committee on Promoting Women's Active Participation. She started her career as a lawyer in 1995. In 2020, Ms. Mori served as the Special Advisor to the Prime Minister of Japan in Charge of Women's Empowerment



Sai Subhasree Raghavan

Founder and President

Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)

Dr. Sai Subhasree Raghavan is the Founder and President of SAATHII, a national NGO that has been working on access to stigma-free healthcare and socio-legal protection services for communities affected by HIV, TB, and those marginalized due to their gender or sexual orientation for the past 20 years. She was one of the Inaugural Fellows of the Harvard Global Health Institute's Women Lead Fellowship and serves as Mentor for Women in Global Health-India. In addition, she served as an Elected Governing Council Member of the International AIDS Society and an Elected Civil Society Representative of India Country Coordinating Member of GFATM. She is a passionate advocate for ensuring universal access to inclusive health, education, and social protection services to LGBTIQ+ populations.



L (Ramki) Ramakrishnan

Vice President

Solidarity and Action Against the HIV Infection in India (SAATHII)

Dr. L (Ramki) Ramakrishnan is Vice President of SAATHII, and is based in Chennai. His work focuses on strengthening LGBTIQ+ community-led advocacy towards inclusive healthcare, education and legal service. He has been involved in developing national modules for sensitizing Supreme Court judges on LGBTIQ+ issues, development of LGBTIQ+ inclusive state mental health policies and curricula for training of healthcare providers, and advocacy to ban conversion therapy in healthcare settings.