

SPEAKER'S BIOGRAPHIES

Dr. Suprayoga Hadi

Dr. Suprayoga Hadi, is Deputy Minister for the Development of Special Regions at the Ministry for the Development of Disadvantaged Regions, Republic of Indonesia. Before joining the Ministry for the Development of Disadvantaged Regions in 2011, he had been assigned as Director for Special Area and Disadvantaged Region at the Ministry for National Development Planning/National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS), Republic of Indonesia. His career at BAPPENAS began in 1990. He has various responsibilities for planning, programming and monitoring of the policies and strategies for disaster reduction and recovery related issues, such as the rehabilitation and reconstruction of post-disaster areas in Indonesia, particularly in post-tsunami recovery process in Aceh and Yogyakarta, as well as post-conflict regions in Aceh, Papua and Maluku.

Since 2006, Dr. Hadi has been a focal resource person for disaster risk reduction policy initiatives in Indonesia, working with respective international donor agencies, such as the World Bank and UNDP, by which he has been appointed as the National Project Directors for many foreign-assisted disaster reduction and recovery related projects. Along with his assignment as Government official of BAPPENAS, since 1992 he has been teaching as a lecturer in the graduate program of regional development planning at University of Indonesia in Jakarta.

After he obtained his master degree in regional planning at Bandung Institute of Technology in 1990 and a bachelor degree in agricultural economics at University of Lampung in 1987, he enrolled in the doctoral program at the University of Southern California in 1998, and obtained his Doctoral degree in Planning and Development Studies in 2002.

Dr. Tony Aidoo

Dr. Tony Aidoo served as Senior Presidential Aide and Head of the Policy Evaluation and Oversight Unit of the Office of the President from 2009 to 2013, in addition to being a member of the Cabinet's Economic Management Team for three years. Currently, Dr. Aidoo holds the post of Ambassador Designate, to which he was appointed by the President of Ghana in November 2013. He is also a member of the National Information Technology Authority, and of the African Union Advisory Board on Corruption.

Dr. Aidoo's educational background is in International Affairs and Sociology. He graduated from the University College of London with a Diploma in International Affairs in 1973, from the University of Buckinghamshire with a B.Sc. (Hons.) in Sociology in 1976, and from the University College of London with a M.Sc. in International Relations in 1977. Dr. Aidoo earned his Ph.D. from the University of Surrey in 1983 and he also completed a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the College of Law, London, in 2003.

Dr. Aidoo was a member of Ghana's Civil Service Council between 1992 and 2001. At the same time, he also served as a member of Presidential and State Delegations to International Conferences and State Visits to the U.S.A., U.K., Japan, China, Germany, Malaysia, Brunei, Jamaica, Trinidad & Tobago, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

Dr. Aidoo has an extensive background in politics and was a member of the Consultative Assembly for the Drafting of the 1992 Constitution of the Republic of Ghana. Between 1992 and 2000, Dr. Aidoo was the Director of Research and Monitoring for the National Democratic Congress (NDC). He also acted as Co-ordinator of the Overseas Branches of the NDC. He was a member of the National Executive Committee of the NDC from 1992-2000 and from 2002-2005. In addition to that, Dr. Aidoo served as Deputy Minister to the Ministry of Defence from April 1999 to January 2001.

Mr. Federico Fornazieri

Mr. Federico Fornazieri is currently the International Relations Coordinator and Technical Advisor on Strategic Projects at the Rio Grande do Sul State Government's General Secretariat of Government. From 2011 to 2013 Mr. Fornazieri served as a Technical Advisor at the Cooperation and International Relations Advisory at the Rio Grande do Sul State Government.

Before making the transition to civil service, Mr. Fornazieri held research and consulting positions within the field of Development. Between 2007 and 2008, he was the Social-Cultural Director of the Academic Directory at the Trevisan Business School. His experience in Social Development goes back over 6 years: from 2007 to 2010, Mr. Fornazieri worked as an Analyst on Politics, Economy, and Social Development for Latin America at Clássica Consultant. His experience in Development goes back even further; in 2006, he worked as an Education and Development Researcher at the Plural Project. From 2014 onwards, Mr. Fornazieri enjoys helping others and since the start of 2014 has served as a Youth Counselor for the State of Rio Grande do Sul.

Mr. George Cheriyan

Mr. George Cheriyan is currently the Director of CUTS International and heads the CUTS Centre for Consumer Action, Research & Training (CUTS CART), one of the programme centres of CUTS, based in Jaipur, India. CUTS is an Indian origin International NGO, pursuing social justice and economic equity within and across borders. George has over 29 years of experience in working in development/the NGO sector.

Good Governance & Social Accountability is one of his areas of interest, and he is presently managing the implementation of various projects on governance and accountability. He is also overseeing the anchoring of “Community of Practice on Social Accountability” in the South Asia Region (CoPSA) in partnership with ANSA SAR supported by the World Bank Institute (WBI).

George is a member of the United Nations Roster of Consultants on sustainable development from 1995, and a Member of International Resource Team on social accountability of the WBI, Washington DC, from January 2007. In this capacity, George was involved in the Training of Trainers (ToT) programmes on social accountability tools organized by WBI in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh in 2007. He also has served as a resource person for social accountability tools in various workshops organized by ANSA SAR. He has experience in facilitating social accountability trainings and field exercises in Cambodia, Vietnam, Nepal, Uganda, and Kenya, and was the facilitator/resource person of an e-learning action course on social accountability organized by WBI for participants from South Asia and the Arab World in 2012 and 2013, respectively.

George is a member of the Rosters of Experts of Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) of the World Bank from March 2013.

He has written and published a number of articles in leading national news dailies, news magazines, journals, periodicals etc. and edited books and made several presentations in several international conferences.

Ms. Maryati Abdullah

Ms. Maryati Abdullah is National Coordinator of Publish What You Pay (PWYP) Indonesia. She has experience in freedom of information, open budget, extractive industries and natural resources transparency, as well as in democracy and good governance issues. Her academic background is in chemistry, and in economic

development and globalization. Before joining PWYP, she was worked for Pattiro and Parliament Watch.

She was actively engaged with communities, the government and the private sector in the multi-stakeholder working group initiatives, including OGP (Open Government Partnership) and EITI (Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)). Maryati holds roles as a civil society representative on EITI Indonesia and is also to be elected as steering committee member of OGP at the global level.

Mr. Ghassan Kasabreh

Mr. Ghassan Kasabreh, holds an MS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, United Kingdom, and a BSc in Civil Engineering from Birzeit University, Palestine. He has been a member of the Jordanian Engineers Syndicate for over 20 years and served as a board member of several civil society organizations. Mr. Kasabreh has acquired expertise in the NGO sector and international cooperation by gaining extensive experience in project and organizational development, throughout the West Bank and Gaza.

Mr. Kasabreh's professional involvement in Palestinian civil society stretches back 15 years. He has been the Director of NGO Development Center (NDC) since November 2006, through which he has supported community development and a just and democratic Palestinian society by promoting good governance and sector transparency and accountability. The Center has commissioned studies that underscore the needs to strengthen the contribution and participation of Palestinian civil society in national and sector planning and policy making processes while promoting a culture of cooperation and information sharing. NDC coordinates the efforts of Palestinian NGOs to become sustainable, independent and efficient as well as more responsive to the needs of Palestinian society in a transparent and credible manner.

In his early career, Mr. Kasabreh was a Senior Planner for Infrastructure and Environment at UNDP's Local Rural Development Program (LRDP) in Jerusalem, where he helped identifying major interventions and investments while managing LRDP activities. In addition, he has six years of experience working as a Project Engineer in Bethlehem and Ramallah.

Mr. Daniel Batidam

A policy analyst and governance/anti-corruption specialist, **Mr. Daniel Batidam** has over 15 years' experience working with African governments, development partners, key state and private sector institutions - including civil society groups and the media – to promote policy reforms, good governance and institutional development.

Over the past 10 years (2003 – 2013), Mr. Batidam's career has focused mainly on Anti-Corruption work and the coordination of Good Governance programs in Ghana, Africa and globally. Specifically, he has worked for 4 years (2003 - 2007) as the Executive Director of the Ghana Integrity Initiative (GII) which is the local Chapter of the respected international civil society organization - Transparency International - and for over 4 years (2010 to date) as Executive Director of the African Parliamentarians' Network Against Corruption (APNAC). The 2 positions – one within civil society (GII/TI-Ghana) and the other with politicians/parliamentarians (APNAC) - have given Daniel a unique opportunity to understand and appreciate the need for and benefit of stronger collaboration between all the key stakeholders in governance, namely government/public sector, the private sector/business community and citizen groups/civil society organizations.

Mr. Batidam has, over the years, gained extensive experience in multi-actor coordination and has participated in numerous international conferences on governance in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. He holds post-graduate degrees in Communications and in Public Policy and Human Development.

Jeff Thindwa

Mr. Thindwa is Manager of Social Accountability Practice in the World Bank Institute. He joined the World Bank in 2000 as Senior Social Development Specialist, and has worked across the Bank's regions promoting the use of social accountability mechanisms to improve public governance, and performance of Bank funded operations. The Social Accountability Practice engages and empowers key stakeholders: media, parliaments and civil society, strengthening their capacity to make public policy, budgets and programs more effective and accountable in servicing citizens, with priority focus on access to information, open and inclusive budgeting, and third party monitoring and citizen feedback. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr. Thindwa worked with civil society organizations for 17 years.