

Profile of Speakers for the Webinar

Kanthana Sangsingkeo is a Senior Business Consultant in Thailand. Graduated with distinction from New York Institute of Technology (N.Y.I.T.), New York City, U.S.A. in the year of 1995 with master's in communication arts and Bachelor of Arts major and minor in English and French Literature respectively from Srinakharinwirot University, Pathumwan Campus in 1992 from Bangkok, Thailand. With more than 20 years of experience of work, starting from food retail, WQSR (Western Quick Service Restaurants; i.e., KFC, Pizza Hut) and variety of retail business, ranging from food, financial, aesthetics, full scale retail both nontraditional and traditional such as modern trade, local chain retail & wholesales, individual retail. With end to end and main objectives from establishing legitimate business, operations & marketing platforms, making both sales and profits, positioning most appropriate segmentation of products in each market and open up more sales distribution, as such with several community enterprises both current and new establishing ones.



In recent year, she has been working closely with the Lam Sai Pattana Community Enterprise, mainly with regard to finding different and new retail markets for the products. Working with fish farmers who are in need for supporting to robust and accommodate business strategies to striking through innovative way of presenting during drastically transforming selling nature from off line to on line with the common global cause from pandemic.

Editrudith Lukanga is a Co-Founder and Executive Director of Environmental Management and Economic Development Organization (EMEDO) working in areas of environment and natural resources governance in Tanzania. Editrudith is passionate about women in fisheries and believes that women's rights, gender equality and women empowerment are important pillars for small scale fisheries governance and natural resources management that may not be realized without equal and full participation of women. She is a Vice chairperson of the International Steering Committee (ISC) for International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture (IYFA 2022), Co-President of World Forum of Fish Harvesters and Fish Processors (WFF) and a secretary General for African Women Fish processors and Traders Network (AWFISHNET). Editrudith holds an MSc in environmental sciences and a BSc in marine and Microbiology with more than 15 years' experience working in small scale fisheries sector with interest in gender and women empowerment, aquatic food systems, value chain analysis and development. She also holds a Post Postgraduate Diploma in Poverty Analysis for Socioeconomic Security and Development



Jennifer Gee leads the Gender Team lead of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Division of FAO. Her role is to coordinate the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department's gender-related work by raising awareness, providing technical advice, knowledge, and tools both internally and for FAO member states. At the start of her career, nearly 20 years ago, Jennifer worked as an on-board observer for the west coast Canadian fishing fleet and then on the development of aquaculture performance indicators out of the University of Victoria. More recently she was the fishery officer responsible for global fleet and employment statistics and socio-economic data collection while working extensively on survey methodology.



Mansi Nimbhal is a computer engineer from Delhi, with a master's in public policy from Kings College, London. She is a 2010 batch Indian Administrative Officer. Post working in Kalahandi, Mayurbhanj and Gajapati district in Odisha in Key administrative positions, she became the Director of the disability department. Having a keen sense of new and administrative ideas she had organized the first marathon for the specially abled people. She has started the coffee initiated of TDCCOL in 2019.



At present she is holding key position of CEO Odisha Livelihood Mission working for enhancing livelihood of women in rural areas.

Opening Remarks



Dr. Prasun Kumar Das is currently leading the Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA) as its Secretary General based out of Bangkok, Thailand. Prior to this assignment he was the Project Manager of IFAD regional grant project, Rural Finance specialist in FAO, Associate Professor (Agribusiness), Research Director in DFID regional grant project. He also held Senior position in public sector commercial bank and consultant advisor/expert on rural and agricultural development to the Government of India.



Dr. Krishna Salin is the Honorary Director of the intergovernmental Network for the Development of Agricultural Cooperatives in Asia and the Pacific (NEDAC), formed in 1991 by FAO, ICA, and ILO. Dr Salin was voted the President-elect of the World Aquaculture Society-Asian Pacific Chapter (WAS-APC) in 2021 after serving as its Director since 2019. Dr. Salin is also an Associate Editor of the Elsevier journal *Aquaculture Reports* and a Visiting Professor at Shanghai Ocean University in China.

Closing Remarks



Mr. Thomas Thompson Essel is the Secretary General of the African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA), headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. He has many years of experience in Economic and Development issues. At AFRACA he has provided leadership in Collaboration programmes with governments in Africa and several Development Partners. Prior to joining AFRACA, he worked in Bank of Ghana for over twenty-two years, holding different positions. The latest positions being head of External Financial Relations and Head of the Bank of Ghana-initiated "Ghana Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending" (GIRSAL), providing strategic and technical guidance to management.



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