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Ricardo Treviño Chapa

Deputy Secretary General
World Customs Organization (WCO)



Ricardo Treviño Chapa holds a Bachelor's degree in Finance from the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey (Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education) in Mexico and a Master's degree in Global Banking and International Finance from the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom.

With a public sector career spanning 20 years, he first worked for Mexico's Government at the Institute for Protection of Bank Savings, focusing on areas such as process improvement, financial support analysis and asset management.

He served as General Director for Revenue Collection in the State of Mexico Government, where revenue collection tripled during his term of office. He also served as General Director of the Social Security Institute of the State of Mexico, where he spearheaded a legal reform to strengthen the pension system.

In 2013 he joined the Federal Tax Administration Service as Administrator General of Evaluation and Internal Affairs, where he was responsible for developing actions to strengthen integrity and transparency in Customs procedures.

In 2015 he was appointed as General Administrator of Customs by the President of Mexico, with ratification by the Senate. During his tenure, Mr. Treviño Chapa promoted digitalization of Customs procedures as well as cooperation with other border agencies and with the Customs administrations of Mexico's main trading partners. In addition, he ensured that the effectiveness of Mexico's risk alert system was enhanced through the implementation of technology and data analysis, with a positive impact on revenue collection.

During this period of his career, he promoted international cooperation by Mexico through collaboration agreements, information-sharing mechanisms and joint inspection programmes. He was also the WCO Vice-Chair for the Americas and Caribbean region and, in this capacity, coordinated the first ever regional Strategic Plan to promote and implement WCO tools and instruments.

Since January 2018 Ricardo Treviño Chapa has held the post of Deputy Secretary General of the WCO after being elected by the WCO Council.

KEYNOTE SPEECH

Ekkaphab Phanthavong

Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community
Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)



H.E. Ekkaphab Phanthavong is appointed as the Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) of ASEAN for Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) from 2021 to 2024.

He supports the Secretary-General of ASEAN in the implementation of the ASCC Blueprint 2025 and leads the ASCC Department of the ASEAN Secretariat. He oversees the implementation of projects under ASCC that focus on forging a common identity and building a caring and sharing society.

DSG Phanthavong has served numerous appointments at the Lao PDR Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA). Before assuming his current role, he was the Ambassador/ Permanent Representative of Lao PDR to ASEAN from 2018-2021. Prior to that, he served as the Deputy Director-General of the ASEAN Department at the Lao PDR MOFA.

DSG Phanthavong holds an MA in International Relations from Flinders University, South Australia and a diploma in English Language from the Pedagogical University of Vientiane, Laos.

PANEL 1 – “SETTING THE GREEN CUSTOMS INTERNATIONAL SCENE”

Anjali Acharya PhD

Senior Environmental Specialist
World Bank



Anjali Acharya is a Senior Environmental Specialist in the World Bank’s East Asia and Pacific Region. Based in Singapore, she is leading the East Asia Regional Marine Plastics program, as well as several country programs on marine plastics. Over the last decade years, she has led complex multisectoral projects in Vietnam and Cambodia dealing with climate resilience, sustainable ecotourism, and landscape management.

Over her 24 years at the World Bank, Dr. Acharya has worked on a range of environmental issues including marine plastics, pollution management, climate change, water resources management, environmental health, biodiversity, and environmental policies. She has experience leading and working on investment and policy lending projects, and analytical studies in the Africa, East and South Asia, and Latin America and Caribbean regions.

An Indian national, Dr. Acharya holds a Ph.D. degree in International Environmental Health from Johns Hopkins University and a master’s degree in Environmental Economics from Duke University.

Cindy C. Buckley

Illicit Markets Assistant Director
Interpol



Cindy Buckley is currently serving as Assistant Director, Illicit Markets, Emerging and Organized Crime at Interpol. She has a Juris Doctorate from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a Masters in Business Administration from St. Bonaventure University and a Bachelor of Science in Medicinal Chemistry from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Cindy is also a member in good standing of the New York State Bar. Seconded from the US Department of Homeland Security, Coast Guard Investigative Service, Cindy previously lead the Buffalo, New York Office as Resident Agent In Charge.

She has also served as a Special Agent with United States Secret Service during which time she was embedded as a Special Assistant United States Attorney with the US Department of Justice, United States Attorney's Office, Western District of New York.

Throughout her career, Cindy has led many successful criminal investigations in the areas of environmental, financial and general crimes, leading to arrests and convictions. She has prosecuted numerous criminal cases in the areas of white collar and general crimes.

Crispin Conroy AM

Representative Director in Geneva
International Chamber of Commerce (ICC)



Crispin Conroy is the ICC Representative Director, Geneva, and also the ICC Permanent Observer to the United Nations in Geneva.

Prior to his appointment with ICC, Mr. Conroy worked with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and had a number of diplomatic postings, including Ambassador to Chile, concurrently accredited to Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru; Deputy High Commissioner, Australian High Commission, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea; and, Ambassador to the Kingdom of Nepal. Mr Conroy has also worked with the Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade), as Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Italy, based in Milan, and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner for Latin America, based in Chile.

Mr Conroy has a Masters in International Law from the Australian National University, and a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) and Law (Hons), also from the Australian National University.

Aik Hoe Lim

Director, Trade and Environment Division
World Trade Organization (WTO)



Aik Hoe LIM is Director of the Trade and Environment Division at the World Trade Organization and oversees its work on trade and environment, as well as on the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade. He joined the WTO in 1999 and has served in the External Relations Division, the Director-General's Office and the Trade in Services Division.

He was previously Counsellor to two WTO Director-Generals, Adviser to the Director General's Consultative Group, and Secretary to WTO committees, working groups and negotiating bodies on services trade and domestic regulation. His principal areas of interest and expertise are on trade and sustainable development, climate change, technical barriers to trade, services trade policy, and trade, health and regulation.

Tatiana Terekhova

Programme Officer (Legal and Policy Unit)
Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions



Tatiana Terekhova has a leading role in the partnership programme, engagement with non-state actors, and illegal traffic and trade of hazardous chemicals and waste under the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions. Tatiana implements a number of capacity-building activities, including in relation to marine pollution and plastic wastes. She deals with the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular its indicators and governance issues of the Basel and Stockholm conventions regional centres. Prior to this function, she was coordinating capacity-building activities for the implementation of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions Convention, including the E-waste Africa programme.

She has been in the United Nations family for nearly 20 years. This includes the UN Environment Programme where she managed the Quick Start Programme Trust Fund of the

Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM) and the UN Institute for Training and Research where she provided assistance to developing countries and countries in economy in transition in various areas of sound chemicals and wastes management. Tatiana is a national of the Russian Federation. She has a background in international environmental law and law degrees from Russia and Switzerland.

PANEL 2 – “GREEN CUSTOMS REGIONAL COORDINATION”

Pavida Boonmun

Assistant Program Manager

WCO Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) Asia Pacific



Mrs. Boonmun holds a Bachelor's degree in liberal arts (English) from Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand, as well as a Master's degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand.

She joined the Thai Customs Department (TCD) in December 2008 and became Program Coordinator at the WCO Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) Asia Pacific in March 2009. In July 2011 she served as a Customs Technical Officer at Suvarnabhumi International Airport, where she worked

as a Passenger Inspector, as a member of the Secretariat to the Director of the Tax Division, and as Senior level Passenger Inspector. Since July 2020 she holds her current position of Assistant Program Manager at ROCB Asia Pacific.

John Dourlay

UNODC Export Waste Trainer

WCO/UNODC CCP Plastic and Hazardous Waste Project



With thirty-six years experience working with Australian Customs (now Border Force) and holding postgraduate business qualifications, John has a passion for disrupting international crime syndicates and international capacity building with:

- extensive experience in hazardous waste operations including profiling and inspection
- a proven ability to develop networks with law enforcement agencies especially Customs administrations and international organisations including the WCO, United Nations and OLAF
- extensive international capacity building experience as an expert adviser and trainer in the areas of

hazardous waste, border protection and trade facilitation. Recognised internationally and locally for outcomes resulting in the detection of illicit goods including hazardous waste and sophisticated narcotic concealments

- accreditation as a trainer for the UNODC/WCO Container Control Programme (CCP)

John is currently working as a UNODC expert waste trainer for the WCO/UNODC CCP Plastic and Hazardous Waste Project in Southeast Asia

Sarojinie Jayasekara

Director, Solid Waste Management
Sri Lanka Central Environmental Authority



Sarojinie holds a Bachelor of Science special degree from USJP in Sri Lanka as well as a Masters on Environmental Engineering and Management from UoM, Sri Lanka. She is a Chartered Environment Professional with 25-year experience in the waste management sector.

Alexey Kravchenko PhD

Chief, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section Trade, Investment and Innovation Division
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP)



Alexey Kravchenko is Economic Affairs Officer, Trade Policy and Facilitation Section of the Trade, Investment and Innovation Division of the United Nations ESCAP. His work revolves around issues of trade and sustainable development, non-tariff measures, illicit financial flows and trade misinvoicing in the region. His most recent work revolved around trade and climate change. He previously worked with ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division at ESCAP which was centred on enhancing broadband connectivity within the Asia-Pacific region. Prior to joining the United Nations, he ran a consultancy which specialized in non-market valuation, choice modelling online surveys and geo-spatial online surveys. He also taught various undergraduate and graduate economics and econometrics

courses in China (Shanghai International Studies University) and New Zealand (University of Waikato and Waikato Institute of Technology). He holds Masters in International Business and Mandarin (1st class Hons), Masters in Economics (1 class Hons), and a PhD in Economics from the University of Waikato, New Zealand.

Chaiyut Kumkun

Principal Advisor on Customs Control Development
APEC SCCP Chair (Thailand Customs)



Education

- 2001 M.P.A – Chulalongkorn University
- 1998 Certificate of International Tax Program (Equivalent to M.P.A) – Harvard Law School, Harvard University
- 1995 M.B.A – Bangkok University
- 1986 M.S. (Development Economics) – National Institute of Development Administration
- 1982 B.A. (Economics) – Thammasat University

Work experience

- 2017 Dec – Present Principal Advisor on Customs Control Development
- 2016 Sep – 2017 Dec Deputy Director-General
- 2016 Jan – 2016 Sep Director of Post-Clearance Audit Bureau
- 2015 Feb – 2016 Jan Director of Suvarnabhumi Airport Passenger Control Customs Bureau
- 2012 Dec – 2015 Feb Director of Customs Standard Procedures and Valuation Bureau
- 2011 Nov – 2012 Dec Head of Prachuap Khiri Khan Customs House
- 2008 Dec – 2011 Nov Expert on International Customs Tariff

Hae-yeoung Paik

Deputy Head
WCO Regional Intelligence Liaison Offices (RILO) Asia Pacific



Hae-yeoung, Paik is the Deputy Head of RILO AP which serves as the focal point of intelligence analysis and liaison of enforcement cooperation with member Customs administrations in the Asia-Pacific region. With special attention to build a strong global network system for protection of society, public health and safety, as well as the environment, she has tried to contribute to enhancing mutual collaboration to succeed the remarkable progress that has been made so far in WCO RILO community. She has an experience of facilitating initiatives regarding joint operations and enforcement projects performed to enhance protection from environmental risks such as trans-boundary movement of hazardous waste, endangered species and timber. Before taking over the Deputy Head position of RILO AP, she has been working as a deputy director of FTA implementation division of Korea Customs Service. In addition, she has built a professional career in legal practice before joining KCS, while working as an attorney with comprehensive legal knowledge for more than five years. She graduated College of Law, Korea University, and entered into Judicial Research and Training Institute of the Supreme Court of Korea.