

Aamir Ghani Mir



Mr. Aamir Mir, currently heading Project Procurement and Financial Management's Fiduciary Functions, previously held the position of Manager for Operations Quality and Results Division at the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB).

He holds dual Masters, an MS Degree in Information Systems from New York University (NYU), USA, and a master's degree in economics from Pakistan. With over 25 years of professional experience in the development field, including 20 years at IsDB. Prior to joining the IsDB he worked with the national planning agency in Pakistan and UNDP.

Mr. Mir brings extensive expertise in development fields.

Before joining IsDB, Mr. Mir dedicated nearly eight years to the Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), focusing on enhancing economic cooperation and regional integration among 10 Asian countries in trade, investment, transport & communication, and energy domains.

Mr. Mir's contributions extend to international initiatives encompassing MDGs, Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and Development Effectiveness and Results Management. He has significantly influenced international discourse, particularly in improving Public Procurement and Financial Management. His expertise spans development planning, project management, self-assessment, M&E, project procurement and financial management, and capacity development.

Furthermore, Mr. Mir has represented IsDB on various international forums including MDBs Working Groups concerning development effectiveness, results and portfolio management, as well as heads of procurement and financial management. He has authored several articles in internal and international journals addressing developmental issues.

Ahmed Ag Aboubacrine



Ahmed Ag Aboubacrine (aka AAA) is a native from TinBuktu in Mali who worked in more than 50 countries worldwide. He is a seasoned development and results management specialist with more than 20 years of experience in Africa, Asia, MENA, and North America. AAA specializes in design, accountability, and learning systems in both the public and private sectors. He regularly advises senior management and country teams on corporate strategy, quality assurance, and performance management. He has an associate's degree in mathematics, a bachelor's degree in statistics, a master's degree in decision-making and holds a certificate in Leadership Decision Making from Harvard Kennedy School. He was selected among the 2020 AILA International Fellow of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC, USA. He is also Certified in Fundraising Management (CFRM) from the Lily School of Philanthropy, Indiana University, USA. AAA is an active member of several civil society and philanthropic organizations: IDEAS, AfrEA, AEA, MaliWatch, and MSAS, and is co-founder of APEM and Djate Tilalte.

Anasse Aissami



Anasse Aissami is a seasoned professional with a distinguished career spanning over three decades in the fields of Operations and Evaluation. Anasse's educational background includes a state engineer Master's in Hydraulics from EHTP Morocco, complemented by a Master's in Management and Strategy from IAE Pantheon Paris 1 Sorbonnes Paris.

From 1993 to 2007, Anasse excelled in pivotal roles, serving as Harbor Master at the Cherifian Office of Phosphate (OCP) and subsequently as Operations Manager at the National Office of Water Supply ONEP. In 2007, Anasse transitioned to the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) where he has made significant contributions. His roles at IsDB have included Director of the Operations Policy and Services Department, Director of Operations Evaluation, and Acting Chief Operating Officer. Presently, Anasse holds the position of Director of General Country Programs, demonstrating his expertise in shaping and implementing impactful initiatives within IsDB. His extensive experience and comprehensive knowledge in the realm of Operations and Evaluation continue to be instrumental in driving positive change and development within the organization.

Dr. Abdel Hameed Bashir



Dr. Abdel-Hameed M. Bashir is the current Advisor in Evaluation for BADEA. He joined the Islamic Development Bank, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia in 2001 as senior economist in the Economic Policy and Strategic Planning Department and in 2005, moved to the Operation Evaluation Office as an economic development evaluator. In 2011, he was promoted to Lead Evaluation Specialist/Lead Economist in the Group Operations Evaluation Department.

He worked as Assistant Professor in economics at Grambling State University of Louisiana during (1990-1998) and in 1999 was promoted to Associate Professor of Economics. During a sabbatical leave in 1994-1995, he taught economics at the UAE University in Al-Ain. He also held the position of Chair, Department of Economics, at the Grambling State University of Louisiana during 1997-2001.

He holds a B. Sc. degree in economics and statistics from the University of Khartoum (Sudan), MS in econometrics and mathematical economics from London School of Economics (UK) and MS and PhD in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA...

He has published in refereed journals in Islamic Banking and Finance, economic development, and development evaluation. He is also a member of editorial boards of many journals such as International Journal of Islamic and Middle Eastern Finance and Management

Dr. Emmanuel Jimenez



Emmanuel Jimenez is Director General, Independent Evaluation Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Reporting to ADB's Board of Directors, his responsibilities include assessing ADB's development effectiveness, as well providing lessons to inform ADB operations. Prior to joining ADB, Mr. Jimenez worked as an Independent Consultant who provides advice, and conducts research and training on evaluation, economics, development management, education and social protection programs. Prior to this, he was the Executive Director and CEO of 3ie. In this role, he led and conducted impact evaluations and evidence reviews. He provided strategic direction to the organization as it championed the generation and use of evidence to guide decisions regarding policies and programs that improve lives in low and middle-income countries. Previously, Mr. Jimenez had worked for 30 years in the World Bank Group (WBG) and held several senior management roles across several departments such as the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), the South Asia, East Asia, and Pacific Groups, and the Policy Research Department. Mr. Jimenez was a faculty member of the Economics Department of Western University in London, Canada. Throughout his career, he has published extensively, including articles in peer-reviewed professional journals, books and reports on economic development and served as managing editor of several international development journals.

Born in the Philippines, Mr. Jimenez is a national of Canada. He holds a Doctorate in Economics from Brown University in the United States, a master's degree in economics from the University of Toronto in Canada, and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from McGill University in Canada.

Dr. Indran Naidoo



Indran A. Naidoo, PhD is the Director of the Independent Office of Evaluation of IFAD (IOE) since 2021. Prior to joining IFAD, Indran was Vice Chair of the United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG) for System-wide Initiatives, and the Director of the Independent Evaluation Office (IEO) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), between 2012 and 2020.

Indran also held oversight positions in South Africa from 1995 when he developed the country's first monitoring and evaluation unit at the Department of Land Affairs, pivotal to democratic transformation. He continued in oversight roles and held positions as Chief Director and Deputy Directors General for both Leadership and Management Practices and Monitoring and Evaluation at the independent constitutional body of the country, the Public Service Commission (PSC). He advanced the profession by holding elected board positions on the South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA) and the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS).

Indran holds a D. Phil from the University of Witwatersrand, Masters in Geography (Rural Development) from West Virginia University, USA, Honours in Education from the University of South Africa and both an Honours in Geography and B. Pedagogics from the University of KwaZulu Natal. He is the recipient of multiple academic awards and scholarships, was a visiting faculty for the International Programme for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET).

Over the years Indran has been a received of several coveted leadership awards, academic distinctions, and scholarships, these include the Outstanding Alumni Award (West Virginia University, 2018), Abe Baily Fellowship (1984) and Senior Executive Program at the Harvard and Witwatersrand Business Schools.

Dr. Jos Vaessen



Jos Vaessen (PhD) is an evaluation advisor at the Independent Evaluation Group (since 2016) and deputy head of the Global Evaluation Initiative (since 2021). Since 1998 he has been involved in evaluation research activities, first as an academic and consultant to bilateral and multilateral development organizations and from 2011 to 2015 as a lead evaluator at UNESCO. He has conducted and led evaluations for multilateral and bilateral development organizations in various policy fields such as agriculture, environment, science, education, health and others.

Since 2016 he has been working at the World Bank Independent Evaluation Group. He established and led IEG's Methods Team and more recently, in collaboration with other colleagues and institutional partners, contributed to establishing the Global Evaluation Initiative, a global partnership to strengthen M&E systems and capacities. Jos has taught evaluation-related courses at the University of Antwerp (2002-2010), Maastricht University (2010-2012), the International Program for Development Evaluation (2016-present) as well as various other institutions.

Jos has authored several internationally peer reviewed publications, including three books.

Dr. Mohammed Alyami



Almost 20 years of experience in different sectors with the most in Evaluation and Development Impact. Currently, Alyami is the Director of the Development Effectiveness Department at the Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector, a member of the Islamic Development Bank Group. Mohammed Alyami worked as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at Harvard Kennedy School in 2017-2018 in Cambridge, USA. Alyami holds a Ph.D. in Evaluation from Western Michigan University (WMU) with an emphasis on evaluation standards and program evaluation. He holds two Masters degrees, one in Marketing Management (2002) from the Institute of Public Administration in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, and the other in Human Resources Development (2008) from WMU. In 1999, he completed his Bachelor studies in Business Administration at King Saud University in Riyadh. His research interests are development effectiveness, impact evaluation, and evaluation standards.

Dr. Syurkani Ishak Kasim



Syurkani Ishak Kasim has more than 27 years of experience working in different roles on the areas of economic policy and strategy, development financing, public finance management and governance. Prior to IsDB, Syurkani was a Senior Director in the Ministry of Finance Indonesia responsible for managing the Government's sovereign loans and grants. In 2022, he advised the Indonesia G20 Presidency while acting as the Presidency Chair for the G20 International Financial Architecture Working Group.

From 2017 to 2021, Syurkani was an Executive Director in the Board of Directors of the Asian Development Bank. During 2014-2017, Syurkani was the Director of Climate Finance and Multilateral Policy at the Fiscal Policy Agency, in which held many important works in the areas of climate finance.

Syurkani earned his master's degree in financial economics and advanced diploma in international economics both from the State University of New York

at Buffalo, USA. He completed his doctoral degree (PhD) in monetary economics from Victoria University Melbourne (Australia).

Dugan Fraser



Dugan Fraser is the Program Manager at the Global Evaluation Initiative (in the World Bank's Independent Evaluation Group). He was previously Director of the Centre for Learning on Evaluation and Results at the University of the Witwatersrand, where he was an Adjunct Professor. He previously worked as an independent consultant specializing in supporting organizations and institutions to make better decisions by collecting and using evidence. He helped design interventions, monitor performance and assess results as well as supported strategy and programme planning. Before that he was the Programme Director at the RAITH Foundation, where he was responsible for programme strategy design and implementation, monitoring and evaluation and the provision of technical advice to grantees. He was also responsible for supporting the Foundation's responsible investment strategy.

He had worked before as independent public and development management consultant specializing in monitoring and evaluation for learning, accountability and performance improvement. His particular interest was in large scale systems, such as the African Union's African Peer Review System, the Presidency's Government Wide M&E System and the PSC's Public Service M&E System, on which he worked. He has extensive experience in working with social justice, social protection, public administration and governance, gender, human rights and related issues. His specific areas of expertise include evaluation, monitoring system development, strategic and programme planning, institutional and capacity development and process facilitation. He chairs the Board of Just Share, a non-profit promoting shareholder activism, and is a member of the Board of the Social Justice Initiative. He was previously the Chairperson of the Board of the SA M&E Association.

Eng. Hani Salem Sonbol



Eng. Hani Salem Sonbol is the CEO of the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC) and in addition to his current position, he was also appointed to serve as acting Chief Executive Officer of Islamic Corporation for the Development of the Private Sector (ICD). He has more than 35 years of experience in Development Banking, serving in a variety of technical and leading positions across the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) Group.

Before assuming his current roles, Eng. Hani accumulated a wealth of knowledge and experience while holding diverse leading positions including Deputy CEO ITFC and Acting Chief Executive Officer at Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC).

Eng. Hani is a Saudi National, who obtained an Associate of Arts Degree from Marymount California University, USA; Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from Bluefield State University, West Virginia; and master's degree in Engineering Management with honors from George Washington University, USA.

In addition, he obtained several distinctive Executive leadership development programs at Harvard University, USA, and London Business School England.

Hamdi Ahmedou



Hamdi Ahmedou is the Senior Manager, Monitoring and Evaluation with the International Islamic Trade Finance Corporation (ITFC). In his capacity, he leads ITFC's self-evaluation function, which includes reporting on and managing ITFC's development results framework and conducting ex-post evaluations of ITFC-funded operations. Prior to joining ITFC, Hamdi initiated his evaluation career with successive experiences with the Independent Office of Evaluation (IOE) of IFAD and the Office of Evaluation (OED) of FAO in Rome.

Ibrahima Dit Thierno Lo



Before joining the IsDB Group in 2014, Mr. Ibrahima oversaw the UNICEF Results and Knowledge Management Agenda in West and Central Africa Region, covering 24 countries. He was responsible for ensuring the quality and coherence of UNICEF's programming, reporting, and learning in the region, as well as for facilitating the use of evidence and knowledge for policy advocacy and partnership building.

Before UNICEF, Mr. Ibrahima worked at the Senegalese Decentralization Program sponsored by the World Bank as Monitoring and Evaluation Division Chief, where he led the design of the Millennium Development Goals Monitoring System for fifty-four local territories in Senegal. He also contributed to the development of the national decentralization policy and strategy and supported the capacity building of local governments and civil society organizations in planning, budgeting, and monitoring and evaluation.

Previously, Mr. Ibrahima served at the Canadian IDEA International Institute, where he provided training and technical assistance to various African government agencies in Results Based Management, Monitoring & Evaluation and Project Management. He also participated in several evaluation and research projects on public sector reform, governance, and development effectiveness in Africa.

At IsDB Group, Mr. Ibrahima started as Principal Monitoring and Evaluation at the Development Effectiveness Department of the ICD, where he introduced the first ADER and piloted the concept of "Company-led Monitoring and Evaluation System" to empower local partners (Banks and Companies) to integrate results framework and development impact in their corporate performance system. He also supported the development and implementation of the ICD's Development Effectiveness Framework and Strategy, and facilitated the alignment of the ICD's operations with the IsDB's 10-Year Strategy and the SDGs.

Since January 2020, Mr. Ibrahima is serving at the EOP of IsDB and is coordinating the analysis supporting the decision-making process of H.E. the President on strategic, evaluation and corporate governance matters.

Ms. May Ali Babiker Eltahir,



May Ali Babiker is an Economist and Anthropologist by training. She holds a MSc in Gender and Development and a Post-graduate Diploma on Development Studies. She has more than 20 years of experience in the field of development with a focus on working in fragile and conflict affected countries. She is well versed in result-based programming, country engagement, development of country strategy documents as well as projects/programs design and implementation. She worked extensively with governments, private sector and civil society organizations in advancing the development agenda in the Arab world, Africa and OIC member countries. She served in different positions in the UNDP, UNFPA, UN Women, and the African Development Bank in country, regional and Headquarters levels. Currently, she is working for the Islamic Development Bank Head of the IsDB Group Regional Hub in Cairo.

Mohameden Mohamed Sidiya



Sidiya is a development practitioner with more than 40 years of experience in development work. His main fields of expertise are (i) Independent Evaluation (Project Level Evaluation, Higher Level Evaluation, Development Effectiveness), (ii) Project appraisal, management and supervision, (iii) Financial and Economic Analysis of Investments, and (iv) Managerial Assessment. Mr. Sidiya served in the Islamic Development Bank for more than 34 years in different capacities including Director of the Group Operations Evaluation Department for 8.5 years, Deputy Director and at the same time Acting Director of the Operations Planning and Services Department for 2 years, and Technical Assistant to the President, IsDB for about 9 years. Prior to joining IsDB, Mr. Sidiya worked at SONADER, the Rural Development State Company in Mauritania, where he served for 7 years in different capacities. Mr. Sidiya holds a Degree in Civil Engineering from "Ecole Polytechnique" (University of Montreal, Canada) and a Certificate in investment appraisal and risk management from Harvard University, USA. He also holds a Postgraduate Degree in Islamic Studies, from Sudan. Mr. Sidiya played a key role in the evaluation of the IsDB@40 exercise. Mr. Sidiya also managed the production and publication of the Book on IsDB, providing the necessary inputs for the publication and overseeing the quality assurance for the Book. Mr. Sidiya is fluent in Arabic, French and English.

Mohamud Hussein Khalif



Mohamud Hussein Khalif is the General Manager, Underwriting Operations Department at ICIEC. He is an economist by training and has been working, over the past twenty years, for the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) Group, in various roles and capacities. He initially joined the Bank as a Young Professional (YP) and was later assigned to the Islamic Corporation for the Insurance of Investment and Export Credit (ICIEC), the member institution of the IDB Group that has the functional responsibility of using risk mitigation instruments for enhancing Member Country development programs. He has since served in various roles in ICIEC including as a Country Risk Analyst and an Investment Insurance Underwriter. He also served as the Manager for the Structured Finance and Investment Insurance Division in ICIEC, which is the Division tasked with promoting Medium Term trade credit transactions of, and foreign direct investments (FDI) into, the member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC).

Prior to joining the Islamic Development Bank, Mohamud worked, as an environmental economist, for the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Energy in Toronto, Canada. Mohamud holds a master's degree in economics and environmental studies from the University of Toronto (Canada), a second master's degree in International Relations and World Order from the University of Leicester (UK) and a bachelor's degree in International Business Administration from the US International University.

Osman Buyukmutlu



Mr. Osman Buyukmutlu is currently serving as the Director of Strategy Department in ICD, the private sector arm of the Islamic Development Bank Group. He has twenty years of experience holding a variety of executive positions in corporate strategy, finance, economic policy, and research. His key responsibilities at ICD include leading the development and execution of ICD strategy, business plan, KPIs, strategic initiatives, delegation of authority as well as reporting results to ICD's key stakeholders. Besides representing ICD in various platforms including MDB Taskforce on Private Sector Resource Mobilization and DFI Working Group on Blended Finance, Mr. Buyukmutlu also serves as a member in the ICD Management Committee, ICD Investment Committee and ICD ALCO Committee. Mr. Osman Buyukmutlu holds bachelor's degree in business administration from Middle East Technical University/Turkiye and MBA degree from Harvard Business School/United States.

Prof. Dr. Jörg Faust



Jörg Faust is director of the German Institute for Development Evaluation (DEval) and Extraordinary Professor of Political Science at the University of Duisburg-Essen. He holds a doctoral degree in political science from the Johannes Gutenberg University of Mainz and a master's in business administration from Mannheim University. Before joining DEval he was Head of Department at the German Development Institute (DIE). He is the Chair of the OECD/DAC Network on Development Evaluation (EvalNet) and a member of the scientific advisory board for the Bertelsmann Transformation Index (BTI).

Syed Husain Quadri



Syed Husain Quadri is currently the Director of the Resilience and Climate Action Department at the Islamic Development Bank, the largest AAA-rated MDB in the OIC region. He leads the Bank's engagement in diverse thematic areas of Climate Change, Environment, Fragility, Conflict, Disaster Management, CSOs/NGOs, and Gender and Youth Development. Previously, he was the Acting Director for Country Strategy and Cooperation where he was in charge of Regional Integration, Trade and Investment Promotion, South-South Cooperation, and Country Strategy. Prior to this, Quadri was an independent evaluator, leading the assessment of 43 Public Sector, Private Sector, and Corporate evaluations in 20 countries. He has a Bachelor's from King's College London and a Master's from Imperial College London.

Zaher Rebai



Zaher is the Director of the Human Resources Development Department of IsDB. Prior to that, he managed the Capacity Development Department and the Leadership & Staff Development Division and served as Advisor to the Vice President of Cooperation and Capacity Development. He also served as the Acting Director of the Independent Evaluation Department (IEvD). Prior to joining IsDB, Zaher served in different managerial capacities with CARE USA in Atlanta.