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ABOUT THE STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Strategic Advisory Committee is a group of experts, whose insights, experience and expertise will aid Cooperation Canada's Research and Program Officer in framing the parameters of the Futures Initiative, and designing a process and products which are useful and well-positioned to be used. They are instrumental in the successful implementation of the project.

BIO PROFILES



Estefanía Charvet, Southern Voice

Estefanía Charvet is Head of Programmes at Southern Voice. Before joining Southern Voice, Estefania worked for research organizations and think tanks in South America and Europe. She was responsible for conducting research on political inclusion, gender, participation, and accountability. Estefanía holds a Master in Development Studies from the Graduate Institute Geneva and a Bachelor in Economics from the Pontifical Catholic University of Ecuador. Areas of expertise: Economy, Social Issues.

Fraser Reilly-King, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)



Fraser joined the Policy and Evaluation Division at IDRC in February 2019. Since joining, he has supported the Centre's work and thinking around private sector engagement, knowledge sharing, thought leadership and strategic foresight. Prior to IDRC, Fraser was the Research and Policy Manager at Cooperation Canada, an organization he joined in 2011. CC is the umbrella organization for Canadian not-for profit organizations engaged in international development work. From 2014-15, CC was the national hub for the Beyond2015 campaign on Agenda 2030 and the sustainable development goals, with Fraser acting as the lead. Fraser sat on the Management Committee of the Reality of Aid Network as Vice-Chair for eight years and was the North American representative to the CSO Partnership for Development Effectiveness from 2012-2014. He has written blogs on aid and development for the Ottawa Citizen and the Huffington Post and published in peer-reviewed journals. He has a Master of Science in Development Studies from the London School of Economics.



Hesbone Ndungu, The Africa Youth Trust

Ndungu is an experienced program management, advocacy and public policy professional. He works with young people to address challenges that incapacitate them from leading; with a strong focus on youth development, governance, electoral assistance, and policy analysis in Africa. With over 10 years of experience in successfully executing programs and projects, Hesbone has developed exceptional skills in engaging, advising, and briefing senior stakeholders and management, preparing pitch decks, and leading fundraising initiatives. He is adept at multitasking, and developing and implementing media strategies that incite action and possesses highly developed communication and interpersonal skills. Additionally, Hesbone is a governance professional with significant experience in anti-corruption, parliamentary development, public sector reform, political affairs, research, and advocacy. He has worked with

governments, parliaments, civil society, the development sector, and international organizations, focusing on institutional reform and capacity building. Hesbone is proficient in streamlining operational processes to reduce errors, improve efficiency, and achieve organizational objectives.



Ijun Kim, UNICEF Youth Foresight Fellow

Ijun Kim is a UNICEF Youth Foresight Fellow and Future Generations Leadership Ambassador. She is working to apply foresight to policymaking to ensure the legal system can be more proactive in addressing issues of sustainability and peacebuilding. She is further exploring this topic through the Master of Jurisprudence program at the University of Washington School of Law. Her work experience spans from not-for-profit organizations to private enterprises, which allowed her to better understand the intersectionality of development and climate, as well as the significance of policies in fostering an environment conducive to promoting sustainability. She regularly engages in conversation with policymakers to represent the perspectives of youth and future generations through her continued involvement in Youth, Peace, and Security initiatives with the United Nations Department of Political Peacebuilding Affairs.



Isabelle Kim, Global Affairs Canada

Isabelle has been working in international development, health, research, public policy, engagement, education and advocacy since 1998. She has worked in Canada, China and Peru in universities, hospitals, and civil society organizations, with partners around the world. In 2021, Isabelle joined Global Affairs Canada as a Senior Policy Analyst with the International Assistance Research & Knowledge (PVA) division in the Strategic Policy Branch. She has worked on climate finance, disability-inclusive development, locally-led development, and Indigenous issues. Isabelle is currently working within PVA's new Trends & Analysis unit. This team uses foresight/futures approaches to support the department's planning and policy processes.

Isabelle studied international development (BA) and education (MA, PhD) at the University of Toronto (UofT), where she taught nearly 30 graduate-level courses in cooperative learning and research methods, including community-based research (CBR).

In 2019, she co-founded the UNESCO Knowledge For Change (K4C) Tkaronto Hub. The hub is part of the global K4C network which aims to build local CBR capacity and facilitate community-university partnerships to achieve sustainable development goals.

She was recently nominated a changemaker by UofT's Centre for Critical Development Studies and a mentor in CBR by the UNESCO co-Chairs in Social Responsibility in Higher Education and CBR. This "methods nerd" and avid learner is passionate about making foresight more accessible through the Global Cooperation Futures Initiative and learning from the participants.

Isabelle lives in Toronto with her husband, three kids and dog.



Kate Higgins, Cooperation Canada

Kate is an accomplished leader and experienced manager, with over fifteen years of experience in international development, civil society, think tanks, and government. She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of Cooperation Canada. Kate is the former Deputy Executive Director of Oxfam Canada, where she has led the organization's work on strategy and communications and spearheaded a number of organizational change initiatives, in addition to serving as Interim Executive Director in 2020. Before joining Oxfam, Kate worked for CIVICUS, a global alliance of civil society organizations, where she led strategy development and the organization's work on data, sustainable development and citizen action.

She has held senior policy and research roles at the North-South Institute and the Overseas Development Institute, leading work on chronic poverty, protracted conflict, women's economic justice and international assistance and building several global, multi-stakeholder initiatives.

Kate started her career at the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), working on the Indonesia and Papua New Guinea programs. She has lived

and worked in Australia, Canada, Papua New Guinea, South Africa, Thailand and Uganda and has undertaken missions in several other countries. Kate has degrees in economics and development studies from the University of Oxford and the University of Sydney.



Kirthi Jayakumar (The Gender Security Project)

Kirthi Jayakumar is a feminist researcher working in the areas of Women, Peace, and Security, Transitional Justice, and Feminist Foreign Policy. She founded and runs The Gender Security Project, one of the few WPS centres in the global south, which works at the cusp of gender, security, peace, and conflict through research, reportage, and documentation. She currently serves as an advisor to the Women7 (W7) under the Japanese Presidency of the G7, and as the Head of Training at World Pulse. Kirthi coded an app for survivors of gender-based violence called Saahas, which works as a web and mobile app. She taught herself to code and created a web app, a mobile app and a Facebook ChatBot to support survivors of gender-based violence across 196 countries, and to assist bystander intervention. Her areas of interest include gender studies, peace and conflict research, security studies, and international human rights and humanitarian law.

She formerly founded and ran the Red Elephant Foundation, a civilian peacebuilding initiative that works for gender equality through storytelling, advocacy and digital interventions. She has trained over 7,000 individuals in bystander intervention, over 20,000 children in safe and unsafe touch awareness, and over 1,000 teachers on child sexual abuse prevention and timely response.

Kirthi holds an MA in Peace and Conflict Studies as a Commonwealth Scholarship Awardee from CTPSR, Coventry University, an MA in Sustainable Peace in a Contemporary World from UPEACE, Costa Rica, and a bachelor's degree in law from SOEL, Chennai. Kirthi is a Vital Voices Engage Fellow, and a former Vital Voices Lead Fellow.

Luc Mougeot, School of International Development and Global Studies



Luc J.A. Mougeot is a Professional in Residence at the School of International Development and Global Studies at the University of Ottawa for the period of July 2022 to June 2025. Luc previously worked at the International Development Research Center (IDRC) between 1989 and 2021, in various support programs for researchers and research organizations in the global South and Canada, in the social and environmental sciences, natural sciences and engineering, and technology and education. At IDRC, Luc formulated new grant programs which he then directed; he participated in the creation and growth of important research networks; he has supported the organizational strengthening of Canadian knowledge societies (including CASID), more equitable North-South research

partnerships involving Canadian universities, as well as the professional advancement of women scientists at the start of their careers in less favoured countries. He succeeded in promoting the participation of various bi- and multilateral agencies and foundations in the financing of several of these projects.

Luc has a doctorate in geography from Michigan State University, has carried out post-doctoral studies in environmental impact assessment, in the United Kingdom and in Germany. He lived in Brazil for 12 years, associate professor at the Federal University of the State of Para (Belém). For more details on his research and publications, please check <https://uniweb.uottawa.ca/home/5259/profile>.

Marie Lisa Dacanay, Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia



Marie Lisa M. Dacanay, PhD is the founding President of the Institute for Social Entrepreneurship in Asia (ISEA), a knowledge and resource institution set up by practitioners and scholars in 2008. She is a mentor of social entrepreneurs, a pioneer in research and education on social entrepreneurship in Asia and a leader in developing collaborative partnerships between social enterprises, civil society organizations, businesses and governments to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Dr. Dacanay was recognized by the Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship and World Economic Forum as Outstanding Social Innovation Thought Leader of the Year 2019.

She has authored many books and articles on social entrepreneurship the latest of which include Social Enterprises with the Poor as

Primary Stakeholders (2019), Social Enterprises and Agricultural Value Chains in Southeast Asia (2019), Social Enterprises as Game Changers in Achieving the SDGs (2020) and Social Entrepreneurship and Productivity (2022). She is Convener of the Poverty Reduction through Social Entrepreneurship (PRESENT) Coalition in the Philippines that is engaged in a lobby to enact an enabling social enterprise policy. She is also the Co-Chair of the ASEAN Chapter of Catalyst 2030, a global movement of social entrepreneurs and innovators working to accelerate the achievement of the SDGs. She is the Focal Point of the Social and Community Enterprise Constituency of the Asia-Pacific Regional Civil Society Engagement Mechanism (AP-RCEM) that engages the UN system on the SDGs.

Dr. Dacanay has a Master in Development Management (With Distinction) degree from the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines (1996) and a PhD from the Copenhagen Business School in Denmark (2012). She was Associate Professor and Program Director for Social and Development Entrepreneurship at the Asian Institute of Management (Philippines) from 2000-2008. She has taught social entrepreneurship masteral and executive courses at the Ateneo de Manila University since 2008. Before joining the academe, she was Manager of the Asian-Development Bank-funded Agrarian Reform Communities Project of the Philippine Department of Agrarian Reform and Vice President for Field Operations of the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), a non-government organization dedicated to sustainable

development and the empowerment of farmers, fishers, indigenous people, women and rural communities. She continues to be a member of the Board of Trustees of PRRM.



Nana Asantewa Afadzinu (West Africa Civil Society Institute)

Nana Asantewa Afadzinu, Executive Director of the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI), has worked with and within the civil society sector for the past 19 years and is a passionate advocate for an effective, efficient, influential and sustainable civil society in West Africa. She is a lawyer by profession and has worked extensively on governance, human rights, philanthropy and capacity building with national, international, continental and regional organisations. Nana obtained an LLB and BL, from the University of Ghana and the Ghana School of Law in 1994 and 1996 respectively.

After practicing with a Commercial Law Firm, Hesse and Larsey, Nana worked as Legal Officer with the Secretariat of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights in Banjul, the Gambia; and the African Society of International and Comparative Law in Accra.

Nana spearheaded the establishment of a legal division for the Women's Initiative for Self-Empowerment (WISE) and volunteered as WISE legal counsel.

She was the Coordinator of the National Coalition on Domestic Violence Legislation in Ghana and is a member of the Ghana Bar Association (GBA). Nana, previously a visiting scholar at Columbia University's Human Rights Advocate Training Programme, completed her Master in law at New York University and has worked with Media Foundation for West Africa and the Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University, in establishing a West and Central Africa Human Rights Institute.

She joined the Open Society Initiative for West Africa (OSIWA) as Governance Program Officer in 2005 and was OSIWA's Country Coordinator in Nigeria from 2006 to 2008.

From September 2008 to 2009, Nana was the Regional Policy Advisor for IBIS West Africa before joining the West Africa Civil Society Institute (WACSI) in 2010 as the Executive Director. She has served and continues to serve on several public service and non-profit boards.

Narue Shiki (United Nations Development Programme)



Narue Paulilo Shiki has over 20 years of experience in international development, having worked in Latin America, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. She is currently the Futures Lead in the Strategy & Futures Team, in the Executive Office of the Administrator of UNDP, where she has also held positions in strategy and innovation, external relations, program management and inter-agency coordination. She started her career at the UN in Brazil where she worked on environment and climate change issues and taught international relations at the University Center of Brasília (UniCEUB). Narue has a Master of Science in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Brasilia.

Paola Pierri (International Civil Society Centre)



Paola co-leads the 'Futures and Innovation' Programme at the Centre (together with Rachel Wilkinson). Prior to joining the Centre, Paola was Director of Research at Democratic Society and a Fellow at the Weizenbaum Institute, working on the impact of emerging digital technologies on the public sphere. Paola comes with more than 15 years of experience working in between Academia and Civil Society Organisations providing analyses of emerging trends to support the sector achieving greater impact in complex and uncertain times. Paola holds a Doctorate in Design Anthropology from London College of Communication and an MA in International Development.

Peter Glenday, School of International Futures



Peter has over twelve years' experience delivering foresight and research projects across governments, non-profits, and academic research. Clients include: BOND Development Futures, UK Cabinet Office, Department for transport, Government Office for Science and the National Crime Agency. He has worked on projects for California 100, Cancer Research UK, Save the Children, UN Global Pulse, the World Health Organization, Royal Society, and IATA. He worked at the Horizon Scanning Centre in the UK Government Office for Science as a lead researcher on the 2010 Technology and Innovation Futures and 'Dimensions of Uncertainty' projects. Prior to joining SOIF he was Head of Business Development at Helplines Partnership, a third sector infrastructure body. Peter has a doctorate in Zoology (Genetics) from the University of Oxford.



Rachel Wilkinson, International Civil Society Centre

Rachel joined the centre in January 2023 and co-leads the Futures and Innovation programme with Paola Pierri. Rachel is jointly responsible for managing the portfolio of projects and events as well as leading and developing the Scanning the Horizon strategic peer learning platform. Rachel has more than 15 years of experience working in the third sector, on a national and international level, working for various INGOs in international development and human rights in both London and Berlin. Prior to joining the Centre, Rachel worked for Tactical Tech an NGO tackling the

impact of digital technology on society. Rachel holds an honours degree in Political Science from Newcastle University.



**Richard Ssewakiryanga - Center for
Basic Research**

Richard Ssewakiryanga is a prominent civil society figure in Africa and beyond. He currently serves as executive director of Uganda National NGO Platform, a “sharing and reflection platform for NGOs to influence governance and development processes in Uganda and enhance their operating environment.” He is also a member of the Open Forum’s global facilitation group.



**Tanja Hichert (UNDP, Center for
Sustainability Transitions)**

Tanja Hichert is a South African futurist with specialised skills in scenario planning, facilitating strategic conversations and scanning. She is a member of the Association for Professional Futurists. She has 15 years of practical business experience, mostly in the field of strategic planning, and has worked for international corporations in the mining, oil and tobacco industries. In particular she served as the UK-based scenario planning manager for BAT plc and conducted futures work for them in countries like Russia, Italy, UAE and Africa.

Her consultancy now supplies strategy futures services to South African and international clients in a wide range of industries including FMCG, media, insurance, mining and utilities. She has developed particular techniques and expertise in applying scenario planning to risk management and also trains risk managers in this regard. Her public sector work, in association with the SA Institute for International Affairs, includes projects on sub-Saharan trade agreement futures and Southern African agricultural futures. She also serves on a global Foresight Exchange Forum for the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

In addition to managing Hichert & Associates, Tanja is a senior research associate at the University of Stellenbosch's Institute for Futures Research (IFR). In this capacity she delivers environmental scanning/future trends presentations to public and private sector members of the institute; authors chapters on human development, environmental futures and sustainable development for the annual 'Business Futures' publication; produces a bi-monthly 'Sustainability Watch' scan; and writes a series of 'Corporate Strategy Insights' dealing with the greening of business, the future of management, innovations for a sustainable economy and systemic risk management. Tanja also lectures to M.Phil (Future Studies) students and conducts workshops and scenario planning training courses for public and private sector members of the institute.

Tanja also serves as a director of the South African node of the Millennium Project (a global participatory futures research think tank) and helped organise the first African Futures Conference which brought together futurists, scholars, business planners, and policy makers from all over the continent. In this capacity she produces a monthly horizon scanning publication, which is part of the Rockefeller Foundation's Searchlight Project, that deals with equitable growth, human development and resilience across Southern Africa.