



9TH ANNUAL FIN BANKING ON EMERGING MARKETS FORUM & AWARDS 2026

THEME: Banking on Emerging
Markets: Capital, Innovation &
Leadership in a Changing
Global Economy

**BANGKOK
THAILAND**



Venue: The Westin Grande Sukhumvit, Bangkok, Thailand

DATE: Monday, 12 October 2026

Time: 2:00 PM–4:30 PM

Registration: 1:00 PM

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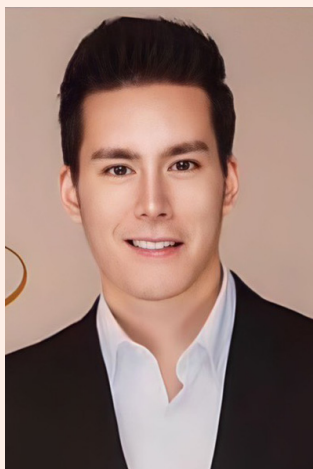


EVENT OVERVIEW

The 9th Annual FIN Banking on Emerging Markets Forum & Awards 2026 will bring together government leaders, investors, financial executives, development institutions and technology leaders to discuss banking transformation and the future of emerging markets.

The programme will focus on capital flows, private investment, financial technology, infrastructure financing, cross-border investment and financial inclusion.

MASTERS OF CEREMONY (MCs)



TODSTHAM PIUMSOMBOON (TODD)
Professional Bilingual MC, Television Host & Presenter – Thailand

Todstham Piumsomboon, professionally known as Todd, is a Thai-English bilingual television presenter, event host and professional MC with extensive experience in broadcasting and live events.

Having spent approximately 15 years in New Zealand from a young age, Todd is fluent in both English and Thai and brings a strong international perspective to his work. He studied at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, earning undergraduate and postgraduate qualifications in Communication Arts and Sociology.

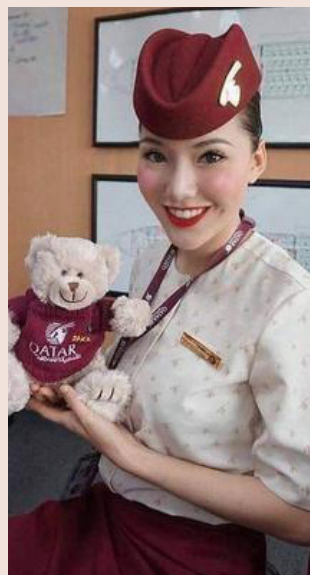
Todd has presented several English and bilingual television programmes in Thailand,

including Hello English, ASEAN Connect, English for ASEAN, ASEAN Insight, Good Morning, Welcome World, Around the World by CNN, and NBT Newslane. He also contributed to Good Afternoon, which won Best Television Game Show at the Asian Television Awards in 2012.

As a professional bilingual MC, Todd has hosted more than 1,000 events, including international conferences, forums, seminars, press conferences, exhibitions, gala dinners, corporate functions, grand openings and award ceremonies.

His international MC experience extends across Asia-Pacific, including Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Hong Kong, Japan, China, Taiwan, the Philippines and Australia.

Known for his professionalism, preparation and confident stage presence, Todd brings substantial broadcasting and international event experience to both corporate and high-level functions.



CHAYANRITA NA BANGCHANG (BELLA)
Bilingual Emcee & Professional Event Host, Thailand

Chayanrita Na Bangchang, professionally known as Bella, is a Thai bilingual emcee, event host, moderator, translator, public-speaking coach and aviation trainer with extensive experience hosting international corporate, government and industry events.

She previously served as First Class and Premium Cabin Crew with Qatar Airways from 2011 to 2017 before moving into education, aviation training and professional event hosting. She has also taught English and aviation hospitality and holds Thailand's Advanced

Announcer and Telemedia Anchor certification.

Bella has hosted and moderated major conferences, seminars, press conferences, MOU ceremonies and corporate events for organisations and programmes including Techsauce Global Summit, Huawei, VietJet, Nissan Thailand, Delta, Thailand Sustainability Expo, Bangkok Gems and Jewelry Fair, the Italian Pavilion with the Embassy of Italy in Thailand, and the Tourism Authority of Thailand.

Her experience also includes high-profile corporate and awards events involving Mercedes-Benz, Hyundai, Subaru, King Power and the Forbes CEO Golf Tournament.

With a background spanning aviation, hospitality, education and live events, Bella brings an international outlook, confident stage presence and strong bilingual communication skills to formal ceremonies and international business programmes.

EVENT PROGRAMME

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Registration, Guest Arrival & Welcome Reception

Registration and arrival of distinguished guests and delegates, followed by a Welcome Reception and Networking Session.

2:00 PM – 2:05 PM | Opening Remarks

Kate Sovdagari - Vice President, Foreign Investment Network (FIN)

2:05 PM – 2:10 PM | Welcome Address

Dr. Nutchart Klamthawee - International Relations Advisor

2:10 PM – 2:25 PM | Opening Keynote Address

Dr. Iyabo Masha - Director and Head of Secretariat, G-24

Topic: Emerging Markets in a Changing Global Financial Architecture

2:25 PM – 2:35 PM | Special Guest Address

Prakash P. Hinduja - Chairman, Hinduja Group, Europe

2:35 PM – 3:30 PM | High-Level Panel Discussion

Banking, Investment & the Future of Emerging Markets

A high-level conversation examining capital mobilisation, financial resilience, digital transformation, investment, innovation and sustainable economic growth across emerging markets.

Panelists

Hon. Taiwo Oyedele - Minister of Finance and Coordinating Minister of the Economy, Federal Republic of Nigeria

Dr. Nutchart Klamthawee - International Relations Advisor, Thailand

Voranuch Dejakaisaya - Executive Chairman, KASIKORN Business-Technology Group (KBTG), Thailand

Oranuch (Mimee) Lerdsuwankij - Co-Founder & CEO, Techsauce Media Co., Ltd., Thailand

Moderator - Chayanrita Na Bangchang (Bella)

3:30 PM – 5:20 PM | FIN Emerging Markets Leadership Awards 2026

Presentation of the FIN Emerging Markets Leadership Awards 2026, recognising distinguished leaders and institutions for outstanding contributions to leadership, finance, investment, technology, public service, innovation and sustainable development.

5:20 PM – 5:25 PM | Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks

A brief closing message from FIN, followed by the MC's formal conclusion.

5:25 PM – 5:30 PM | Official Group Photographs

5:30 PM | End of Programme

KEY PLAYERS AND SPEAKERS AT THE EVENT



Dr. Iyabo Masha
Director and Head of
Secretariat, G-24

Dr. Iyabo Masha is Director and Head of the Secretariat of the G-24, bringing extensive international experience in economics, development finance and global economic policy. A respected voice on emerging-market priorities, she works at the intersection of international financial cooperation, macroeconomic policy and development. Her work contributes to strengthening the voice and interests of developing and emerging economies within the international financial architecture.



Prakash P. Hinduja
Chairman, Hinduja
Group, Europe

Special Guest Speaker

Prakash P. Hinduja is Chairman of the Hinduja Group, Europe, and a prominent international business leader with decades of experience across global markets. As part of the leadership of the diversified Hinduja Group, his international perspective spans investment, banking, industry and cross-border enterprise. His extensive global business experience reflects a longstanding commitment to international partnerships, investment and sustainable economic growth across developed and emerging markets.



Dr. Olasupo Olusi
Managing Director and
Chief Executive Officer,
Bank of Industry, Nigeria

Panel Speaker

Dr. Olasupo Olusi is Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Bank of Industry, Nigeria. An accomplished development-finance and economic-policy professional, he leads one of Africa's important development finance institutions, supporting industrialisation, enterprise development and sustainable economic growth. His leadership focuses on expanding access to finance, strengthening productive sectors and mobilising capital to support businesses, innovation and long-term economic development.



Taiwo Oyedele
Minister of Finance and
Coordinating Minister
of the Economy, Federal
Republic of Nigeria.

Panel Speaker and Award Recipient

Taiwo Oyedele is at the forefront of Nigeria's economic and fiscal transformation, driving reforms aimed at building a more transparent, competitive and investment-friendly economy. His leadership has placed particular emphasis on modernising Nigeria's tax system, strengthening public financial management, improving revenue mobilisation and creating a more predictable environment for businesses and investors.

His reform agenda seeks to move Nigeria beyond economic stabilisation towards sustainable growth, increased productivity, job creation and greater access to capital, while strengthening confidence in the country as a destination for long-term domestic and international investment.



**DR. EKNITI
NITITHANPRAPAS**

Deputy Prime Minister
and Minister of
Finance, Thailand

Dr. Ekniti Nitithanprapas is Thailand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, bringing extensive experience in economic policy, public finance and international financial affairs.

His career has included senior positions within Thailand's economic and financial institutions as well as international assignments. He previously served as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., representing the Southeast Asia constituency, and as Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs at the Royal Thai Embassy in London.

He has developed broad expertise in fiscal policy, taxation, financial markets and economic reform. Dr. Ekniti's combination of domestic policy leadership and international experience has positioned him as an important figure in Thailand's economic management and engagement with global financial institutions.



DR. SIDI OULD TAH
President, African
Development Bank Group

Dr. Sidi Ould Tah is the ninth President of the African Development Bank Group, assuming office in September 2025. A Mauritanian economist and development finance leader, he brings more than four decades of experience in economic policy, banking and international development.

Before joining the African Development Bank, he served as President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa (BADEA) from 2015 to 2025, overseeing significant institutional and financial transformation. He previously served as Mauritania's Minister of Economy and Finance and represented the country on the boards of major international financial institutions.

Dr. Ould Tah holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, France. His leadership focuses on mobilising capital for Africa, strengthening financial sovereignty, developing resilient infrastructure and supporting sustainable economic transformation.



**DR. NUTCHARUT
KLAMTHAWEE**
Executive Advisor,
IOT Holding Co., Ltd.
& IOT Industrial Park
Co., Ltd., Thailand.

**Emerging Markets
Visionary Leadership
Award 2026**

Dr. Nutcharut Klamthawee is a Thai leader whose work focuses on international relations, People-to-People Diplomacy, peacebuilding and sustainable economic cooperation. He has championed an approach to diplomacy that places people, communities and cross-cultural understanding at the centre of international cooperation. His work has included peace initiatives and economic promotion in Northern Thailand, as well as building diplomatic and business relationships across South Asia and the Middle East.

Dr. Nutcharut has also supported international engagement involving investment, tourism and economic cooperation, helping connect Thailand with international partners and opportunities. In 2025, he received the National Honorary Figure Award in recognition of his contributions to national development and

global peace diplomacy. Inspired by the leadership philosophy of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej (Rama IX), Dr. Nutcharut emphasises service, perseverance and the importance of promoting understanding between people. His commitment to international cooperation, peace and sustainable development underpins his recognition with the Emerging Markets Visionary Leadership Award 2026.



**MS. ORANUCH (MIMEE)
LERDSUWANKIJ**
Co-Founder & CEO,
Techsauce Media
Co., Ltd., Thailand

**FIN Technology Ecosystem
Leadership Award 2026**

Oranuch Lerdsuwankij, also known as Mimee, is the CEO and Co-founder of Techsauce, the prominent technology and innovation ecosystem builder in Thailand. Techsauce is renowned for organizing the largest technology conference in Southeast Asia, called Techsauce Global Summit (<http://summit.techsauce.co/>)

Her mission is to position Thailand as a collaborative force shaping the tech future of Southeast Asia. In the role of a tech ecosystem builder, she is committed to creating a platform for opportunities that will attract more investment into the country and enhance the capabilities of Thai organizations, especially startups, to go international. This involves various processes, including connecting the Thai tech ecosystem with the international ecosystem, transferring knowledge in both online and offline formats, creating business opportunities through regional tech event platforms, assisting in transforming businesses to create new S-curves, and ultimately developing the skills of the new generation.

Furthermore, she is currently a committee of the Digital Council of Thailand (DCT) She previously served as a board member at Thailand's National Electronics and Computer Technology Center (NECTEC). Oranuch is one of Thailand's leading women with expertise in technology, besides her success in the technology industry. In this role, she contributes to advancing Thailand's digital transformation and innovation initiatives. She is also interested in expanding the opportunity to bring technology to help society as useful as possible, especially among vulnerable people like refugees, children, women, the elderly, or refugee with disabilities.



H.E. Ms. Sabeeda Thaised
Minister of Culture,
Thailand

**Emerging Markets
Leadership Award 2026**

Sabeeda Thaised is Thailand's Minister of Culture. She previously served as Deputy Minister of Interior, giving her experience across government administration and public policy before assuming leadership of the Ministry of Culture.

As Minister, her responsibilities encompass Thailand's cultural heritage, creative industries, arts, traditions and the promotion of Thai cultural identity domestically and internationally.

She holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Law from Assumption University. Her public-service career reflects experience in both national administration and cultural affairs, with her present role contributing to Thailand's efforts to use its rich cultural heritage and creative economy as instruments for social and economic development and international engagement.



ASST. PROF. DR. KRISSANA BULAN
Chief Executive Officer,
Value Beyond Co.,
Ltd., Thailand

**Emerging Markets
Business Leadership
Award 2026**

Asst. Prof. Dr. Krissana Bulan is a Thai business leader, organisational-development specialist, academic, consultant and executive educator whose career combines business strategy, leadership development and organisational transformation.

As CEO of Value Beyond Co., Ltd., he helps organisations translate strategic objectives into measurable performance. His expertise includes strategic management, Objectives and Key Results (OKRs), Design Thinking, leadership development, performance measurement and business transformation.

Dr. Krissana's academic background spans Finance and Banking, Organisation Administration, and Educational Policy, Management and Leadership.

He has provided consulting and executive-

development services to organisations including Siriraj Piyamaharajkarun Hospital, CJ Express, Land and Houses Public Company Limited, Sony Thailand, Thammasat University and the Electrical and Electronics Institute under Thailand's Ministry of Industry.

His experience also extends to real estate, regional economic development, investment planning and special economic zone initiatives.

Through his work as an executive, strategist, consultant and educator, Dr. Krissana has helped organisations strengthen leadership capability, improve performance and adapt to changing business environments.

His contribution to organisational innovation and sustainable business performance underpins his recognition with the Emerging Markets Business Leadership Award 2026.



DR. JURAPAS PITAKSETHAKARN
Founder & Chief
Executive Officer, IDCO
International Consultant
Co., Ltd., Thailand

**Emerging Markets
Woman Leader of the
Year Award 2026**

Dr. Jurapas Pitaksethakarn is a Thai entrepreneur, international business consultant, network builder and social-impact leader whose career spans business development, international cooperation, humanitarian initiatives and women's leadership.

As Founder and CEO of IDCO International Consultant Co., Ltd., she has developed networks connecting business leaders, institutions and international partners. Her professional activities have included international consulting, construction-related business, import and export, energy and government-sector engagement.

Dr. Jurapas has also held leadership roles in international cooperation and exchange initiatives and has supported programmes designed to strengthen relationships between Thailand and other countries.

Her work extends beyond business into humanitarian service. She has participated in initiatives supporting disadvantaged communities in southern Thailand, including cooperation with Japan-based nonprofit REALE WORLD to provide clothing and essential supplies.

She has also been associated with advocacy for women's participation and leadership through international organisations.

Dr. Jurapas represents a leadership model that combines entrepreneurship with international relationship-building and social responsibility.

Her sustained contribution to enterprise, international cooperation, humanitarian engagement and women's

advancement underpins her recognition as the Emerging Markets Woman Leader of the Year 2026.



DR. ARANYA PHONGSAARD

Deputy Director, International Innovative Business Development Center (IIBD), Assumption University, Thailand

Emerging Markets Energy & Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2026

Dr. Aranya Phongsard is a Thai academic, public-administration specialist, organisational adviser and sustainable-development practitioner with more than three decades of experience across government, higher education, community development and business transformation.

She serves as Deputy Director and lecturer at the International Innovative Business Development Center at Assumption University, where her work covers innovative business development, strategic thinking,

sustainability, leadership, risk management and organisational transformation.

Before expanding into academia and consulting, Dr. Aranya accumulated 17 years of public-sector leadership experience in local administration. Her responsibilities included development planning, budgeting, public finance, infrastructure, procurement, education and community programmes.

Her work has addressed sustainable agriculture, smart farming, community enterprises, grassroots economic development and technology transfer.

More recently, her professional interests have expanded to ESG, responsible growth, sustainability reporting, sustainable public finance, artificial intelligence, automation and technology for sustainability.

Dr. Aranya's multidisciplinary career connects public policy, community development, innovation and responsible business.

Her sustained contribution to sustainable development and organisational transformation underpins her recognition with the Emerging Markets Energy & Sustainable Development Leadership Award 2026.



MR. WANCHAI KHOTKAEW

Managing Director, Ratchanakorn Supply Co., Ltd., Thailand

Emerging Markets Business Leadership Award 2026

Mr. Wanchai Khotkaew is a Thai industrial entrepreneur and business executive with more than three decades of experience across manufacturing, machinery, industrial systems, project engineering and corporate leadership.

As Managing Director of Ratchanakorn Supply Co., Ltd., he leads an enterprise serving Thailand's industrial machinery and equipment sector.

Mr. Wanchai began his professional career with Siam Compressor Co., Ltd. before progressing into machinery and production-management responsibilities at Yamada Somboon Co., Ltd. He later worked as a Project Engineer with SIG Combibloc, developing expertise in industrial machinery installation and international engineering projects.

His career has provided technical and business exposure involving the

United States, Germany, China, Italy and Japan.

From 2005 to 2010, he served as Managing Director of Thai Control System and Supply Co., Ltd., before assuming leadership of Ratchanakorn Supply in 2011.

His professional development combines practical engineering experience with studies in business administration, law and public administration.

Mr. Wanchai's career demonstrates the successful progression from technical and engineering operations into entrepreneurship and executive management.

His contribution to industrial enterprise and technically informed business leadership underpins his recognition with the Emerging Markets Business Leadership Award 2026.



MS. CHAWANADA MAYKHARSAKULWONG
Deputy Managing Director & Partner, BENT GROUP COMPANY LIMITED, Thailand

Emerging Markets Woman Leader of the Year Award 2026

Ms. Chawanada Maykharsakulwong is a Thai entrepreneur, corporate executive and

strategic adviser whose experience spans the energy sector, corporate finance, business development and institutional relationship management.

She serves as Deputy Managing Director and Partner of BENT GROUP COMPANY LIMITED, a Thailand-based enterprise operating in the petroleum and liquid-fuel sector.

In her executive role, Ms. Chawanada contributes to corporate operations, financial strategy, commercial development and institutional relationships. Her experience provides insight into an industry central to transportation, logistics, manufacturing and economic development.

Beyond her corporate responsibilities, she has participated in projects involving corporate finance, investment planning, financial structuring and strategic business development.

Her entrepreneurial capabilities emerged early. While studying at Assumption University, she received first prize in a product-design competition for developing a commercial packaging concept for a functional aloe-vera beverage.

As a woman executive working within the traditionally male-dominated petroleum and energy sector, Ms. Chawanada represents the growing influence of women in industries central to economic infrastructure and regional commerce.

Her contribution to entrepreneurship, corporate strategy and women's leadership underpins her recognition as the Emerging Markets Woman Leader of the Year 2026.



MS. THANAPORN RANGKAPANEE
Founder & CEO, Asia Medicare Group (AMC Group), Thailand

Emerging Markets Young Business Leader Award 2026

Ms. Thanaporn Rangkapanee, also known as "Alex," is a Thai healthcare entrepreneur and Founder and CEO of Asia Medicare Group, specialising in medical tourism, international patient referral, wellness and cross-border healthcare coordination.

She established Asia Medicare Group to connect international patients with Thailand's private healthcare system through an integrated model encompassing hospital referrals, treatment coordination, transportation, accommodation and patient-support services.

Before founding AMC Group, she accumulated more than eight years of experience in Thailand's hospital and healthcare sector.

Under her leadership, AMC has developed international business relationships across Oman, Bangladesh, Malaysia, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. She also represented

Thai hospitals and wellness providers at Arab Health 2023 in Dubai.

A central focus of her work is strengthening Thailand's position as an international Medical and Wellness Hub by integrating healthcare with hospitality, travel logistics and patient experience.

In 2025, the University of Phayao Alumni Association recognised her as an Outstanding New-Generation Alumna in Professional Achievement.

Her entrepreneurial contribution to international healthcare and medical tourism underpins her recognition with the Emerging Markets Young Business Leader Award 2026.



MR. PRASERT PIYASACHADESH
President, Promotional Export and Investment Trade Association (PEITA), Thailand

Emerging Markets Trade & Investment Leadership Award 2026

Mr. Prasert Piyasachadesh is a Thai business executive, trade-promotion leader and international business facilitator whose career has focused on expanding

cross-border trade and investment between Thailand, India and other emerging markets.

He serves as President of the Promotional Export and Investment Trade Association (PEITA), supporting businesses seeking international markets and investment opportunities.

A central feature of his career has been the development of Thailand–India economic relations. He has worked to translate longstanding bilateral relationships into commercial opportunities for Thai and Indian businesses.

Mr. Prasert has held executive leadership roles with S.C.I.C. (Thailand) Co., Ltd. and SCIC Tradex India Pvt. Ltd., business platforms facilitating commerce between Thailand and India.

He has also participated extensively in Thailand’s business-association ecosystem, including involvement with the Thai–India Business Council under the Board of Trade of Thailand and committees addressing South Asia, the Middle East and Africa.

His work centres on connecting entrepreneurs, investors, business associations and institutions and helping transform international relationships into practical commercial opportunities.

His sustained contribution to international trade, investment promotion and Thailand–India economic relations underpins his recognition with the Emerging Markets Trade & Investment Leadership Award 2026.



MR. NIPHON PHEURKERT
President, IOT Holding Co., Ltd., Thailand

Emerging Markets Corporate Governance Leadership Award 2026

Mr. Nippon Pheurkert is a Thai business executive and human-resource management professional whose career spans hospitality, retail, distribution, organisational development and corporate administration.

He began his career in Thailand’s hospitality industry, holding progressively senior human-resource and training responsibilities with organisations including Cape Panwa/ Sheraton Phuket, Novotel Lotus Sukhumvit, Novotel Rim Pae Rayong and Mercure Samui.

He subsequently served as Director of Human Resources and Acting Head of Accounting and Budgeting at The Regent Hotel in Hat Yai.

Mr. Nippon later moved into large-scale retail, undertaking senior human-resource responsibilities with Big C Hypermarket and Mini Big C, including HR leadership for major distribution centres.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in Education

from Prince of Songkla University and pursued graduate study in Human Resource and Organization Development at the National Institute of Development Administration (NIDA). He has also undertaken specialist aviation training.

His leadership philosophy centres on honesty, fairness, accountability, non-discrimination and respect for people. He believes strong corporate governance begins with ethical leadership and a culture in which employees can trust their organisation.

His contribution to ethical management, people development and responsible corporate leadership underpins his recognition with the Emerging Markets Corporate Governance Leadership Award 2026.



DR. THADPONG PONGTHAWORNKAMOL
Managing Director & Head of Machine Learning, Kasikorn Business-Technology Group (KBTG), Thailand

Dr. Thadpong Pongthawornkamol is Managing Director and Head of the Machine Learning team at Kasikorn Business-Technology Group (KBTG), Thailand. He leads a multidisciplinary team of data scientists, machine learning engineers and AI researchers driving innovation in data science, machine learning and artificial intelligence across KasikornBank, KBTG and the wider financial ecosystem.

Under his leadership, the team has delivered significant advances in business analytics, customer experience and process automation, implementing more than 80 AI and analytics projects for KasikornBank in 2024 alone.

Among his team’s notable achievements is THaLLE, Thailand’s first open financial large language model, capable of passing both the CFA and SET IC examinations, and AINU, an in-house facial verification technology compliant with iBeta Level 2 global standards.

Dr. Pongthawornkamol is currently leading KBTG’s enterprise-wide Generative AI transformation under its “Human-First, AI-First” strategy. Key initiatives include AI assistants and agents for software development and IT operations, as well as an in-house multi-agent platform designed to streamline complex workflows.

Before joining KBTG, he worked in the United States as a software engineer with leading Wall Street and Silicon Valley firms. His expertise spans artificial intelligence, data analytics and scalable software engineering.



DR. ZACCH ADEDEJI
Executive Chairman,
Nigeria Revenue Service

Dr. Zacch Adedeji is Executive Chairman of the Nigeria Revenue Service and a Nigerian accountant and public-sector leader with experience in taxation, public finance and economic administration.

Before his current leadership role, he served as Executive Chairman of the Federal Inland Revenue Service and as Special Adviser to the President on Revenue. He previously served as Commissioner for Finance in Oyo State and Executive Secretary of the National Sugar Development Council.

His professional background also includes private-sector experience in corporate finance. Throughout his public-service career, Dr. Adedeji has been involved in revenue administration, fiscal reform and initiatives aimed at strengthening government finances and improving Nigeria's revenue system.

His combination of public finance, taxation and private-sector experience underpins his role in Nigeria's continuing fiscal and revenue transformation.



WINYOU CHAIYAWAN
Vice Chairman and
Chairman of the
Executive Committee,
Thai Credit Bank

Winyou Chaiyawan is Vice Chairman and Chairman of the Executive Committee of Thai Credit Bank, with extensive experience in banking, finance, investment and corporate leadership.

He previously served as Chief Executive Officer of Thai Credit and has held leadership and directorship positions across financial services and other businesses. Earlier in his career, he worked as an investment banker with J.P. Morgan Securities (Thailand).

Mr. Chaiyawan holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Banking from Thammasat University and an MBA from UCLA Anderson School of Management. He is also a Chartered Financial Analyst.

His career combines international financial expertise with extensive experience in Thailand's banking sector, corporate governance and financial inclusion.



ONFA VEJJAJIVA
Secretary-General,
Office of the Public
Sector Development
Commission, Thailand

Onfa Vejajiva is Secretary-General of Thailand's Office of the Public Sector Development Commission (OPDC), with extensive experience in government administration and institutional development.

Before becoming Secretary-General, she served as Deputy Secretary-General of the OPDC. Her earlier public-service positions included Deputy Secretary-General and Advisor at the Secretariat of the Cabinet.

Her work has centred on public-sector development, administrative reform and strengthening the effectiveness of government institutions and services. She also serves in an ex-officio capacity on the Board of Thailand's Digital Government Development Agency.

Through her leadership roles, Ms. Vejajiva has contributed to Thailand's continuing efforts to modernise public administration and develop more efficient and responsive government services.



AIRADA LUANGVILAI
Acting President & CEO
and Senior Executive
Vice President, Digital
Government Development
Agency, Thailand

Airada Luangvilai is Senior Executive Vice President and Acting President & CEO of Thailand's Digital Government Development Agency (DGA). She has extensive experience in digital government, information technology and the transformation of public-sector services.

Her professional background includes senior leadership within Thailand's government technology organisations, including service as Deputy Director of Government Information Technology Services and leadership roles within the former Electronic Government Agency.

Mrs. Luangvilai holds a Master of Science in Technology and Information Systems Management from Mahidol University. Her expertise encompasses technology development, business strategy, operations and project consulting.

At DGA, she contributes to Thailand's digital-government transformation, supporting

the development of technology and digital infrastructure designed to improve the efficiency, accessibility and integration of public services.



Voranuch Dejakaisaya
Executive Chairman,
Kasikorn Business-
Technology Group, Thailand

Panel Speaker and Award Recipient

Mrs. Voranuch Dejakaisaya is Executive Chairman of KASIKORN

Business-Technology Group (KBTG). She is an experienced banking and technology executive whose career spans financial services, information technology, operations and digital transformation.

She joined KBTG as Executive Chairman in May 2022, with responsibility for supervising IT systems supporting KBTG and KASIKORNBANK and contributing to transformation and regional expansion. Her previous senior roles include Chief Technology Officer at SCBX, Chief Information & Operations Officer at Siam Commercial Bank, technology leadership at Bank of

Ayudhya (Krungsri), and Chief Information Officer SEA/IT Regional Head at GE Capital Thailand.

Mrs. Dejakaisaya holds a Bachelor of Science in Statistics and an MBA from Chulalongkorn University. Her regional recognition includes CIO50 ASEAN 2019 and The Asian Banker's Chief Information and Technology recognition in 2019. She also served as Chairman of the Thai Bankers' Association CIO Club from 2019 to 2020.

At KBTG, she continues to contribute to digital banking, artificial intelligence, data, technology infrastructure and innovation.



Dr. Komes Chandavimol
Principal AI Evangelist
at KASIKORN Business-
Technology Group (KBTG),

Dr. Komes Chandavimol is the Principal AI Evangelist at KASIKORN Business-Technology Group (KBTG), the technology arm of KASIKORNBANK, where he drives enterprise-wide AI transformation, responsible AI adoption, and the development of AI-powered capabilities for financial services.

With over 20 years of experience spanning data science, artificial intelligence, and

digital transformation across Thailand and the United States, he focuses on bridging emerging technologies with measurable business outcomes.

At KBTG, he has played a key role in advancing AI literacy, enabling enterprise AI adoption, and transitioning from AI experimentation toward scalable agentic AI solutions. His work encompasses workforce transformation, AI governance, innovation ecosystems, and the responsible deployment of AI in banking.

He also serves as a Visiting Professor at Chulalongkorn University and contributes to international AI governance and industry collaborations, including initiatives with the World Economic Forum and Singapore's AI Verify Foundation.



Mr. Mongkol Treekiijanon
Governor, Provincial
Electricity Authority
(PEA), Thailand

Utilities Leadership Award 2026

Mr. Mongkol Treekiijanon is Governor of Thailand's Provincial Electricity Authority (PEA), which provides electricity services to communities and businesses across much of the country. He advanced through operational and executive roles at PEA, including Assistant Governor and Deputy Governor. His technical background includes a doctorate in energy management engineering and a master's degree in environmental engineering from Suranaree University of Technology, as well as a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering. This combination of engineering and management is central to leading a utility responsible for reliable service while preparing for changing energy needs. Under his tenure, PEA has advanced smart-grid development to strengthen network performance and accommodate renewable generation and electric-vehicle charging. In August 2026, he signed a cooperation agreement with Bhutan Power Corporation to exchange expertise and develop smart-grid capabilities, including advanced metering and distribution management systems. The partnership also supports professional development and the sharing of operational practices. These efforts connect infrastructure investment with technical capacity and regional collaboration. A modern grid can improve service continuity and efficiency for households and businesses while helping the energy system adapt to cleaner power and digital management. The award recognises Mr. Mongkol's stewardship

of a major public utility and his contribution to developing reliable, forward-looking electricity services in Thailand. It honours his leadership in preparing essential infrastructure to serve communities, industry and future energy needs.



Mr. Tsehay Shiferaw Ensermu
Chief Executive Officer,
Awash Bank, Ethiopia

Emerging Markets Banking Excellence & Institutional Leadership Award 2026

Mr. Tsehay Shiferaw Ensermu is Chief Executive Officer of Awash Bank, one of Ethiopia's leading private commercial banks. He has served as CEO since 2016, guiding the institution through a period of change in Ethiopia's financial sector. His responsibilities include setting strategic direction, sustaining customer and stakeholder confidence, and aligning the bank's teams around dependable service and long-term growth. Awash Bank serves customers through retail and small-business banking,

corporate and wholesale services, trade finance and digital channels. Its annual reporting reflects the breadth of expertise needed to serve a diverse economy, with leadership responsibilities spanning technology, risk, finance, operations and customer service. Mr. Tsehay's role brings these functions together: mobilising deposits, extending credit, enabling payments and supporting enterprises that need financial services and working capital. Trade finance can help businesses participate in domestic and international markets, while accessible banking gives individuals and firms tools to manage money and invest in their plans. His leadership takes place within a regulated financial institution, where resilience, sound governance and customer trust are essential to lasting performance. The award recognises Mr. Tsehay's sustained executive leadership at Awash Bank and his contribution to Ethiopia's banking sector. It honours the institutional stewardship required to serve customers at scale, respond to changing needs and support economic activity through a reliable financial system.



Asfaw Alemu Tessema
Chief Executive Officer,
Dashen Bank, Ethiopia

Asfaw Alemu Tessema is a highly experienced Ethiopian banker and Chief Executive Officer of Dashen Bank, one of Ethiopia's leading private-sector financial institutions. With more than 35 years of experience across banking, corporate planning and development, credit and risk management, banking operations and executive management, he brings exceptional depth of institutional and financial-sector knowledge to his leadership role.

Mr. Alemu was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Dashen Bank in May 2015. His academic and professional background combines economics, public policy and management. He holds a Master of Arts in Economic Policy Management and a Bachelor's degree in Economics, and is also a Certified Manager.

His career reflects the increasingly important role of African banking executives in

strengthening institutions capable of supporting businesses, households and wider economic development. At Dashen Bank, he leads an executive structure covering corporate banking, retail and MSME banking, digital and information services, risk and compliance, strategy, transformation, finance and other critical functions.

His leadership experience spans periods of significant change in Ethiopia's financial sector, where technology, digitalisation, regulatory development and growing customer expectations continue to reshape traditional banking.

Mr. Alemu represents a generation of African financial leaders combining deep local market knowledge with modern institutional management. His more than three decades of banking experience and sustained executive leadership demonstrate a commitment to building resilient financial institutions capable of supporting enterprise, investment and sustainable economic development across emerging markets.



Hon. Dr. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, OON
Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), Nigeria

Hon. Dr. Abike Dabiri-Erewa, OON, is a distinguished Nigerian public servant, former parliamentarian, broadcaster and one of Africa's prominent advocates for diaspora engagement. She serves as Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission (NiDCOM), where she has been instrumental in strengthening Nigeria's relationship with its global diaspora and promoting their contribution to national development.

Her distinguished career began in journalism, where she spent approximately 15 years with the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA). She subsequently entered public service and represented Ikorodu Federal Constituency, Lagos State, in the House of Representatives from 2003 to 2015, serving three consecutive terms. During her parliamentary career, she chaired the House

Committee on Media and Public Affairs and later the Committee on Diaspora Affairs. She was also associated with important legislative initiatives, including the Freedom of Information legislation and the establishment of the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission.

Before assuming leadership of NiDCOM as its pioneer Chairman/CEO, she served as Senior Special Assistant to the President on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, further establishing her leadership in international and diaspora relations.

Under her leadership, NiDCOM has advanced diaspora engagement beyond welfare and consular concerns towards investment, entrepreneurship, knowledge and skills transfer, innovation and national development. She has consistently promoted Nigerians abroad as strategic partners capable of connecting the country with global capital, expertise, technology and opportunities.

Her decades of service across media, parliament, government and diaspora diplomacy have established her as an influential voice in Nigerian public life and a passionate champion of the Nigerian diaspora.



NARINRIT PREM-APIWATHANOKUL
Chief Executive Officer, Sovereign Company Limited, Thailand

Emerging Markets Technology Leadership Award 2026

Narinrit Prem-APIwathanokul, widely known as "AFON Cyber," is a Thai technology strategist and cybersecurity leader with more than 25 years of experience spanning cybersecurity, industrial automation, critical infrastructure, digital transformation and technology governance.

A Computer Engineering graduate of Assumption University, he began his career in industrial automation before moving into cybersecurity with IBM Thailand in 1999. He later served as Chief Security Officer of PTT ICT Solutions.

His contributions have extended into Thailand's public sector through advisory and specialist roles involving the Department of Special Investigation, Ministry of Defence and national cybersecurity initiatives. He also serves

as Vice President of the Thailand Information Security Association.

As CEO of Sovereign Company Limited, his work covers artificial intelligence, Zero Trust, quantum computing, post-quantum cryptography, digital trust, blockchain and cybersecurity frameworks.

He holds CISSP, CSSLP and GCFA professional certifications and has undertaken executive education in Disruptive Strategy at Harvard Business School. He is also the author of Zero Trust Mindset.

His contribution to cybersecurity, emerging technology and organisational resilience underpins his recognition with the Emerging Markets Technology Leadership Award 2026.



Mrs. Dagmawit Moges Bekele
Director of the Peace Fund Secretariat at the African Union

Mrs. Dagmawit Moges Bekele is the Director of the Peace Fund Secretariat at the African Union, a position she has held since March 2023. In this role, she provides strategic, financial, and operational oversight

of the AU Peace Fund—one of the AU’s key instruments for advancing sustainable peace and security across the continent. She brings deep expertise in fund management, resource mobilization, and financial governance, ensuring the Fund’s sustainability, accountability, and alignment with Africa-led priorities.

Prior to her current role, Mrs. Moges served as Ethiopia’s Minister of Transport and Logistics from October 2018 to January 2023. During her tenure, she led transformative reforms in the transport and logistics sectors, advancing infrastructure modernization, regional integration, and sustainable mobility. With over 20 years of public service, Mrs. Moges has held numerous leadership roles in government. She served as Deputy Mayor of Addis Ababa and Cabinet Member of the Addis Ababa City Government, where she also led the Communication Affairs Bureau and chaired the Addis Ababa Mass Media Agency. Earlier in her career, she was Deputy Head of the Capacity Building Bureau, Deputy Head of the Trade and Industry Bureau, and Head of the Micro and Small Enterprises Development Bureau. She began her public service journey as the General Manager of Kolfe Keranyo Sub-City in the Addis Ababa City Government. Mrs. Moges holds a BA in Public Administration and Development Management and an MA in Public Management and Policy from Addis Ababa University.



Academician Emerita

Professor Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Dr. Mazlan Othman, FASc Malaysian astrophysicist and former Director, United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA)

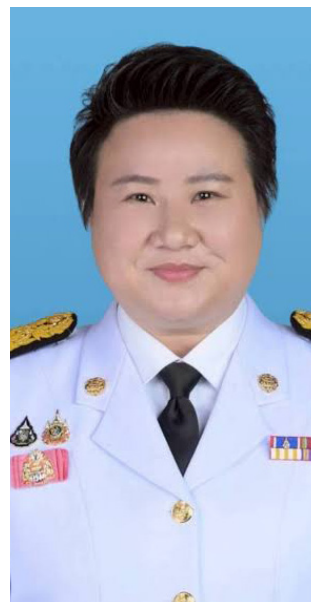
Science, Technology & Women Leadership Award 2026

Academician Emerita Professor Tan Sri Dato’ Seri Dr. Mazlan Othman, FASc, is a pioneering Malaysian astrophysicist whose career has linked research, national science institutions and international cooperation. After earning her PhD in astrophysics from the University of Otago, she returned to Malaysia in 1981 and helped establish an astrophysics programme at the National University of Malaysia, becoming Professor of Astrophysics in 1994. In 1990, she was seconded to the Prime Minister’s Department to direct the establishment of Malaysia’s National Planetarium and later became its first Director-General. She contributed

to the country’s early satellite capability, including TiungSAT-1, Malaysia’s first remote-sensing satellite. Appointed Director of the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA) in 1999, she later returned to Malaysia as founding Director-General of the National Space Agency, helping build national facilities and programmes for space science. She also played a leading role in the Angkasawan Programme, which sent Malaysia’s first astronaut to the International Space Station in 2007. In 2009, she became Deputy Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna. Her career shows how scientific expertise can shape institutions and strengthen international cooperation. She offers a model for women pursuing science and shows how public service can build national capability. The award recognises her contribution to astrophysics, Malaysia’s space programme and global cooperation in space affairs, as well as her example of women’s leadership in science and technology.

Attendance notes

Nan Boontida Somchai’s acceptance and attendance remain unconfirmed. These profiles record the award recognition and do not confirm event attendance.



H.E. Ms. Nan

Boontida Somchai

Deputy Minister of Digital Economy and Society, Thailand

Emerging Markets Digital Economy Leadership Award 2026

Ms. Nan Boontida Somchai is Thailand’s Deputy Minister of Digital Economy and Society. She holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in political science from Ramkhamhaeng University and has represented Ubon Ratchathani in several terms of the House of Representatives. Since 2024, she has also served as spokesperson for the Bhumjaithai Party, engaging the public on policy and political priorities. Her current portfolio includes oversight of agencies central to Thailand’s

digital development: the National Digital Economy and Society Commission, National Statistical Office, National Telecom, Thailand Post and the Digital Economy Promotion Agency. This responsibility brings together digital infrastructure, public services, data, communications and support for digital business. It places her at the intersection of technology policy and everyday life, where decisions affect how citizens access services, how businesses adopt digital tools and how institutions respond to rapid change. Her experience in representative government and political science offers a public-policy perspective on these challenges. The award recognises her contribution to public leadership in Thailand's evolving digital economy and her role in advancing connectivity, digital capability and innovation as foundations for broader participation and opportunity. It also honours the work of connecting national institutions with the needs of communities, citizens and enterprises across the country.



Dr. Wiparat De-ong

Dr. Wiparat De-ong is the Executive Director of the National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT), the country's principal national research funding agency under the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation. She has held this position since February 2021, following a career of progressively senior roles at the NRCT spanning research promotion, public sector development, research evaluation and knowledge management, and institutional leadership.

In her current role, Dr. Wiparat leads efforts to strengthen Thailand's research and innovation system. Her work has supported national research funding mechanisms, research excellence, and programmes that respond to national priorities and societal challenges. She has also contributed to the development of research management and evaluation systems, national research standards and research ethics. A central focus of her leadership is helping research move into practical use through technology transfer and stronger collaboration among government agencies, universities, industry and international partners.

Dr. Wiparat has represented Thailand and the Asia-Pacific region in prominent international research networks. From 2021 to 2024, she served on the Governing Board of the Global Research Council, contributing to dialogue on research funding policy, governance and international cooperation. She was Vice President of the Association of

Asian Social Science Research Councils from 2023 to 2025, supporting regional collaboration and knowledge exchange. Since 2024, she has served as a Council Member of the Science and Technology in Society Forum, engaging in international discussions on science, technology and innovation and their role in addressing global challenges.

Dr. Wiparat holds a Ph.D. in Demography from Mahidol University, an M.A. in History from Thammasat University, and a B.A. in History from Srinakharinwirot University.



Dr. Regis Oliver N'Sonde

Executive Director,
International
Monetary Fund

Dr. Regis Oliver N'Sonde is a distinguished economist, international public servant, and global development leader whose career reflects a deep commitment to economic stability, sustainable development, and public service.

Dr. N'Sonde serves as an Executive Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), representing a constituency of 17 countries across Central

and East Africa. In this role, he contributes to high-level international economic policymaking and represents the interests of member countries on issues critical to their economic and financial development.

Prior to becoming Executive Director, Dr. N'Sonde served in several senior positions at the IMF, including Alternate Executive Director, Senior Advisor, and Advisor to an Executive Director. Through these roles, he has been deeply engaged in economic policy, IMF-supported programs, and strategic discussions concerning countries across Africa.

His work encompasses macroeconomic stability, fiscal policy, debt sustainability, financial-sector resilience, structural reform, domestic revenue mobilization, institutional strengthening, and inclusive economic growth. He has contributed to policy discussions involving countries including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, Benin, Equatorial Guinea, and São Tomé and Príncipe, as well as the broader Central African region.

As a scholar holding a PhD, Dr. N'Sonde brings together academic excellence, economic expertise, diplomatic skill, and a strong commitment to international cooperation. His leadership reflects a belief in the importance of strong institutions, sound economic management, and partnerships that advance sustainable development.

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KATE SOVDAGARI

Vice President, Foreign Investment Network (FIN) & Event Director, Bangkok 2026

Kate Sovdagari is Vice President of the Foreign Investment Network (FIN), with extensive experience in international business development, marketing, strategic partnerships and the coordination of high-level investment and leadership programmes.

Her work with FIN has involved supporting international engagement between governments, business leaders, investors and institutions, as well as contributing to conferences, investment forums, leadership awards and global networking

initiatives across emerging and established markets.

Kate served as Event Director for FIN's Banking on Emerging Markets programme in Marrakech in 2023 and returns as Event Director for the ninth edition in Bangkok in 2026, providing continuity across FIN's international programmes held around the IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings.

Her professional background spans marketing, business development, communications and international relationship

management. She has also represented FIN at international programmes and has been involved in presenting and promoting leadership recognition initiatives.

In her role for Bangkok 2026, Kate supports programme coordination, international delegate engagement, awardee relations and the delivery of the FIN Banking on Emerging Markets Forum and Emerging Markets Leadership Awards.