



# THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

## CADRE OF TECHNICAL ADVISERS: 2023-24 LEADERS

**CHAIR:** [Past Trustee Marcelo Demétrio Haick](#)  
District 4420 (Brazil), 2021-24

**VICE CHAIR:** [Past District Governor Carolyn Johnson](#)  
District 7780 (USA), 2021-24

TECHNICAL COORDINATOR	DISTRICT AND COUNTRY	TERM
<b>Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention</b>		
<a href="#">Marcel Van Opstal</a>	4281 (Colombia)	2022-25
<a href="#">Neshad Asllani</a>	53 (Kosovo)	2023-26
<b>Disease Prevention and Treatment</b>		
<a href="#">Patricia Minaya Flores</a>	1770 (France)	2020-24
<a href="#">Raquel D'Garay-Juncal</a>	1550 (Netherlands)	2022-25
<a href="#">Axel von Bierbrauer zu Brennstein</a>	1860 (Germany)	2023-26
<b>Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene</b>		
<a href="#">Christopher Forster</a>	9101 (Sierra Leone)	2021-24
<a href="#">Ramesh Aggarwal</a>	3012 (India)	2022-25
<a href="#">Vincenzo Sassanelli</a>	2120 (Italy)	2023-26
<b>Maternal and Child Health</b>		
<a href="#">Brenda Anena</a>	9213 (Uganda)	2021-24
<a href="#">Jenny Kerrison</a>	9830 (Australia)	2022-26
<a href="#">Amal El-Sisi</a>	2451 (Egypt)	2023-25
<b>Basic Education and Literacy</b>		
<a href="#">Viveca Serder</a>	2390 (Sweden)	2021-24
<a href="#">Sophie Bamwoyeraki</a>	9213 (Uganda)	2022-25
<a href="#">Vasanthi Ranganathan</a>	3232 (India)	2023-26
<b>Community Economic Development</b>		
<a href="#">Wally Gardiner</a>	5360 (Canada)	2021-24
<a href="#">Nesta Hatendi</a>	9210 (Zimbabwe)	2022-25
<a href="#">Nilam Bedi</a>	7070 (Canada)	2023-26
<b>Environment</b>		
<a href="#">Jennifer Scott</a>	9685 (Australia)	2021-24
<a href="#">Jay Colingham</a>	5450 (USA)	2022-25
<a href="#">Alberto Palombo</a>	4530 (Brazil)	2022-26

<b>Financial Auditing</b>		
<a href="#">Peter H.G. Cheng</a>	3501 (Taiwan)	2021-24
<a href="#">Marcelo Enrique Frangiosa</a>	4905 (Argentina)	2020-25
<a href="#">Hari Lakshmi Ratan</a>	3232 (India)	2023-26

<b>Regional Organizer</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Country</b>
<a href="#">G. Viviana Santa Cruz Mérida</a>	Central America and South America	Bolivia
<a href="#">Jay Colingham</a>	North America	USA
<a href="#">John Philip</a>	Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa	England
<a href="#">Brenda Anena</a>	Sub-Saharan Africa	Uganda
<a href="#">Deepak Purohit</a>	South Asia	India
<a href="#">Jo Wong</a>	East and Southeast Asia	Taiwan
<a href="#">Ron Pickford</a>	South Pacific	Australia

## **ROLES OF CADRE LEADERS**

### **Chair and Vice Chair**

The trustee chair-elect appoints a Cadre chair and vice chair to serve as consultants to the Stewardship Committee of the Board of Trustees. Their key responsibilities include:

- Training and supporting Cadre leaders
- Reviewing Cadre assignments
- Ensuring the quality and consistency of Cadre evaluations

### **Technical Coordinators**

The trustee chair-elect appoints three technical coordinators for each area of focus and financial auditing.

These technical coordinators have extensive technical and project development experience, as well as strong familiarity with the Cadre and Foundation programs. They serve as leaders and mentors to Cadre members and consult with Foundation staff as needed on projects within their areas of expertise. Their key responsibilities include:

- Providing technical expertise to enhance project quality
- Completing complicated or sensitive assignments
- Consulting with Rotary members who are planning grants, Cadre members, and Rotary staff
- Recruiting Cadre members from targeted recruitment areas
- Identifying project trends and concerns and providing recommendations and best practices to stewardship staff

### **Regional Organizers**

Regional organizers are appointed by the Cadre chair to build relationships between the Cadre and club, district, and regional leaders and look for opportunities to use the expertise of Cadre members by:

- Adding Cadre members to [district resource networks](#)
- Integrating Cadre members into district grant review and approval processes

- Inviting Cadre members to serve as trainers at regional and district events, such as Rotary institutes and grant management seminars

## **CADRE LEADER BIOS**

### **Marcelo Haick, Chair**

#### **Brazil**

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Marcelo Demétrio Haick is president of Sologic South America, a division of a global company that provides root cause analysis methods, technology, and expertise to help companies reduce risk and solve problems. Marcelo performs investigations and manages the company's training and consulting services throughout South America. He graduated from Santos Medical College in 1982 with a focus in occupational medicine. His professional background includes environmental, health, and safety management systems; strategic planning; and ergonomics consulting.

A Rotarian since 1991, Marcelo has served in many roles, including as Rotary Foundation trustee, End Polio Now coordinator, PolioPlus national advocacy adviser, and vice chair of the Cadre of Technical Advisers. He has also served as district governor, committee member, and training leader. As a Cadre member, Marcelo contributed to the development of the Cadre's Long-Term Plan, and he has conducted site visits for disease prevention and treatment projects and assessments for Rotary's grant model evaluation. He is fluent in Portuguese and English.

### **Carolyn Johnson, Vice Chair**

#### **USA**

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Carolyn Johnson is a member of the Rotary Club of Yarmouth, Maine, USA, and served as governor of District 7780 in 2013-14. She is the vice chair of the Cadre of Technical Advisers and the chair of the Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group. She was also an adviser to The Rotary Foundation's WASH in Schools program.

Carolyn is an educator with more than 30 years' experience as a teacher, administrator, and education consultant. She was selected as a Maine Distinguished Educator. Carolyn is the founder of the Culture of Reading Program (CORP), the early literacy component of the Guatemala Literacy Project, and is chair of the board of Safe Passage, an organization that uses education programs to support families who live in the neighborhood of the Guatemala City dump. In 2008, Carolyn was honored to receive Rotary's Service Above Self Award. Carolyn and her husband, Past District Governor Peter Johnson, are Rotary Foundation Major Donors. They live in Yarmouth.

## **TECHNICAL COORDINATOR BIOS**

### **Marcel Van Opstal, Technical Coordinator, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention**

#### **Colombia**

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Marcel Van Opstal, of the Rotary Club of Bogotá Centenario, Colombia, has expertise in public administration with a concentration in international development policy and economics. He has a master's degree in public administration from Harvard and served as European Union ambassador to the Republic of the Congo and to Haiti, where he developed skills in political dialogue for conflict prevention, resolution, and mediation. Marcel

joined the Cadre in 2020, has completed a site visit, and has actively promoted the application of Positive Peace principles for project planning and execution. He is fluent in English, Spanish, and French.

**Neshad Asllani, Technical Coordinator, Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention  
Kosovo**

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Neshad Asllani, of the Rotary Club of Peja, Kosovo, is a medical doctor and human rights trainer. In 2000, with support from UNESCO, he co-founded the Kosovo Center for Human Rights and started a UNESCO project that focused on training Kosovar teachers in democracy and human rights. He is the coauthor of the human rights education resource book for teachers “Kosovar Steps for Human Rights Education,” published in Albanian and Serbian.

He also supported efforts to create the Human Rights Academy, which teaches students about human rights, democracy, equality, and the importance of tolerance. He has been awarded the Medal of Merit from the Kosovo police and is a Major Donor.

Neshad joined the Cadre in 2021 and has completed one interim monitor site visit. His native language is Albanian, but also he speaks fluent English and Serbo-Croatian and basic German.

**Patricia Minaya Flores, Technical Coordinator, Disease Prevention and Treatment  
France**

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Patricia Minaya Flores, of the Rotary Club of Nord Seine et Marne Nouvelle Génération, Seine-et-Marne, France, is a public health professional with a background in evaluation. She is the head of the Public Health and Vaccines Evaluation department of the French National Authority for Health. She was born in Peru, where she obtained a diploma in dentistry. She then earned a master’s degree in health systems analysis methods and a doctorate in clinical research and public health. She is committed to using her skills and experience to solve global challenges and help Rotary members around the world build sustainable and efficient projects. She believes that, through monitoring and evaluation, Rotary projects that provide sanitation infrastructure, improve access to essential health services, promote health and health behavior changes, and equip health facilities will prove their success and global impact. Patricia was the charter president of her club and was also the charter president of the Rotaract Club of Lima Sunrise, Lima, Peru. A Cadre member since 2011, Patricia has assisted The Rotary Foundation in evaluating projects in India, Kenya, Mexico, the Pacific Islands, Peru, and Romania. She is fluent in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

**Raquel D’Garay-Juncal, Technical Coordinator, Disease Prevention and Treatment  
Netherlands**

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Raquel D’Garay-Juncal, of the Rotary Club of Worldwide Impact, The Netherlands, is a medical doctor with experience building capacity of health care professionals. Raquel also has a master’s degree in project management and emergency management, which she has used to support economic development in underserved communities and to train leaders to prevent and mediate conflict. She has been a Cadre member since 2018, has completed four site visits, and is currently an adviser to the Rotary-USAID Hearts of Europe initiative. She is fluent in English and Spanish.

**Axel von Bierbrauer zu Brennstein, Technical Coordinator, Disease Prevention and Treatment**  
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Axel von Bierbrauer zu Brennstein, of the Rotary Club of Neunkirchen/Saar, Germany, is a medical physician, professor of internal medicine, and head of department at Klinikum Gütersloh. He teaches at Philipps-University Marburg. Axel has been a Cadre member since 2012. In addition to performing six Cadre site visits and three technical reviews for global grants, he has served on Programs of Scale review committees for The Rotary Foundation and conducted the interim on-site evaluation of the first Programs of Scale award in Zambia. Axel speaks German and English.

**Christopher Forster, Technical Coordinator, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**  
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Christopher Forster, of the Rotary Club of Freetown, Sierra Leone, is a civil engineer. He has worked in consulting engineering, oil marketing, estate management, project management, clothing production, and procurement services. He has acquired this experience over more than 35 years in West Africa and Switzerland.

Christo worked for 12 years in engineering and procurement for a major international oil company, seven years of which he spent in charge of safety. Then he did procurement and marketing for a UK-based international procurement company for 13 years and managed a US\$4.5 million investment and construction program for two years. Since then he has done estate and facilities management and school and office uniform production.

Christo is a past district governor and has been a Cadre member since 2014. He has carried out one desk review and six site visits covering boreholes, microflush toilets, toxic water removal, environmental health awareness, vocational training, and microlending related to water, sanitation, and hygiene. He has also attended five Cadre training sessions. Christo is fluent in English and has a moderate level of French and basic German.

**Ramesh Aggarwal, Technical Coordinator, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**  
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Ramesh Aggarwal, of the Rotary Club of Delhi Ashoka, Delhi, India, has a postgraduate degree in architecture from the University of California, Los Angeles, and has expertise in designing and developing low-cost sustainable infrastructure, including for water and sanitation. He served as 2012-13 governor of District 3010 and as a member of the WASH in Schools Target Challenge Committee and WASH Major Gifts Initiative Committee. Ramesh is on the board of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group and has played an integral part in Rotary's WASH in Schools programming. He serves as a primary contact for global grants for WASH in Schools and other water-related projects. Ramesh has received the Service Above Self Award and is a member of the Arch Klumph Society. A Cadre member since 2019, he has completed six site visits. Ramesh is fluent in English, Hindi, and Nepali.

## **Vincenzo Sassanelli, Technical Coordinator, Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Italy**

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Vincenzo Sassanelli, of the Rotary Club of Bari, Italy, is a civil engineer as well as an architect, construction manager, and urban planner with expertise in environmental design. He has postgraduate specializations in water and sanitation and in urban and community development.

Vincenzo has completed three interim monitor site visits and three technical reviews. He also served as a primary technical resource for The Rotary Foundation's simple school and low-cost shelter pilot program. Vincenzo speaks Greek, English, Italian, and Spanish.

## **Brenda Anena, Technical Coordinator, Maternal and Child Health Uganda**

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Brenda Anena, of the Rotary Club of Kwatule, Uganda, has 13 years' experience as a medical doctor. She currently works as a surgeon for Uganda Cancer Institute, a center of excellence in oncology care in East Africa.

A Rotarian since 2011 and a Cadre member since 2015, Brenda is passionate about equitable and sustainable health improvement through simple and available technologies. She believes that nobody should die of preventable diseases and that, in order for a child to thrive in life, its mother should be present and healthy. She works to promote early diagnosis of cancers, especially for women and children, and to restore hope to cancer patients and their families.

Brenda has assisted The Rotary Foundation in evaluating projects in countries including Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Indonesia, India, Argentina, Venezuela, and Senegal. She also served as a vocational training team leader as part of a global grant project to establish the first privately owned blood bank in Uganda. Brenda is fluent in English and Luo and also speaks Swahili.

## **Jenny Kerrison, Technical Coordinator, Maternal and Child Health Australia**

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Jenny Kerrison, of the Rotary Club of North Hobart, Tasmania, Australia, has been a registered midwife and nurse since 1980. She holds a Ph.D. in midwifery from the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology and has over nine years of experience in international development, specializing in maternal and newborn health, in Indonesia, Bangladesh, Timor-Leste, and the Philippines. Jenny also has a doctorate in education from the University of Melbourne in the field of program evaluation. In her research, she applied program logic and theory of change in the preparation for a major policy change in a community health nursing organization. She has conducted maternal and newborn health evaluations in Indonesia and the Philippines. Additionally, she is trained in child health and has studied sexually transmissible infection and HIV as well as health services management. She has been a Cadre member since 2017 and has completed a technical review and two interim monitor evaluations.

## **Amal El-Sisi, Technical Coordinator, Maternal and Child Health**

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Amal El-Sisi, past president of the Rotary Club of El Tahrir, Egypt, is a professor of pediatrics, a pediatric cardiology consultant at Cairo University, and head of the Neonatal Cardiology Intensive Care Unit. She has over thirty years of experience working at the Cairo University Children's Hospital, which is the largest in the Middle East. Amal is also licensed to work in the United Kingdom, where she serves as a consultant at the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital. She has 59 international publications in peer-reviewed journals and has developed training courses in critical ultrasound for intensivists and echo courses in congenital heart diseases. Amal is also an instructor in both pediatric advanced life support and neonatal life support, certified by the European Resuscitation Council. A Cadre member since 2020, Amal has completed two site visits and one technical review. She is fluent in Arabic and English and proficient in French.

## **Viveca Serder, Technical Coordinator, Basic Education and Literacy**

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Viveca Serder, of the Rotary Club of Malmö-Möllevången, Sweden, has worked on quality issues in education at all levels from preschool to university over the last 30 years. She has worked as a teacher, principal, and managing director for education departments. She has also worked at Malmö University as a quality coordinator and as head of one of the units of the Swedish Schools Inspectorate in Lund. In her professional work, Viveca has conducted more than 100 quality evaluations. During her work at the Swedish Schools Inspectorate, she led a baseline study of the quality of the Cambodian education system for the Swedish International Development Agency and Cambodia's Ministry of Education and Sports. Viveca has been a Rotarian since 1997, is a past district governor, and has served on District 2390's Rotary Foundation committee since 2007 and chaired it since 2018. Viveca has been member of the Cadre since 2016 and has completed four technical reviews and four site visit evaluations and attended two Cadre training seminars. Viveca speaks Swedish and English.

## **Sophie Bamwoyeraki, Technical Coordinator, Basic Education and Literacy**

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Sophie Bamwoyeraki, of the Rotary Club of Kasangati, Uganda, is an educator with 35 years of experience, a teacher of the International General Certificate of Secondary Education and A-level English and literature, and the author of educational resources for both primary and secondary schools. She has served as a mentor, a trainer at her district's leadership institute, and a board member for the Basic Education and Literacy Rotary Action Group. She is head of secondary education at the North Green School in Kampala. Sophie holds a master's degree in education and is completing her Ph.D. in language education, focusing on assessment. A Cadre member since 2015, she has completed technical reviews and site visits. She has coordinated global grants at the club level as a primary contact and has trained clubs in handling global grants. Sophie is fluent in English and Swahili.

## **Vasanthi Ranganathan, Technical Coordinator, Basic Education and Literacy**

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Vasanthi Ranganathan, of the Rotary Club of Ambattur, Tamil Nadu, India, has over 30 years of experience in education, including curriculum design, teacher certification, school administration, instructional design, digital learning platforms, leadership development, developing high-performance teams, and overall strategic planning. A Cadre member since 2016, she has completed four interim monitor evaluations and two technical reviews. Vasanthi speaks both English and Tamil.

### **Wally Gardiner, Technical Coordinator, Community Economic Development Canada**

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Wally Gardiner is past president of the Rotary Club of High River, Alberta, Canada, and holds degrees in education and Spanish, as well as several technical certifications. He was CEO of Gardiner Computer Consulting Inc. and has worked in technical education, technical writing, and small business development, and as a magazine writer, curriculum development specialist, technical implementation strategist, and conference speaker. He is the communications director for the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development and has been involved in a number of microfinance and economic development projects over the past 15 years. As a Cadre member, he has worked primarily in Mexico and in Central and South America, reviewing and mentoring projects in several areas of focus. Wally volunteers frequently as an ESL tutor. He is also active in Amateur Radio Emergency Service as a communications logistics specialist in digital and voice radio systems and is trained in Incident Command System (ICS). He is vice president of the Ileri-Mexican, Latino & Cross Cultural Society, a past president of the Foothills Amateur Radio Society, and a member of the International Fellowship of Rotarians of Amateur Radio. He is a passionate supporter of the fight to eliminate poverty in the world and empowering people through community economic development. Wally is fluent in English and Spanish.

### **Nesta Hatendi, Technical Coordinator, Community Economic Development Zimbabwe**

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Nesta Hatendi, of the Rotary Club of Highlands, Zimbabwe, is an international development consultant with expertise in leading, developing, and delivering international development programs, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa. Nesta has a master's degree in education and experience in the strategic planning and management of regional and country programs. She has been a member of Rotary clubs in Tajikistan and Kenya and has served in leadership positions including club president, assistant governor, district Foundation committee member, and member of the Rotary International/Rotary Foundation Joint Committee on Partnerships. A Cadre member since 2015, Nesta has completed four site visits. She is fluent in English and Shona.

### **Nilam Bedi, Technical Coordinator, Community Economic Development Canada**

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Nilam Bedi, of the Rotary Club of Toronto Eglinton, Ontario, Canada, has over 35 years of experience in the public sector and in academic and multilateral international organizations in Africa, Canada, India, and the Middle East. He has worked with the United Nations and other agencies on diverse issues such as sustainable development, climate change, economic development, policy capacity building, and governance. A Cadre member since 2015, Nilam has completed two interim monitor visits: a project to address human trafficking in California and a vocational training project for people with disabilities in India. He helped rewrite the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Guidelines for Global Grant Funding and provided significant input for the

environment area of focus policy statement. In addition to chairing District 7070's environmental action committee, Nilam is the technical officer for the Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group. He has co-chaired a large water, sanitation, and hygiene project in Uganda and served as club president and assistant governor. He is fluent in English, Hindi, and Punjabi, nearly fluent in Swahili, and familiar with Spanish.

### **Jennifer Scott, Technical Coordinator, Environment Australia**

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Jennifer Scott is a member of the Rotary Club of Central Blue Mountains, New South Wales, Australia, and a past district governor. She is passionate about peacebuilding and ecological sustainability.

Jennifer has practiced as a lawyer since 1981, specializing in environmental and planning law. After earning undergraduate degrees in arts and law, she completed a master's degree in local government and environmental law and another in dispute resolution. She is also an arbitrator and a nationally accredited mediator and offers mediation and communication training and conflict coaching. She served as an adviser to the Australian Commonwealth Minister for the Environment on climate change and pollution issues. Since 2005, Jennifer has focused on facilitation and dispute resolution for private and governmental organizations and courts and tribunals.

Jennifer is also involved in several nonprofit organizations. She is the chair of Varuna, the National Writers' House, and is on the board of Sustainable Cambodia. Together with her husband, Ian, she has led volunteers to Pursat in Cambodia. She has also led a vocational training team to Mongolia to train judges and social workers in family mediation and conflict management.

### **Jay Colingham, Technical Coordinator, Environment USA**

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Jay Colingham, of the Rotary Club of Boulder Flatirons, Colorado, USA, is a program analyst at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In this role, he serves as a member of the regional science council and coordinator for national and regional enforcement programs, training, and management, including coordination on environmental justice for disproportionately impacted communities in the states of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. Past roles include wetland permit enforcement for state and federally recognized tribes at the EPA in Denver, Colorado; supervisory research scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey; and research scientist and environmental project manager at the EPA and several nonprofit organizations. Jay's work includes design-build environmental projects that support water, soil, air, native species, and endangered species. He aims for solutions that are inclusive of cultural values, beliefs, and traditions. He has worked in more than a dozen countries but has spent the most time in Bolivia, Honduras, Tajikistan, and the United States, supporting the development and implementation of public health projects. Jay earned a master's in public health with an emphasis in international development and water, sanitation, and hygiene from Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. He has a bachelor's degree in molecular and cellular biology from the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington, USA. Jay has been a Cadre member since 2017 and is also an adviser to the Rotary-USAID Hearts of Europe initiative.

### **Alberto Palombo, Technical Coordinator, Environment Brazil**

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Alberto Palombo, of the Rotary Club of Brasília-International, Distrito Federal, Brazil, is an industrial and systems engineer, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and a Ph.D. candidate in integrated water management in the Mexican Institute of Water Technology program at the National Autonomous University of Mexico. His career has been focused on issues related to water, environment, regional development, and innovation. Alberto is a partner at Fomenta-X, an engineering and business consulting firm headquartered in Brasília, and technical coordinator at the Brazilian Institute for Study and Action on Sanitation and Water Management. Between 2004 and 2007, he supported the Inter-American Development Bank and the government of Brazil in drafting a national water resources plan. He has worked as a consultant for UNESCO, the UN Environment Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Organization of American States, the World Bank, and other international organizations and private companies on issues related to water, environment, climate change, and sustainable development. Alberto has been a Cadre member since 2015. He was born in Venezuela, has lived and worked in 18 countries, and is fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese.

### **Marcelo Enrique Frangiosa, Technical Coordinator, Financial Auditing Argentina**

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Marcelo Enrique Frangiosa, of the Rotary Club of El Palomar, Buenos Aires, Argentina, is a certified public accountant with 28 years of experience. He previously worked at the Federal Administration of Public Revenue (the Argentine tax authority) as a tax auditor and currently is a consultant who advises companies on taxes, human resources, and auditing. A Cadre member since 2001, Marcelo has carried out more than 20 financial audits in 10 countries for projects that totaled more than \$4 million. Marcelo is the co-founder and past president of Rotarians for the Advancement of Latin Culture, a Rotary Fellowship, and a member of the Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene Rotary Action Group. He is fluent in Spanish, English, and Italian.

### **Peter H.G. Cheng, Technical Coordinator, Financial Auditing Taiwan**

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Peter H.G. Cheng, of the Rotary Club of Hsinchu North, Taiwan, participated in a humanitarian auditing orientation seminar at Rotary headquarters in 2006 and has since attended seven Cadre training meetings. He accepts assignments from The Rotary Foundation yearly to audit global grant projects in the northern Pacific. Peter, a certified internal auditor, serves stock exchange-listed companies as an independent director because of his experience in auditing, accounting, and corporate governance. Peter wants to promote pre-auditing techniques to help Rotary Foundation officers review grants more efficiently. He also serves as the regional organizer for East and Southeast Asia. He is fluent in Mandarin and English.

### **Hari Lakshmi Ratan, Technical Coordinator, Financial Auditing India**

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Hari Lakshmi Ratan, of the Rotary Club of Chennai Kilpauk, Tamil Nadu, India, is a certified public accountant and chartered accountant. In addition to being an accountant, Hari also has professional experience as an auditor, business consultant, business manager, and financial planner. A Cadre member since 2002, he has completed eight global grant audits for The Rotary Foundation. Hari is fluent in both English and Tamil.

## **REGIONAL ORGANIZER BIOS**

### **G. Viviana Santa Cruz Mérida, Regional Organizer, Central and South America Bolivia**

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G. Viviana Santa Cruz Mérida, of the Rotary Club of Cochabamba-Tunari, Cochabamba, Bolivia, graduated from Universidad Mayor de San Simón in 2011 with a degree in civil engineering. She completed postgraduate courses in water resources management focused on environmental sustainability; social management of community development in water, sanitation, and hygiene projects; supervision and direction of civil works; environmental management; and occupational health and safety. She has 12 years of experience in the management, design, and supervision of water, sanitation, infrastructure, and irrigation systems in rural and urban areas of Bolivia.

Viviana has served as Cadre technical coordinator for water, sanitation, and hygiene; Cadre subregional organizer for Bolivia; tutor and adviser for global grant projects in Latin America; and speaker at various Rotary training meetings and other events. She has also participated in the review process for Programs of Scale. Viviana is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish.

### **John Philip, Regional Organizer, Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and North Africa**

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John Philip, of the Rotary Club of Newbury, England, is a doctor, surgeon, and cancer specialist. In addition to higher surgical qualifications, he gained his doctorate in the causation of cancer. He has spent most of his professional life managing large-scale private and public health programs for early detection and treatment of cancer. He also has extensive experience in organizing cancer awareness campaigns and was the director of a service that offered regular cancer screenings to more than 250,000 women. John chairs the International Fellowship of Healthcare Professionals and became a Cadre member in 2015. He has completed seven site visits and six desk reviews and supported Rotary's grant model evaluation. John is fluent in both English and Malayalam.

### **Deepak Purohit, Regional Organizer, South Asia India**

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Deepak Purohit, of the Rotary Club of Panvel, Maharashtra, India, is a physician and an orthopedic surgeon. He specializes in polio-corrective surgeries and also serves as an administrator for a 40-bed hospital in Panvel, specializing in joint replacements, spine surgeries, and arthroscopies. He is an enthusiastic wildlife and bird photographer and loves traveling. He is a Rotary Foundation level 3 Major Donor. Deepak joined the Cadre in 2012 and has conducted eight site visits and two desk reviews. He speaks English, Hindi, and Marathi.

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Ron Pickford, of the Rotary Club of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, is an architect with expertise in load-bearing structures and designing for commercial, medical, early childhood education, and education industry settings. He is the senior partner and director of the architectural building design company Pickford and Associates Pty Ltd and has spent more than 40 years as a private architectural practitioner and educator. He also has professional experience in domestic and industrial waste management systems and water reticulation. Teaching architectural studies and technologies in higher education, he was recognized by the Federal Government of Australia's Office of Learning and Teaching. A Cadre member since 2002, Ron has completed 10 site visits and six desk reviews and has supported Rotary's grant model evaluation.

The other two regional organizers, Jay Colingham and Brenda Anena, are also serving as technical coordinators, and their bios can be found elsewhere in this directory.