

## Board of Directors



**Mr Prasanna Premaratna**  
*Director –  
Non-Executive/Independent*

**Mr K G Wijerathne**  
*Director –  
Non-Executive/Non-Independent*

**Mr Lakshman Abeysekera**  
*Senior Director –  
Non-Executive/Independent*

**Mr Arnoldus de Vette**  
*Director –  
Non-Executive/Non-Independent*



**Ms Samadanie Kiriwadeniya**  
*Chairperson –  
Non-Executive/Non-Independent*

**Mr Prabhash Subasinghe**  
*Director –  
Non-Executive/Non-Independent*

**Mr Chaaminda Kumarasiri**  
*Director –  
Non-Executive/Independent*

**Prof Sampath Amaratunge**  
*Director –  
Non-Executive/Independent*

**Mr S Lionel Thilakarathne**  
*Director –  
Non-Executive/Non-Independent*

**Ms Samadanie Kiriwadeniya**

*Chairperson – Non-Executive, Non-Independent Director*

Appointed as Chairperson 2011

**Details on important previous positions held**

Senior Manager, Deputy General Manager (International Relations – SDB Bank), National Coordinator – Post-Tsunami Programme.

**Current appointments**

She holds Directorship of SANASA Campus Ltd., Uththamavi Guarantee Ltd., SANASA Travels (Pvt) Ltd., SANASA International Company Ltd.

**Qualifications**

*(Skills and experience)*

Extensive Senior Management experience in the fields of Participatory Development, Gender Issues Management, Microfinance and Conflict Resolution. She is also the Corporate Leader of SANASA Group. She holds her Bachelor's Degree of the University of Peradeniya in Sociology and Master's Degree in the same field from University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

**Mr Lakshman Abeysekera**

*Senior Director – Non-Executive, Independent Director*

Appointed to the Board 2013

**Details on important previous positions held**

Chief Financial Officer at Emerchemie NB (Ceylon) Limited, Accountant at Hoechst (Ceylon) Limited, Senior Accountant at Lankem Ceylon PLC.

**Current appointments**

Independent, Non-Executive Director of People's Insurance PLC, Director of JanRich Foods Ltd., NovEx Pharmaceuticals Limited, Member of the Governing Council-AAT Sri Lanka.

**Qualifications**

*(Skills and experience)*

A professional with over 27 years of experience in fields of Accounting, Finance, and Management. He is a Fellow Member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka, a Fellow Member of Association of Accounting Technicians of Sri Lanka and holds a MBA from Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

**Prof Sampath Amaratunge**

*Non-Executive, Independent Director*

Appointed to the Board 2016

**Details on important previous positions held**

Member of University Grants Commission, Chairman of the Federation of University Teachers Association (FUTA).

**Current appointments**

Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Independent Director of Citizens Development Bank, Independent Director of The Kingdom of Raigam, Independent Director of Laugfs Gas PLC.

**Qualifications**

*(Skills and experience)*

He counts over 28 years of service as a leading academic at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. He has published more than 75 Articles in international and national refereed journals and proceedings. He holds a BA (Hons) in Economics from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and MA in Economics from the University of Colombo. He also holds a MSc in Economics of Rural Development from the Saga National University and a PhD from Kogoshima National University in Japan. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Research Excellence Award in 2002, awarded by Kyushu Society of Rural Economics, Japan, which is in addition to several other local and international awards. Prof Amaratunge is considered as an expert in the field of Economics with special reference to Rural Development.



**Mr Prabhask Subasinghe**

*Non-Executive, Non-Independent Director*  
Appointed to the Board 2017

**Details on important previous positions held**

President of the Seafood Exporters Association

**Current appointments**

Managing Director of Global Rubber Industries (Pvt) Ltd., which sells its products in over 50 countries, Managing Director of Global Sea Foods (Pvt) Ltd – a supplier of high quality sea food, Director of Global Fisheries (Pvt) Ltd, Director of Ayenka Holdings (Pvt) Ltd., The Chairman of Sri Lanka Association of Manufacturers and Exporters of Rubber Products, Board Member of Sri Lanka Society of Rubber Industry, A Key Advisor for the National Export Strategy, Board Member of the Export Development Board.

**Qualifications**

**(Skills and experience)**

A leading entrepreneur and an established leadership record in diverse industries including rubber, seafood, insurance, and banking. He holds a BSc in Applied Economics and Business Management from Ivy League Cornell University with further studies in Harvard, INSEAD, and the Center of Creative Leadership – Colorado USA.

**Mr S Lionel Thilakarathne**

*Non-Executive, Non-Independent Director*  
Appointed to the Board 2017

**Current appointments**

Chairman of Nikaweratiya Sanasa Union Ltd., Executive Director of Rural Centre for Development, Treasurer of Green Movement of Sri Lanka, Director of Governance Forums of Sri Lanka.

**Qualifications**

**(Skills and experience)**

He has extensive experience in Project Management and Participatory Project Planning and Implementation in rural areas. He has been actively engaged in implementing many community development programmes in Agriculture and Fisheries. He is also an experienced trainer, having developed a training curriculum for TOT Training on establishing Community Governance and has conducted numerous training programmes. He has published three books on Participatory Governance. Mr Lionel Thilakarathne holds a Diploma in Management from the Open University of Sri Lanka.

**Mr Arnoldus de Vette**

*Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director*  
Appointed to the Board 2017

**Details on important previous positions held**

Senior Investment Officer at Triodos Investment Management, Trainer and VP of ABN Amro Bank Academy, Executive Vice President SBI – FMO Finance Sector Fund in Singapore, Senior Investment Officer at Dutch Development Bank FMO.

**Current appointments**

Senior Investment Officer at FMO in Singapore

**Qualifications**

**(Skills and experience)**

He holds over 26 year experience in Banking and Finance including international experience in responsible financing, with expertise in training and knowledge transfer. Mr Arnoldus de Vette holds a Master's Degree in Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam. He holds two Doctorates from Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands and has followed courses including all NIBE Dutch Banking Courses, Assets Liability Management, Compliance and Corporate Governance among others. At FMO, his responsibilities include structuring debts and equity transactions in the South East Asian/Central Asian Region and monitoring and guiding these transactions.

**Mr K G Wijerathne**

*Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director*  
Appointed to the Board 2018

**Details on important previous positions held**

General Manager at Matala Sanasa DTCCS, Director of SANASA Insurance Company Limited.

**Current appointments**

Executive Director Sanasa Federation Ltd. (the apex organisation of Sanasa movement in Sri Lanka), Director of SANASA Travels (Pvt) Ltd. Chairman of Pahalawewa – Sanasa Society, Director of Matala District Union, Director Matala District Co-operative Council.

**Qualifications**

**(Skills and experience)**

He has a wide range of experience in working with grass root level communities particularly working with the Sanasa Movement. He is an Attorney-at-Law with over 20 years of experience. He possesses LLB Degree and Higher National Diploma in Management from Open University of Sri Lanka. He followed a Diploma Course in Co-operative Management at International Co-operative Institute – Moscow, Insurance Management and Administration Course at CUNA – USA and Credit Unions Leadership Training Course at ACCU – Thailand.

**Mr Chaaminda Kumarasiri**

*Non-Executive, Independent Director*

Appointed to the Board 2018

**Details on important previous positions held**

Financial Controller at Bank of Ceylon, Chief Financial Officer at The Lanka Hospitals Corporation PLC, Assistant Vice President at HSBC Securities Services, Senior Manager – Assurance and Advisory Business Services at Ernst & Young including a secondment to the Financial Services Area office of Ernst & Young LLP, New York.

**Current appointments**

Chairman/Principal Consultant H C P Consulting (Pvt) Ltd. The Founder/CEO of the Human Capital Partner.

**Qualifications**

**(Skills and experience)**

Good Governance Advocate, Thought Leader, Chartered Accountant, Corporate Trainer, Leadership Coach and a Management Consultant with many years of experience, holding senior leadership positions in leading local as well as multinational organisations.

He is also a regular writer on Financial Literacy, Strategic Management and Leadership for print media and a sought after resource person for organisational transformation projects and capacity building initiatives. He counts over 20 years of lecturing and corporate training experience especially on Strategic Planning, Leadership Development, Organisational Transformation, Change Management and Financial Intelligence for Business Managers, and Emotional well-being through Mindfulness.

He is a Fellow Member of CA Sri Lanka, ACCA – UK, AAT and an Associate Member of CMA. He holds a BSc Accountancy (Special) Degree from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura with a First Class and has completed his MBA in Finance at the University of Colombo.

He also serves as a Member of the Governing Council of CA Sri Lanka; the national body of accountants.

**Mr Prasanna Premaratna**

*Non-Executive, Independent Director*

Appointed to the Board 2018

**Details on important previous positions held**

Chairman of Regional Development Bank, Chief Executive Officer of DFCC Consulting Private Limited (a fully owned subsidiary of DFCC Bank), Vice President of DFCC Bank, Pioneer member of the Management Team of Pelwatte Sugar Industries before moving into the Banking sector.

**Current appointments**

Board Member of the South Asia Partnership of Sri Lanka (SAPSRI).

**Qualifications**

**(Skills and experience)**

He counts over 30 years of private sector and public sector experience as an Agriculturist and as a Development Banker specially involved in the Small and Medium Enterprise sector development. As a Development Banker, he was mainly involved in developing the SME sector and assisting many start-up projects. Since February 2015 until April 2018, he held the position of Chairman, Regional Development Bank. He holds a Master's Degree in Agriculture from the USSR, Postgraduate Diploma in Bank Management from the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka and Postgraduate Executive Diploma in International Relations from the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS) Colombo. He has participated in many local and overseas programmes in Development Banking and agriculture related banking programmes in Europe, South East Asia and in Japan. He is a Member of the Association of Professional Bankers – Sri Lanka (APB).