



Biography of Attendees from the WIEGO Network

Dr. Martha Alter Chen **Senior Adviser, WIEGO**

An experienced development practitioner and scholar, Martha Chen's areas of specialization are employment, gender, and poverty with a focus on the working poor in the informal economy.

Marty is also a Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government and Affiliated Professor at Harvard Graduate School of Design with over two decades of resident experience in Bangladesh working with BRAC (now the world's largest non-governmental organization) and in India, where she served as field representative of Oxfam America for India and Bangladesh. In both capacities, she worked closely with working poor women in both villages and urban settlements to promote their economic empowerment.

She led the WIEGO network for two decades as the founding International Coordinator. Marty received a PhD in South Asia Regional Studies from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Chen has authored numerous books, was awarded high civilian award, the Padma Shri, by the Government of India in April 2011; and a Friends of Bangladesh Liberation War award by the Government of Bangladesh in December 2012.

Poonsap Suanmuang Tulaphan **Director, HomeNet Thailand**

A social worker based in Bangkok, Thailand, Poonsap has over three decades of experience working with women and informal workers in Thailand. She has helped develop women's potential and improve their economic situations using local knowledge of science and technology as well as community enterprise as strategies, which resulted in target women increasing their income for traditional hand-woven cloth. Moreover, she provided the assistance needed to create and run micro finance intermediaries (MFIs) and assistance to the users of MFIs for saving and credit.

In her current role as the Director for HomeNet Thailand (Foundation for Labour and Employment Promotion), her work is centred on promoting and advocating for social protection policies and legislation covering informal workers in Thailand.

Pui Yu Ip
Regional Co-ordinator for Asia, IDWF

Pui Yu Ip (Fish IP) is currently the Regional Coordinator (Asia), International Domestic Workers Federation (IDWF) and the Organizing Secretary of the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions - which helps the Hong Kong Domestic Workers General Union (HKDWGU) and Hong Kong Federation of Asian Domestic Workers Unions (FADWU).

The International Domestic Workers' Federation (IDWF) is a membership-based global organisation of domestic/ household workers. It is the first such global union federation to be formed for many years, and it is the first one to be led by women. Its purpose is to build a strong, democratic and united domestic/household workers' global organisation to protect and advance domestic/household workers' rights everywhere across the world.

Sarah Orleans Reed
Research Associate, WIEGO

Sarah Orleans Reed is a Research Associate with Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing. Before joining WIEGO, her research focused on inclusive urbanization and climate change in Southeast Asia. She advised programs for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), the Institute for Social and Environmental Transition (ISET), The Asia Foundation, and CARE. Sarah holds a Master's Degree in Environment and Development from the University of Edinburgh.

Suntaree Saeng-Ging
Co-ordinator, HomeNet South-East Asia (HNSEA)

Suntaree has decades of experience in development and employment, including her roles as: Consultant of Thai NGO Coordinating Committee on Development (NGO-CORD); Consultant of NGO Coordinating Committee on Development (NGO-CORD) in the Northeast - Coordinator of the Northeastern Women's Network, Committee Member of Thai Fund Foundation (TFF), Committee Member of Sustainable Development Foundation (SDF), Vice President of Foundation for Labour and Employment Promotion (HomeNet Thailand), Committee Member of National Universal Health Coverage Scheme; Committee member of Home Workers Protection; Member of ASEAN WATCH, Thailand Working Group; Regional Coordinator of HomeNet Southeast Asia (HNSEA)

Shrenik Prakash Mutha

Representative, Kagad Kach Patra Kashtakari Panchayat (KKPKP)

Shrenik Mutha works with KKPKP and has been associated with them since the last six years in different capacities. He has also been associated with the MKSS, India where he worked at facilitating trade union formation of manual workers in rural Rajasthan for a brief period. He is a lawyer by training.

KKPKP is a trade union of waste pickers and itinerant scrap buyers registered in 1993, based in Pune, India. KKPKP uses the twin strategies of peaceful non-violent protest and resistance and development of alternatives, to mobilise around some of the key issues facing waste pickers. This includes campaigning for waste collectors to be regarded as "workers" and waste collection as "work" by local, state and national government, organising social protection (e.g. medical insurance and co-operative credit / savings schemes) and integrating waste-pickers into the doorstep collection and management of urban solid waste.

Oksana Abboud

Regional Organizer responsible for Asian and European, StreetNet International

A citizen of Ukraine, born February 1, 1982, Oksana Abboud started working with Confederation of Free Trade Unions of Ukraine (KVPU), the only independent Trade Union Center in Ukraine after graduating from Kyiv Linguistic University in 2005. Oksana commenced her career at KVPU as a Specialist in the International Department and in 2007 went on to become the Chief, a post he occupied until October 2012.

In January 2013 Oksana Abboud began working with with StreetNet International as the Regional Organizer responsible for Asian and European (Eastern European) Affiliates. In January 2017, as a part of implementation of the StreetNet succession Plan, Oksana was recommended to fill the post of Trainee-Coordinator by StreetNet International Coordinator, Pat Horn.

From November 2006 - March 2007 Oksana pursued a course which covered the Basics of Democracy, International and Security issues, Globalization and its impact on Economic and Social life. This programme was organised by the Robert Schuman Institute and gather global young leaders from across the globe in Budapest, Hungary.

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