



**Asia South Pacific Association
for Basic and Adult Education**

Learning Beyond Boundaries

28 January 2020

Nani
Zulminarni Hidjazi Arsyad
President

To the Election Committee ICAE WA 2020,

I write with regards to my nomination by ASPBAE to the position of Vice President for the Asia Pacific in the Executive Committee of ICAE.

Maria Lourdes A. Khan
Secretary General

I accept ASPBAE's nomination, collectively decided by my peers in the Executive Council (EC) after thorough deliberation. The motivation to nominate is therefore not solely my own – although I accept the challenge personally.

Executive Council

As agreed with ASPBAE, I intend to bring into this position my capacities as a feminist educator and activist, NGO leader and education rights campaigner, with experience honed through engagement and work at grassroots, national, regional and global levels.

Meenu Vadera

Ehsanur Rahman

Aside from being ASPBAE President, I currently head PEKKA (Women Headed Family Empowerment) which focuses on empowering female heads of family, the poorest of the poor in Indonesia. I founded this organization in 2001. Through the years, PEKKA has accompanied over 100,000 women headed families in over 2,500 self-help groups across 20 provinces in Indonesia, fighting for their education, economic, legal, social and political rights. PEKKA offers support to women who head their families —widows, divorcees, abandoned women, those whose husbands are disabled or ill, and single women—to recognize themselves as capable of making important contributions to society, helping them to create new roles for themselves, individually and collectively. PEKKA drew attention to the status and role of women heads of families as key drivers in efforts to eradicate poverty. This was pursued through the following strategies - with adult education as a central approach: 1) Making women heads of families visible through statistics so that targeted poverty reduction programs become more sensitized and effective; 2) Affirmative action that protect and fulfill the rights of women heads of family; and 3) Programs that unleashed the collective power of these women so that they can become important pillars for development in their communities as leaders and change agents. PEKKA successfully pressed the government to expand its judicial system to rural areas and fought to obtain legal status for women-headed families. In 2006, for the first time in Indonesia, civil registration law recognized women as heads of families. They have also since become priority beneficiaries in most development programs.

Eri Yamamoto

Batjargal Batkhuyag

Nguyen Thi Kim Anh

Thein Lwin

Kilala Devette-Chee

Peter
Clinton Isaac Foasese

Nasiba Mirpochoeva

I intend to bring my PEKKA experience to bear in my role in ICAE, and my unwavering commitment to advance women's empowerment and gender justice through adult learning and education (ALE).

Agnes H. Maranan
Corporate Secretary &
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As ASPBAE President and member of ASPBAE's EC, I intend to foster strong complementation and synergy between ASPBAE's work on ALE with that of ICAE's. This will be especially critical as the adult education community engages the CONFINTEA 7 processes in the coming months. ASPBAE is poised to ensure a strong civil society voice from the Asia Pacific in this critical policy platform for ALE– which will ground and amplify ICAE's own. Being in the leadership of ASPBAE, I will also be in a vantage position to inform ICAE planning and strategizing with information and analysis arising from ASPBAE's engagement in other global and regional education policy spaces, notably around the SDGs-SDG4 and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE), as examples. ASPBAE's outreach in the region – through our more than 120 member organisations in 33 countries in the Asia Pacific – will widen ICAE's influence and impact in support of priority to ALE. Finally, as a passionate adult educator, I will lend my own training, facilitation and organizing capacities to ICAE. With and through ASPBAE, I hope to help nurture a global community of practice on transformative ALE to further strengthen this sector in its capacity to meet the learning needs and interests especially of marginalised groups and communities.

ASPBAE's nomination comes with the commitment of institutional support for me to effectively play this role. As with previous ASPBAE representatives to ICAE's EXECOM, I will enjoy the support of my colleagues in the Executive Council and assistance from ASPBAE staff through the ASPBAE Secretary General. If our budgets allow, ASPBAE will financially contribute to my participation in ICAE EXECOM meetings and other ICAE events. Since ASPBAE and ICAE's membership in the Asia Pacific region largely overlap, ASPBAE's information and communication channels will be accessible to ICAE as routes for membership consultation, consolidation and expansion.

Through the years, ASPBAE has demonstrated its resolve to help strengthen ICAE to be a potent force promoting ALE policy and practice, globally. This commitment continues and is reaffirmed through this nomination.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Nani Zulminarni', written over a horizontal line.

Nani Zulminarni
ASPBAE President