

**Nomination for ICAE Vice President for the Asia Pacific
Nani Zulminarni**

Statement by Candidate and Candidate's Curriculum Vitae (CV) (Max 2 pages)

- Motivation for being nominated to the ICAE EC.
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I, Nani Zulminarni, will be deeply honored to serve in the ICAE Executive Committee as Vice President, Asia Pacific for another term. I accept the nomination of ASPBAE and look forward to the continued support of my colleagues in the ASPBAE Executive Council, the ASPBAE Secretary General, and the strong ASPBAE staff complement in fulfillment of my duties attendant to this position.

As I have done since I was elected into the ICAE EC for the first time in 2020, 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. In this effort, I will harness my passion for advancing ALE as a critical tool to meet the learning needs and interests especially of marginalised groups and communities.

Much of my experience in promoting transformative ALE is drawn from my work in Indonesia where I currently Chair PEKKA (Women Headed Family Empowerment), an organisation I founded in 2001. PEKKA focuses on empowering female heads of family, the poorest of the poor in Indonesia. 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.

In my more recent role in the leadership group of the Ashoka Foundation, I have been focusing on the importance of inter-generational learning, exploring to redefine the foundational ecosystem of learning – the family – to advance gender justice and gender equality.

I intend to bring my experience in ASPBAE, in PEKKA and other global engagements 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).

Curriculum Vitae:

Family Name Zulminarni
Given Names Nani
Citizenship Indonesian
Current Occupation Regional Director for Southeast Asia, Leadership Global Management Team, ASHOKA
Languages spoken Bahasa Indonesia; English

Educational background

- Master of Science (MS), Faculty of Social Science, North Carolina State University of Raleigh, USA (1993)
- Bachelor's Degree, Faculty of Fishery, Bogor Agricultural Institute, Bogor, Indonesia (1985)

International Awards and Fellowships

- International Adult and Continuing Education Hall of Fame Inductee, 2017
- Global Fairness Award, November 2014
- Lotus Leadership Award, June 2014
- SEACHANGE Fellowship, September 2013
- Ashoka Fellowship, October 2007-September 2010
- Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Finalist, 2010

Profile links:

- <http://www.asiafoundation.org/media/view/video/ytOOjHq-kgU/lotus-leadership-awards-nani-zulminarni>
- <https://www.ashoka.org/fellow/nani-zulminarni>
- <http://www.justassociates.org/en/bio/nani-zulminarni>
- <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2010/09/13/nani-zulminarni-dare-be-a-woman.html>
- <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2009/06/14/nani-zulminarni-empowering-vulnerable-families.html>
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