

AMELIA KINAHOI SIAMOMUA

BIOGRAPHY

Ms Amelia Kinahoi Siamomua has been a development economist, practitioner and specialist for more than 38 years. She provides a unique perspective to sustainable development at international, regional and national levels. Her expertise are in social, economic and political development, maximizing performance, results, conflict resolution in UK, USA and in developing countries. During her services with the United Nations and the Commonwealth Secretariat, she gained significant knowledge of the realm of foreign policy international affairs; inter-governmental processes and worked closely with diplomats in New York and London, and leaders and officials throughout the foreign affairs community. She was in the senior team leading the political process for the Commonwealth Heads of Governments meeting; the Commonwealth Ministers for Women's Affairs meeting; the Commonwealth Women's Forum and supported other high-level policy dialogue meetings of the Commonwealth. In the UN system, she was a member of the UN Country Team for Fiji, PNG and Samoa while she was serving as UNIFEM's Regional Program Director for the Pacific.

For 20 years (2001-2020), Amelia served in senior capacities at international level (with the United Nations, CARE (USA) International, and the Commonwealth Secretariat) providing technical and advisory services to developing countries in the areas of sustainable development, economic and social policies and programmes, gender and development, and national planning and monitoring for a number of small island developing states. She was a key member of a Task Force that provided technical papers and advice during the Post-2015 Agenda leading to the adoption of the Samoa Pathway for SIDS in 2014.

From 1996 to 2001, Amelia served in the Pacific region through the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) as a Development Cooperation Advisor, and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) as Head of the SPC's Pacific Women's Bureau. She was one of two Regional Authorising Officers for the European Union regional programme that was co-ordinated through the Forum Secretariat and provided technical assistance and support to the Forum Leaders' Meetings; the Forum Regional Security Committee; Forum Economic Ministerial Meeting and Small States Meeting. She led the 8th Triennial Meeting convened by the SPC for women of the Pacific.

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As a development economist, Amelia served with Asian Development Bank (ADB) from 1989 to November 1996 as a Project Economist at the ADB's office for the Pacific based in Port Vila, Vanuatu. Prior to joining ADB, Amelia served with the Tonga Development Bank (1985-mid1989) in capacities of an Economist and Senior Loans Officer.

Amelia has more than 38 years of experience, where she has worked in developing countries in the African, Middle-East and Asia-Pacific regions, with Governments, civil society and development partners on development assistance for poverty reduction and sustainable development. She has led the development and implementation of policy work, policy dialogue and programs for Governments, communities, and non-state actors/NGOs on socio-economic and political issues in areas of economic governance, political governance, social exclusion and discrimination, democracy and social justice. In her career, Amelia has extensive work experience at all levels --- community, national, regional and international levels advocating for justice and fairness on issues such as trade liberalization, economic and social reforms, poverty reduction strategies, gender and development, peace building and security issues amongst others.

She has led negotiations with donors, Governments and development partners on a wide range of development issues, as well as donor consultations and resource mobilization for development programmes.

She has written papers, facilitated and been a resource person in a wide range of international, regional and national forums, seminars and workshops on sustainable development issues. Notable are her leadership and engagement with the Commonwealth Women's Forum; the Commonwealth Ministers Meeting for Gender; and being a key contributor to policy dialogue and servicing of high-level intergovernmental at the United Nations in New York (ECOSOC, Third Committee, UNFCCC COP Meetings); Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings (in Malta 2015 and UK 2018); and Forum Leaders Meeting and Forum Economic Ministers Meetings and many regional (Asia-Pacific) and Pacific-specific policy dialogue meetings.

Amelia has lived and worked (for more than a year) in Tonga, Vanuatu, Fiji, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea in the Pacific, and in Atlanta and New York in the USA, and in London, UK. She has visited many other countries in the regions of Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe and the Middle-East through short-term assignments for technical assistance (political, social, economic and environmental). *Details can be provided upon request.*

SUMMARY OF SKILLS

A development economist/practitioner and specialist by training and professional experience, Amelia Kinahoi-Siamomua provides a unique perspective and a wealth of experience on **sustainable development at international, regional and national levels**. Her expertise are in sustainable development, development assistance and cooperation, social, economic and political development, gender and human rights, maximizing performance, results, and conflict resolution with diplomacy and just.

SPECIFIC SKILLS

- Strong leadership, organisation and solid management experience and decision-making skills in managing people, projects, programmes and policy work.
- Strategic and visionary and strong ability to conceptualize and convey strategic vision from the spectrum of development experience.
- Pragmatic and strong ability to manage teams; creating an enabling environment
- Excellent negotiating and networking skills for effective partnerships.
- Experience in strategic planning and analysis, economic and social analysis of sectors and policies; solid knowledge and understanding of economic and social issues.
- Extensive experience at all stages in project development : Identification, Formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of development projects.
- Extensive knowledge and experience in the development, analysis of economic and social policies of developing countries, foreign and donor policies and resource mobilization.
- Extensive experience in leading strategic planning (for Governments and NGOs), administration and financial procedures in developing countries.
- Experience in sustainable development and small and vulnerable states
- Experience in rule of law, human rights, acces to justice, women, peace and democracy, conflict-resolution and recovery.
- Experience on design and research and analysis of publications, reports (knowledge products).
- Eperience in women, children and other vulnerable groups and related issues

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- Experience in gender mainstreaming and intersectionalities, i.e. gender and its interplay with other social categorisations and power differentials such as ethnicity, class, nationality, sexuality, age, and (dis)ability.
- Experience in facilitating, servicing of meetings/seminars, drafting (reports and briefs) and negotiation skills at all levels.
- Good interpersonal and communication skills for working in an international, regional, national levels and multi-cultural environments.
- Experience in intergovernmental, multilateralism, diplomacy and international relations at United Nations, Commonwealth, Pacific Forum, Pacific Community

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LANGUAGES

ENGLISH – FLUENT

TONGAN – NATIVE

SAMOAN - GOOD (speak only)

TOK PISIN/BISLAMA – BASIC CONVERSATIONAL

EDUCATION

2020 – Gender-Inclusive Leadership Certificate, East-West Center, Hawaii, USA

2017 - PRINCE2 – Project Management, University of Westminster, London, UK

2004 - Executive Program on Leadership in Development, Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, Harvard University, USA - Certificate in Leadership in Development

1999-2000 – Master of Business Administration studies – University of the South Pacific, Fiji (incomplete, with 4 units to complete)

1985 - Bachelor of Art in Economics and Politics – University of the South Pacific, Fiji

1979 - Tonga High School, Nuku'alofa, Tonga – Passed New Zealand University Entrance Examination (Certificate)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

FORMER MEMBER OF UN IASC WORKING GROUP ON GENDER

FORMER MEMBER OF UN IASC ON PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

FORMER MEMBER OF INTER-ACTION WORKING GROUP ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE

MEMBER OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY ALUMNI; former Board member of HKNYC Alumni

MEMBER OF INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

FORMER Board Member of Live & Learn Tonga

EXPERT FACILITATOR

1. Trained Expert & Facilitator on Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; Building Safer Organisations

- E.g. Facilitated training of staff of CARE (USA) at headquarters and country/field offices in USA, Asia, Middle-East and Africa during 2005-2008 and of members of the Inter-Action (USA).

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2. Trained Faciliator on **Gender Equity and Diversity (for Leadership)**

- E.g. Facilitated training and mentoring of staff of CARE (USA) at headquarters and country/field offices in USA, Asia, Middle-East and Africa during 2005-2008.

3. Trained Facilitation on **Principles of Fierce Conversation (for Leadership)**

- Facilitated and moderated policy dialogue and development at national, regional and international levels for diverse multistakeholders from Governments, and NGOs. *(Details could be provided on request).*
- Led the design and contributed to designs; and to research and analysis of publications, reports (knowledge products) throughout career on issues on sustainable development and gender equality.

SUMMARY OF EMPLOYMENT (MORE THAN 38 YEARS)

2021 – Present	INTERNATIONAL CONSULTANT – ATLANTA, USA
2015 – 2021	COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, LONDON, UK (P6 level job)
2010 - 2014	UNDESA (NEW YORK) & UNDP (PNG) – left at P5 level
2008 – 2009	UNDP (Pacific UNDP Centre) – FIJI
2005 – 2008	CARE International (USA) – ATLANTA, GA, USA
2002 – 2005	UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR WOMEN (UNIFEM) – FIJI – P5 level - Member of UNCT Fiji, Samoa and PNG
2001 (Jan-Dec)	SECRETARIAT PACIFIC COMMUNITY – NEW CALEDONIA
1996 – 2000	PACIFIC ISLANDS FORUM SECRETARIAT - FIJI
1989 – 1996	ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK - VANUATU
1985 – 1989	TONGA DEVELOPMENT BANK - TONGA

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INSTITUTION	YEAR	AREA/COURSE TITLE
STATISTICAL INSTITUTE OF ASIA, THAILAND	1987	MICROCOMPUTER OPERATIONS
CENTRE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIES, BELGIUM	1988	INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION
ESCAP, THAILAND	1994	GENDER STATISTICS
ADB HEADQUARTERS, MANILA	1995	PROJECT MANAGEMENT
EU, FIJI	1997	EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

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CANADA CIDA	1997	RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT
COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT, LONDON	2000	MONITORING AND EVALUATION
MERCER CULLEN EGAN DELL COMPANY OF AUSTRALIAN	2001	JOB EVALUATION
UNDP PHILIPPINES	2003	CONFLICT PREVENTION
UNIFEM, NEW YORK	2003	EARLY WARNING INDICATORS
THIRD WORLD NETWORK, JOHN KNOX CENTRE,	2005	TRADE LIBERALISATION

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GENEVA		AND WTO
ICVA AND HAP INTERNATIONAL, GENEVA	2006	INVESTIGATIONS OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE
CARE, USA	2007	LEADERSHIP WITH IMPACT
HAP INTERNATIONAL, GENEVA	2007	TOT ON PREVENTION OF SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE
CIVICUS, JOHANNESBURG, SA	2009	CIVIL SOCIETY INDEX
NORWAY DEFENCE STAFF COLLEGE,	2010	DISARMAMENT, DEMOBILIZATION, REINTEGRATION

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NORWAY		AND GENDER
UNDP	2011	GENDER & CLIMATE CHANGE
UNDP	2011	IPSAS 1-4
UNDESA, NEW YORK	2013	ADVANCED PROJECT MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY OF WESMINSTER	2017	PRINCE2