

GLOBAL MARKET INSIGHTS SEMINAR

Part 2: India and Indonesia

PANELLISTS BIO INFORMATION



Cristina Talacko

Founder, SalDoce Fine Foods, and ECA Board Member

Cristina Talacko was born in Brazil and migrated to Australia 22 years ago. She is an entrepreneur, owner and founder of SalDoce Fine Foods manufacturing, retailing and exporting allergen sensitive and vegan foods to more than 20 countries.

SalDoce is the proud winner of the 2016 and 2018 NSW Premier's Export Awards, the 2017 National Ethnic Business and the NSW Business Chamber Award 2019. Most recently Cristina won the Highly Commended 2019 Premier's Award for Women in International Business.

Cristina is also co-owner of retail organic bulk food stores Naked Foods Northbridge and Naked Foods Indooroopilly promoting zero waste lifestyle.

Cristina has been contributing for many years at Board level on various not for profits including, most recently, her appointment to the Export Council of Australia Board. She is also a director on the Advisory Board of Multicultural NSW supporting the Minister for Multiculturalism in promoting cohesion amongst diverse communities. Cristina is the Vice-President of the Australia-Brazil Chamber of Commerce fostering business, trade and relations between Australia and Brazil. She is also the Chair of the environmental NFP Coalition for Conservation, a member of the Peak Consumer Consultative Council of Endeavour Energy which distributes electricity to Western Sydney, Secretary on the executive committee of the NSW Liberal Energy & Environment Policy Branch and is involved in generous community work as Secretary of One Meal - It Makes a Difference, a charity providing meals to the homeless.

She has a passion for the environment and for empowering women and has completed the Business Program "Women and Power" at Harvard Kennedy Business School in 2017. She graduated from the University of London with an LLB - Bachelor of Law, and a Diploma in Corporate Law at the University of Sydney. Cristina has also studied Law in Sao Paulo Brazil at the Federal University USP.



Bryce Hutchesson

Deputy High Commissioner Australian High Commission, New Delhi

Mr Hutchesson is a senior officer with Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). He is currently on temporary assignment as Deputy High Commissioner in the Australian High Commission in New Delhi.

Mr Hutchesson served as Australia's High Commissioner to Sri Lanka (2016-19) and subsequently as Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking (2019-20). He had an earlier posting in New Delhi, with other overseas assignments including Bangkok, Tel Aviv, Washington DC and London.

In Canberra, Mr Hutchesson at various times led DFAT's South and West Asia Division and teams responsible for Indo-Pacific (especially South Asia and Indian Ocean) affairs, regional and international security, and executive planning.

He joined DFAT in 1988 after a stint as a lawyer in Melbourne.



Catherine Gallagher

Senior Trade Commissioner & Minister (Commercial), South Asia
Australian High Commission, New Delhi

Catherine Gallagher has held the post of Senior Trade and invest Commissioner, South Asia since January 2020. She joined Austrade in August 2019.

Ms Gallagher brings over 20 years' experience in public, private and non-for profit sectors. Early in her career she was the Deputy Director of the Asialink Centre at the University of Melbourne and later held the diplomat role of Counsellor Public Diplomacy at the Australian Embassy in Tokyo. She has also held senior roles in marketing, brand and communications in the private sector. Between 2012 and 2016 she was CEO of Sydney Harbour Foreshore Authority a high profile New South Wales state-based public trading enterprise (PTE). Before joining Austrade Ms Gallagher was a consultant and non-executive director on both commercial and not-for-profit entities. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree majoring in Japanese language and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors.



Justin Howden

Group Head, Government Affairs & Industry Development, ANZ Head, Regulatory Affairs
Swisse Wellness

Justin Howden is the Group Head, Government Affairs & Industry Development and ANZ Head, Regulatory Affairs at Swisse. His career in Marketing has included 16 years with food giants Kraft and Fonterra, including Regional Management for Asia. He worked with the Victorian Government progressing to GM International Business, leading teams on investment attraction, business migration, university alumni and Ministerial travel. After leaving Government, Justin was a strategic advisor on International Business to ANZ, Boral, Ericsson, Macquarie Bank, Santos, Singapore Government, Telstra and the Vitamins Industry.

Justin joined Swisse in 2012, developing the Government Relations and Public Policy team and now leads the Group's Government Affairs across trade and investment, free trade agreements, wellness/health, advanced manufacturing and innovation and is deeply involved with the China and India programs for the Group.

Justin is also on the Boards of Complementary Medicines Australia, the European Australia Business Council and United Nations Association of Australia. He has previously been National President of the Australia Malaysia Business Council, and the Australia Philippines Business Council and was a founding Board member of Swinburne Ventures - the University's vehicle for spinning off research and innovation.



Alison Duncan

Minister-Counsellor (Economic, Investment and Infrastructure) Australian Embassy, Jakarta

Ms Duncan has been Minister-Counsellor at the Australian Embassy in Jakarta since December 2018. In that capacity, she oversees the economic, trade and investment policy work of the Embassy, as well as the Embassy's flagship economic governance and infrastructure development programs.

Prior to her posting to Jakarta, Ms Duncan was Counsellor then Deputy High Commissioner at the Australian High Commission in Wellington, New Zealand (2015-18). She has also served as Deputy High Commissioner to the Solomon Islands (2008-11) and as Third Secretary in Jakarta (2003-06).

In Canberra, Ms Duncan established a Pacific Strategy Unit to bring together the foreign policy and development aspects of Australia's engagement with the Pacific following the integration of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade with the Australian Agency for International Development in 2013.

She has also worked in DFAT's Counter-Terrorism Branch and as Director of Solomon Islands Section.

Ms Duncan holds Bachelor degrees in Arts and Laws from the Australian National University and an Executive Master in Public Administration from the Australia New Zealand School of Government. In 2015, she received a Young Public Sector Leaders Award from the Institute of Public Administration of Australia.

Ms Duncan speaks Indonesian and French.



Sally Deane

Senior Trade Commissioner & Minister (Commercial), Indonesia Australian Embassy, Jakarta

Sally Deane is Austrade's acting General Manager for ASEAN and Senior Trade Commissioner for Indonesia, based in Jakarta. In these roles, Sally is responsible for leading an experienced Australian-based and locally engaged team to promote and facilitate trade, investment, education and tourism ties between Australia and markets across ASEAN.

Prior to taking up her posting in Jakarta, Sally held a number of senior roles with Austrade including in human resources, government relations, corporate policy, ministerial and parliamentary services, and international liaison. Most recently, Sally led Austrade's Government Division where she was responsible for leading Austrade's engagement across Government and with Ministers and their officers. She has also served as Austrade's Chief Human Resources Officer.

Sally holds degrees in Economics and Science (Psychology) from the Australian National University.



Richard Baker

Executive Director, Red Piranha

Has a vast wealth of international business development, and risk management experience, Richard has spent 14 years working internationally from West Africa to China, Europe and Indonesia. During this time Richard successfully oversaw the development and implementation of the first foreign licensed online diamond retail operation in China.

Through his international experience, Richard has developed a strong focus on stakeholder engagement and CSR values. Richard is currently working in business development and project management oversight within the Cyber Security sector.

Richard holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Queensland, becoming a Dean's Honour roll member, with a consulting practicum from the Wharton School of Business.

Furthermore, Richard has extensive sales team & distribution channel success, developing upon the skills he learnt at Harvard Business School's Executive Education focusing on a value driven culture.

A results-driven strategist, Richard provides expert International relationship management and strategic guidance to the business development team, building client trust and brand recognition for Red Piranha.



Arnold Jorge

Executive Director, ECA Edge

Arnold is a former senior trade official, diplomat and consultant with over 20 years of experience in international trade, aid, entrepreneurship and marketing.

His previous positions included Principal Adviser with the Washington DC-based Center for International Private Enterprise, Director of Aid for Trade in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Deputy Head of Mission of the Australian Embassy in Mexico City.

He represented Australia in global forums and trade negotiations, including in the World Trade Organization, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, and Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

He is strategic in his approach and is focused on delivering results through innovation, collaboration, data-informed decision-making, and targeted influence of stakeholders.

He has a degree in Master of Business Administration, and is skilled in lean start-up and agile methodologies, and 'aid for trade' project design and management.