

NEWS RELEASE

SCFMC Director wins prestigious 2020 Asian Women of Achievement Award



The Directors are pleased and proud that fellow director Serena Kern-Libera has won the prestigious Business category of the 2020 Asian Women of Achievement Awards.

SCFMC Chairman Steve Pickford said: “We are very pleased that Serena has received this impressive and well-deserved recognition. Serena, who joined the Board in February of this year has already made a valuable contribution to the work of the SCFMC and we feel very fortunate to have the benefit of her experience and enthusiasm.”

Serena said: “I was so pleased just to have been nominated and thrilled and honoured when I was shortlisted along with so many high achieving and inspiring women in my category! So, it came as a wonderful surprise when it was announced that I had won the Business category.”

Serena continued: “I am passionate about a wide range of interests and am particularly delighted to have the opportunity make a positive contribution to the important capacity building work of the SCFMC.”

Background on Serena Kern-Libera

Serena grew up in Tamil Nadu, India. She studied law at the London School of Economics, following which she worked as a Corporate M&A lawyer for several years at the magic circle firm Slaughter and May.

She was previously Lead Trade Policy Adviser in the Bank of England’s International Directorate and is now Deputy Head of Global Trade Strategy at the Bank of England.

Serena is passionate about education and diversity of thought. She is a School Governor at the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson School in Islington.

Serena is also co-founder of Discover2Dream, an initiative aimed at connecting students with young BAME female role models in a variety of sectors and industries.

When not at work, you will find Serena (stage name Segiri) in the recording studio. She has built a successful career in the music industry, with her music a regular feature on the BBC Radio and Music Week Charts.

Background on the Asian Women of Achievement Awards

The Asian Women of Achievement Awards was founded by Pinky Lilani CBE DL in 1999, to celebrate multicultural Britain and the contribution of diverse cultures and talents to UK society. It puts on a platform, the phenomenal Asian women across the UK and across industries, who are making a valuable and important contribution to British life. The awards play a key role in redefining the contribution of Asian women; and informing a new, positive, pro-diversity debate.

Background Information on the SCFMC

The SCFMC is a charity registered in the Isle of Man and a company limited by guarantee. It was established by the Isle of Man Treasury in June 2009. It receives the majority of its funding from the Isle of Man Government's International Aid budget.

The purpose of the SCFMC is to contribute to the growth and prosperity of small countries through capacity building in the government financial sector. Capacity building is a key means to deliver the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

More particularly, the SCFMC, through its Small Countries Financial Management Programme (SCFMP) contributes directly to the following Sustainable Development Goals:

Goal	Description
17. Partnerships for the Goals	Enhance international support for implementing effective and targeted capacity-building in developing countries to support national plans to implement all the sustainable development goals.
16. Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international co-operation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.
8. Decent Work and Economic Growth	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.
5. Gender Equality	Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision making in political, economic and public life.

The SCFMC is established with the objective of reducing poverty and improving financial governance through the promotion of education relating to the government financial sector in small countries or countries whose economy or infrastructure has been adversely affected by wars or conflict. It does so by the organisation and provision of targeted executive education and technical training programmes and materials conducted by practitioners and academics to provide improved skills, deeper understanding and general best practice around financial regulation, risk management, and broader management of government financial activities, targeted at senior public sector officials from small developing countries.

Further Information

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