

Board of Directors



Datuk Azzat Kamaludin

Chairman / Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director

Datuk Azzat Kamaludin was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata as Chairman and Director on 21st July 2008.

He is a Senior Independent Non-Executive Director of Axiata Group Bhd, and is a partner in the law firm of Azzat and Izzat, Malaysia.

Datuk Azzat served as an administrative and diplomatic officer with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Malaysia from 1970 to 1979 and has also served as a member of the Securities Commission, Malaysia from 1993 to 1999. He is presently a Director of several public listed and private limited companies in Malaysia.

Datuk Azzat graduated from the University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, with degrees in Law and in International Law, and was admitted as a Barrister-at-Law of the Middle Temple, London in 1970. He was admitted as an advocate and solicitor of the High Court of Malaya in 1979.



Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya

Group Chief Executive / Non-Independent, Executive Director

Dr. Hans Wijayasuriya was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata on 19th January 2001.

Dr. Wijayasuriya joined the Company in 1994 as a member of the founding management team of the Company, and has functioned in the capacity of the Chief Executive of Dialog Axiata, since 1997. During the period 2012-2014, Dr. Wijayasuriya also functioned as the Founding CEO of Axiata Digital Services – the Group Wide Digital Services Business of the Axiata Group.

In January 2016, Dr. Wijayasuriya was appointed by the Axiata Group as the Regional CEO for the South Asian Region, encompassing the Group's operations and interests in Bangladesh, Nepal, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, in addition to his role as the Group Chief Executive of Dialog Axiata.

Dr. Wijayasuriya serves on the Boards of Axiata Digital Services and several of its Digital Venture Subsidiaries. He also represents the Axiata Group as a nominee director on the Board of the Global TM Forum and on the Boards of Idea Cellular in India, Ncell Axiata in Nepal and Multinet in Pakistan. Dr. Wijayasuriya also serves on the Board of the Sri Lanka Institute of NanoTechnology (SLINTEC).

Dr. Wijayasuriya holds a degree in Electrical and Electronic Engineering from the University of Cambridge, UK, a PhD in Digital Mobile Communications from the University of Bristol, UK and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Warwick, UK. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Engineering Technology of the UK (IET), and a Chartered Professional Engineer. Dr. Wijayasuriya has published widely on the subject of digital mobile communications, including research papers in publications of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE), USA, Royal Society and the Institute of Electrical Engineers (IEE), UK.

Dr. Wijayasuriya is a past Chairman of GSM Asia Pacific – the regional interest group of the GSM Association, and has earned the distinction of being included in the GSM 100 Role of Honour for his contribution to GSM in the Asia Pacific Region. He was a recipient of the CIMA-Janashakthi Business Leader of the Year award in its inaugural year of presentation in 2003, and of the coveted 'Sri Lankan of the Year' award in 2008 presented by Sri Lanka's premier business journal, the Lanka Monthly Digest (LMD).

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Mr. Moksevi Prelis
Independent, Non-Executive Director

Mr. Moksevi Prelis was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata on 15th September 2004.

He has 27 years experience in the banking sector, out of which 21 years was in the capacity of CEO/Director of the DFCC Bank and the Nations Trust Bank. Prior to this, he has worked for 16 years as an Engineer and a Manager in the automobile manufacturing and steel industries. He has held the posts of Chairman – Ceylon Electricity Board, Chairman – National Institute of Business Management, Chairman – Association of Development Finance Institutions of Asia & Pacific, headquartered in Manila, and Chairman – St. Johns National Association of Sri Lanka. He has served as a Director on the boards of 20 companies and five state institutions. He is currently the Chairman of the Capital Trust Group of companies, a Director of the Colombo Stock Exchange and Sinwa Holdings Ltd. He is also a Director of the National Research Council of Sri Lanka.

Mr. Prelis holds a Bachelor's degree with Honours in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Ceylon, a Master's degree in Industrial Engineering and Management from Purdue University, USA, a Postgraduate Certificate in Industrial Administration from Aston University, Birmingham, UK and has completed the International Senior Management Programme of the Harvard Business School, USA. He is a Chartered Engineer of UK, a Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, a (Hon) Member of the Institute of Personnel Management and a (Hon) Fellow of the Institute of Bankers of Sri Lanka.



Mr. Mohamed Muhsin
Independent, Non-Executive Director

Mr. Mohamed Muhsin was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata on 14th June 2006.

Mr. Muhsin's experience includes working as a Strategic Management Consultant and Director on international corporate and Foundation Boards. Prior to his retirement as the Vice President and Chief Information Officer at the World Bank, Mr. Muhsin was responsible for aligning information technology with the organisation's business strategy. He successfully implemented major reforms in global telecommunications, video conferencing, information management and enterprise business systems, and the work he accomplished is featured in a Harvard Business School Case Study.

He has also worked in senior positions in the private sector in Sri Lanka and served for several years as the Group Financial Director of Zambia's Industrial and Mining conglomerate (ZIMCO) and as advisor on State Enterprise Reform in the Office of the then President of Zambia, Dr. Kenneth Kaunda. Mr. Muhsin is a Fellow of The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.



Mr. James Maclaurin
Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director

Mr. James Maclaurin was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata on 10th May 2011.

Mr. Maclaurin currently serves as an Advisor and Consultant to various telecoms and technology companies in Asia and Europe. Prior to this, he functioned as the Group Chief Financial Officer of Axiata and thereafter as the Founding Chief Executive Officer of edotco, the infrastructure spinout of Axiata. Mr. Maclaurin has worked in the telecommunications industry for over 20 years and has held a number of senior finance leadership positions including Group CFO of Axiata, CFO for Africa and Central Europe at Vodafone, Group CFO of Celtel, the pan-African mobile operator, Group CFO of UbiNetics, the 3G technology developer and EVP Finance of Marconi, the UK-based telecoms vendor. In the mid 90's he worked in Asia and served as the Finance Director of General Electric Co. of Singapore and prior to this he was the Finance Director of the General Electric Co. of Bangladesh. He currently serves on the boards of a number of international public listed and private limited companies.

Mr. Maclaurin is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland and holds degrees in Engineering and Finance from Scottish universities.



Mr. Darke Mohamed Sani
Non-Independent, Non-Executive Director

Mr. Darke M Sani was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata on 08th February 2014.

He is presently the Group Chief Human Resources Officer & Head of Organisational Development of Axiata Group Bhd.

Mr. Darke M Sani has over 25 years experience both in Malaysia and in the South Asia region, in the telecommunication and IT industries and most recently in leadership development and management consulting. He has held several senior positions in multinational companies and large local companies as Managing Director of South East Asia and India of Apple Inc., Managing Director (Singapore) of Digital Equipment Corporation (now part of Hewlett-Packard) and Managing Director of Enterprise Business of Maxis Communications in Malaysia. Prior to joining the Axiata Group in 2011, he was a director of a leadership development and management consulting company.

Mr. Darke M Sani holds a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering from the National University of Singapore. He was a member of the Public Service Commission of Singapore and was awarded the Public Service Medal by the Singapore Government in 2001.

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Deshamanya Mahesh Amalean
Independent, Non-Executive Director

Mr. Mahesh Amalean was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata on 15th May 2014.

Mr. Amalean serves as the Chairman and visionary leader of apparel manufacturer, MAS Holdings Limited (MAS). He is highly regarded for his astute management vision and governance principles, which has steered MAS into one of the largest and most respected business entities in the region.

Mr. Amalean also serves as Chairman of the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology and is a Past Chairman and current Executive Committee member of the Joint Apparel Association Forum.

He was conferred the title 'Deshamanya' by the President of Sri Lanka, in recognition of his service to the nation through the National Committee of Economic Development and the Task Force for Rebuilding the Nation. In 2011, The Open University of Sri Lanka conferred an honorary doctorate (honoris causa) to him in recognition of his contribution to the country.

Mr. Amalean has a Bachelor of Technology degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Madras, India and has completed his executive education at Columbia Business School, USA.



Mr. Thandalam Veeravalli Thirumala Chari
(Chari TVT)
Non-Independent Non-Executive Director

Mr. Chari TVT was appointed to the Board of Dialog Axiata on 19th September 2014.

He is presently the Group Chief Financial Officer of Axiata Group Bhd. Prior to this, he served as Chief Financial Officer of Celcom Axiata Bhd, a subsidiary of Axiata. During his time, he was instrumental for many initiatives that contributed to excellent financial performance of Celcom over the last four years, making it one of the most profitable companies in Malaysia. Prior to this assignment, he was the Vice President, Sales, HP Financial Services Asia Pacific and Japan. He had an illustrious career in HP for over twenty years, of which 10 years was in senior finance positions in various countries (Hong Kong, Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore) and 10 years heading Sales and Marketing for Asia Pac and a large business unit with revenue of close to USD 1Bn.

Mr. Chari holds a Master's in Business Administration from State University of New York at Buffalo, USA. He is also a Fellow Member of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants UK (CIMA) and an Associate Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountant (ACA) and Institute of Cost and Works Accountants (ICWA) of India.