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Appointment of two members to the Audit Committee

Draft decision*

The Board approves the appointments of the following candidates as members of the Audit Committee:

- Mr Darshak Shah (Kenya); and
- Mr Veerathai Santiprabhob (Thailand).

Their first three-year term will begin on 15 November 2021 and expire on 14 November 2024.

* This is a draft decision. For the final decision adopted by the Board, please refer to the decisions and recommendations document issued at the end of the session.

Background

1. Under the Audit Committee terms of reference,¹ the Board approves the appointment of Committee members on the recommendation of a selection panel consisting of five representatives, one from each of the electoral lists of the Executive Board, appointed by the Board.
2. The terms of two members of the Audit Committee – Mr Omkar Goswami and Ms Elaine J. Cheung – expire on 14 November 2021. The Executive Board and the Executive Director recognize, with gratitude, their strong contribution and distinguished service to WFP.
3. The Audit Committee terms of reference specify that “to undertake their role effectively, members of the Audit Committee should collectively possess recent and relevant knowledge, skills and senior-level experience in the following areas:
 - a) finance and audit;
 - b) organization governance and accountability structures, including risk management;
 - c) understanding of general legal concepts;
 - d) senior-level management experience; and
 - e) the organization, structure and functioning of the United Nations system and/or other intergovernmental organizations.”
4. The terms of reference stipulate that due regard shall be paid to equitable geographic representation in the selection of Audit Committee members.
5. To identify suitable candidates, WFP sought applications by advertising the positions on its recruitment website and through its usual vacancy publicizing channels.
6. WFP’s vacancy announcement and outreach yielded 570 external candidates – 31 percent women and 69 percent men. The applications were narrowed down to a shortlist of the most highly qualified candidates. To pay due regard to equitable geographic representation, and given the nationalities of the three remaining members of the committee,² particular attention was given to nationals of countries in Lists A, B and C.
7. To consider the shortlisted candidates, a selection panel was approved by the Board at its 2021 first regular session. The panel was composed of Ms Lamia Ben Redouane, Alternate Permanent Representative of Algeria; Dr. Bommakanti Rajender, Alternate Permanent Representative of India; Ms Liudmila Kuzmicheva, Alternate Permanent Representative of Dominican Republic; Ms Elizabeth Petrovski, Alternate Permanent Representative of the United States of America (chairperson of the selection panel); and Mr Denis Cherednichenko, Alternate Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation. The selection panel narrowed down the shortlist to nine candidates.
8. Following interviews of the short-listed candidates based on the above selection criteria, the selection panel concurred to recommend to the Executive Board that it approve the appointment of the following candidates:
 - Mr Darshak Shah (Kenya); and
 - Mr Veerathai Santiprabhob (Thailand).

¹ See [WFP/EB.2/2018/10/1](#).

² Mr Suresh Kana (South Africa), Ms Agnieszka Slomka-Golebiowska (Poland) and Mr Robert Samels (Canada).

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9. The curricula vitae of the two candidates are contained in the Annex to this document.
 10. If their appointment is approved by the Board, the new members would, under the Audit Committee's Terms of Reference, each serve a renewable term of three years.

ANNEX**Curriculum Vitae****Darshak Shah**

Nationality: Kenya

Professional experience

September 2020–Present

Position: Senior Advisor to the Administrator of UNDP

Responsibility: Strategic finance advice to the Administrator on risk, audit, fraud and resource planning

November 2008–September 2020

Position: Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director of the Bureau for Management Services and Chief Finance Officer, UNDP

Responsibilities: Supporting oversight of UNDP's global management functions, including Human Resources, IT, Procurement, Multi-Donor Trust Fund Office. Fully responsible for the global finance function, UNDP's annual revenue: USD 5 billion. In the period I also supervised at different times the global administrative services and procurement function.

June 2005–November 2008

Position: Comptroller and Director of Finance and Administration, Bureau of Management, UNDP

Responsibilities: Overseeing the Global Financial and Administrative Operations of UNDP.

March 2001–May 2005

Position: Comptroller, Bureau of Management, UNDP

Responsibilities: Internal control framework, financial statements and audit coordination.

September 1998–February 2001

Consulting assignment: Neumann Gruppe

Scope: De facto functions of a regional Chief Financial Officer (CFO)

August 1990–February 2001

Held several positions in UNDP from August 1990 to August 1998: Senior Resource Planning Advisor, Senior Finance Advisor. September 1998-February 2001: Special leave without pay to work at Neumann Gruppe

December 1987–July 1990

Financial Controller/Group Financial Controller of Trade Bank & Lima Finance

August 1982–November 1987

Audit Manager, Ernst & Young

Academic Qualification

Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants of Great Britain (FCCA); Fellow of the Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Kenya; London School of Accountancy, London, United Kingdom (1977–1984).

Curriculum Vitae

Veerathai Santiprabhob, Ph.D.

Nationality: Thailand

Educational Background

1988 B.A. in Economics, First Class Honours, Thammasat University

1991 A.M. in Economics, Harvard University

1994 Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard University

Professional Education

2005 Corporate Strategy Executive Education Program, MIT Sloan School of Management

2007 Leadership Program, Capital Market Academy, Thailand

2007 Director Accreditation Program, Institute of Directors, Thailand

2014 Director Certification Program, Institute of Directors, Thailand

Career

1994–2000

Economist, International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC, U.S.A.

1998–2000

Co-Director, Policy Research Institute, Fiscal Policy Office, Ministry of Finance, Bangkok, Thailand
(on leave from the IMF)

2000–2008

Siam Commercial Bank PCL, last designation held as Executive Vice President and Head of Business Bank – Strategic Planning Division

2009–2013

Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, The Stock Exchange of Thailand

2013–2015

Advisor, Thailand Development Research Institute

2015–2020

Governor, Bank of Thailand

Current Positions and Professional Associations

Member of the Executive Board, Mae Fah Luang Foundation under Royal Patronage

Chairman of the Executive Board, Buddhadasa Indapanno Archives Foundation

Associate Fellow in Economics, Royal Society of Thailand

Independent Director, Member of the Risk Management Committee, and Member of the Corporate Governance and Sustainable Development Committee, PTT Exploration and Production PCL

Member of the Board and Treasurer, Royal Initiative Discovery Foundation

Council Member and Chairman of the Risk Management Oversight Committee, Chiang Mai University

Trustee and Member of the Executive Board, Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI)

Past Positions and Professional Associations

Chair, Central Bank Governance Group, Bank for International Settlements (BIS) (2017-2020)

Chair, Asian Consultative Council, Bank for International Settlements (BIS) (2017-2019)

Member of the International Monetary and Financial Committee, International Monetary Fund (IMF) (2019-2020)

Chair, Southeast Asian Central Banks (SEACEN) Board of Governors (2016-2018)

Member of the National Economic and Social Development Council (2015-2020)

Member of the Board, Securities and Exchange Commission (2015-2020)

Member of the Board, Insurance Commission (2015-2020)

Independent Director and Audit Committee Member, Bangkok Dusit Medical Services PCL (2013-2015)

Independent Director and Member of the Risk Management Committee, Thanachart Capital PCL (2013-2015)

Independent Director and Audit Committee Member, Central Pattana PCL (2014-2015)

Independent Director, Thai Airways International PCL (2014-2015)

Council Member and Audit Committee Member, Thammasat University (2014-2017)

Member, State Enterprise Policy and Supervisory Committee (2014-2015)

Member, Independent Expert Oversight Advisory Committee

World Health Organization (WHO) (2010-2014)