

# SPAIN-INDIA WOMEN'S DIALOGUE ON LEADERSHIP, ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND SOCIAL IMPACT

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## BIO-PROFILES: INDIAN PANELLISTS

*(In alphabetical order)*



### **Ms. Vinita Bimbhet**

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT

**FLO**

Vinita Bimbhet is the National Senior Vice-President FLO. FLO is the women's wing of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organization in India. Its members are leaders in the corporate sector, representing 2,50,000 companies. It is key in influencing and shaping business policy and articulating the voice of the private sector.

She was also instrumental in setting up of the FLO Mumbai Chapter in 2002 and has led some of their initiatives such as building sanitation facilities for schools in rural Mumbai and the "Roti Project" which provided vitamin fortified indian bread to school children and alternate employment to women.

She holds an honours degree in political science and is also a founder director of GIW (Grameen Initiative for Women) a section 25 not for profit company which is actively involved in supporting the "education of the girl child" by providing girl students cycles, computers and other facilities which encourage them to continue their education. Vinita is also director in The India Art Investment Company a specialist art firm offering diverse services to art collectors building new or pedigreed collections.



## **Ms. Archana Garodia Gupta**

**PRESIDENT**

**FLO - FICCI LADIES ORGANIZATION**

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Archana Garodia Gupta is the President of FLO, the women's wing of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry in 2015. FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organization in India. Its members are leaders in the corporate sector, representing 2,50,000 companies. It is key in influencing and shaping business policy and articulating the voice of the private sector. Archana has been working in the sphere of women's development since the last two decades. As the premier women's business organization in the country, FLO has influenced National and State level policy regarding Women in Business. FLO has 13 branches Nationwide. FLO as an organization conducts research and development to understand factors that create long-range benefits for women. FLO also directly helps women through training and development.

In addition to her role at FICCI, she has been a key board member of a local women's organization, the Noida Women Entrepreneurs Association for the last 17 years to create equal opportunity for women, and helped promote women's industrial parks and other women friendly policies. Archana qualified with an MBA from the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, in the top 5% of her class with a merit scholarship. She is one of the world's leading quizzers. In 2001, she was the declared "Champion of Champions", by BBC Mastermind in India and in 2014 was on the "Triguni" expert panel of Kaun Banega Crorepati for many episodes.

In her personal sphere, Archana Garodia Gupta also owns and runs an exceptionally successful gems and jewellery business, which is a pioneer of Indian costume jewellery that caters to the growing middle class in India. Touchstone has a Pan Indian retail presence, and also exports, primarily to USA and Europe. Archana is widely travelled, both in her business capacity, and as a speaker in International conferences.



## **Ms. Jyotsna Kaur Habibullah**

**CHAIRPERSON**

**FLO LUCKNOW**

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Jyotsna Kaur Habibullah is the Founder Chairperson FLO Lucknow-Kanpur Chapter 2015-16. FLO is the women's wing of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry. FICCI is the largest and oldest apex business organization in India. Its members are leaders in the corporate sector, representing 2,50,000 companies. It is key in influencing and shaping business policy and articulating the voice of the private sector.

Flo Lucknow Kanpur has taken up initiatives involving education for girls, vocational training and skill development for younger and older women, collaborating with police for community policing targeted to stop violence against women, awareness about HIV and enabling jobs for women with HIV. We will be launching an entrepreneurial cell supporting women entrepreneurs, a women director's program aimed at creating a pool of board ready women professionals, collaborating with NGO's for advocacy for issues that affect women, particularly maternal health.

Jyotsna is an MBA from the CASS Business School in London and a graduate from St. Stephens College, Delhi University. With a decade of experience in strategic marketing across different industries including being

part of the start up team for Air Arabia, the Middle East's first low cost Airline, heading Marketing. Over 4 years ago, the family moved to Lucknow, and working as a team with her supportive husband Amar, she has restored their over 250 year old family home in Hazratganj into a boutique retail space, bringing the best fashion brands in India to Lucknow. Habibullah Estate is now an iconic destination in Lucknow where old meets the new, a snapshot of the past with modern style and pizzazz.

She is also managing the family Mango Orchard in Saidanpur Village, Barabanki and is part of YPARD, young people in Agricultural Research and Development. Organises an annual Mango farmers market and festival at the family orchard, bringing together farmers, consumers, members of the press, government, institutions in research for agriculture and endeavoring to put Lucknow on the Mango map of the country, attracting culinary tourism too. Jyotsna is also Joint Secretary for Cheshire Home, Lucknow, supporting disabled children, adults and aged people in Lucknow, India, a part of the international Leonard Cheshire Disability network that supports thousands with 250 homes in 54 countries. She has been working particularly in Livelihoods for people with disability, founded in the spirit of supporting and moving people from dis-ability to ability. She has been actively involved with many organisations for the empowerment of women over the years in Delhi, Dubai and now in Lucknow.



### **Ms. Shazia Ilmi**

**POLITICAL LEADER AND JOURNALIST**

**BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY**

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Shazia Ilmi is a social activist, dynamic political leader, film maker and former television journalist and anchor with a Master's degree in Mass Communication Broadcast Journalism and Diploma in Film Production. As a social-political leader and activist, she is currently a brand ambassador for the Prime Minister's Swachh Bharat Mission (Clean India initiative), 2014. Shazia was among the nine selected by the Delhi Government to spread the message of cleanliness and hygiene in Delhi.

She was a founder member of India's Aam Aadmi Party and served in the party's National Executive Committee from 2012-2014. Standing for politics of transformation, Shazia contested in the Delhi State Assembly Elections (where she lost by a mere 324 votes) in as well as in the National Lok Sabha Elections in 2013. She quitted the party in May 2014. Ms. Ilmi was the spokesperson and media strategist for the India against Corruption movement led by social activist Anna Hazare during 2011-2012. The campaign was to institute an Ombudsman popularly known as Jan Lokpal Bill. The campaign caught the imagination of millions of Indians and became a widespread protest across the nation.

She has a keen interest in gender and the diverse issues that impact the status of women in India, leading campaigns and spoken out on gender issues over the years. She also led scores of protests at Jantar Mantar and other places across the city for women's safety and empowerment following the gang rape of a young woman in a Delhi bus in 2012. As a television journalist, Shazia is currently a social and political commentator on national news channels 2010, having participated on several television debates on burning national issues. During her 16 year experience as a journalist and television anchor, Ms. Ilmi has produced and directed several current affairs shows, documentaries, current affairs, panel discussions and talk shows.



## **Ms. Naina Lal Kidwai**

**CHAIRPERSON**

**HSBC INDIA**

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Naina Lal Kidwai is Executive Director on the board of HSBC Asia-Pacific and Chairman HSBC India which employs 32,000 people and comprises Banking services, Insurance, Asset Management, HSBC Securities and Capital Markets, HSBC Software Development (India) Private Limited and the Global Service Centres (BPOs servicing HSBC's operations in the UK, EU and USA). She is Non-Executive Director of Nestle S.A. and Past President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).

An MBA from Harvard Business School, she makes a regular appearance on listings by Fortune since 2002 and others of international women in business. She has received many awards and honours in India and was awarded the Padma Shri, for her contribution to Trade & Industry, from the Government of India in 2007. She has edited two books Contemporary Banking in India and 30 Women in Power: Their Voices, Their Stories.

She is one of India's representatives on the BRICs Business Council and India Malaysia CEO Forum, and on the Governing Boards of the National Council of Applied Economic Research and the National Institute of Bank Management. She is also a Global Advisor for Harvard Business School and the Chair of its India Advisory Board, and member of the City of London's Advisory Council for India. She has been a member of the Government of India's Industry Task Force, the Prime Minister's Trade and Industry Council, the National Manufacturing Council, the National Trade Council, and on the Working Group on Banking, Financial Sector Legislative Reforms Commission.

Her interests include women empowerment through livelihoods and environment and water issues where she is on the Global Commission for Climate and the Economy, Vice Chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on Water, Chair of FICCI's Water Mission and also FICCI's Inclusive Governance Council, on the Advisory Council of the Inquiry for United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and on the boards of non-for-profit organisations, Shakti Sustainable Energy Foundation and TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute).



## **Ms. Karuna Nundy**

**ADVOCATE**

**SUPREME COURT OF INDIA**

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Karuna Nundy is an advocate in the Supreme Court of India, she specialises in commercial dispute resolution and human rights litigation. She also advises United Nations agencies and governments of various countries to help their legal systems conform to international and constitutional legal standards. Ms. Nundy argues and appears in matters involving a range of commercial issues which include tax, property, contract and arbitration. She has advised Airbus S.A.S, Texas Instruments Inc., Renault F1 Team, Dabur Ayurved Ltd., public sector companies such as Telecommunications Consultants India Ltd. among others. Ms. Nundy has worked with Clifford Chance LLP on various international arbitrations, including Bilateral Investment Treaty arbitrations, and given talks to the Clifford Chance arbitration group, ASSOCHAM and the PHD Chamber of Commerce on navigating international arbitration issues. Ms. Nundy is a member of the LCIA Young International Arbitrators' Group and of the New York State Bar Association.

At the Supreme Court of India Ms. Nundy was one of the lawyers that argued the constitutional case for online free speech, she is leading litigation concerning the rights of the Bhopal Gas victims against the

Government of India, State Government of Madhya Pradesh, the Union Carbide Corporation and the Dow Chemicals Corporation. She has also argued cases involving the rights of alleged terrorists, mentally ill people and class actions on sexual harassment. Ms. Nundy drafted inputs to the 'anti rape laws' after the protests of 2012, she was on the National Advisory Council's drafting committee for the Right to Food Bill among others.

Ms. Nundy's international human rights work has included advising the Maldives Attorney General's Office and working with the Chief Justice of the Maldives Supreme Court on legal reform. She has drafted contributions to the Nepal Interim Constitution's bill of rights; conducted a workshop on legislation with the Senate of Pakistan; advised the Government on Bhutan on its compliance with particular human rights treaties. She has been invited by the United Nations to advise on legal reform in 192 jurisdictions.

Ms. Nundy obtained a degree in Economics from St. Stephen's college, Delhi University. Her first law degree is from the University of Cambridge, England where she was awarded the Emmeline Pankhurst prize, the Amy Cohen Awards and the Becker Studentship. She then received an LL.M from Columbia University, New York where she was awarded a Columbia University full fellowship. Ms. Nundy is qualified to practise law in India and New York.



### **Ms. Manali Singhal**

#### **ADVOCATE AND INDEPENDENT COUNSEL**

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Manali Singhal is an advocate with 24 years of experience handling corporate and litigation matters. She practices as an independent Counsel for various clients in the power, telecom and corporate sectors. She appears regularly in the Supreme Court of India, Delhi High Court, Bombay High Court, Company Law Board, TDSAT, NCDRC, DRT and DRAT. She has been associate at Amarchand Mangaldas Suresh A. Shroff & Co. (Solicitors and Advocates), handling both non-litigation and litigation matters for Corporate and individual clients, relating to Joint Ventures, Mergers, Acquisitions, Arbitration, Telecom, Infrastructure projects and Intellectual Property laws. She organized the conference on infrastructure between the Indo-Pacific countries at New Delhi in 1996 for the Indo-Pacific Legal Advisory Network.

She is a founding member of Justice Sunanda Bhandare Foundation that works in Legal Awareness Camps in Rural Areas and Semi Urban Areas and Legal Literacy Programmes aimed at educating women and children about their rights and legal recourse available to them. She is also trustee of The Guild for Service. The Guild for Service has been working on multidimensional programs for empowering the most vulnerable among women and children.

In 2012, while having a discussion with her daughter about the arrest of two girls over a Facebook post under Section 66A of the Information Technology Act in Palghar, she filed a PIL in the Supreme Court about freedom of speech and expression. Three years later, on 24 March, 2015, the Supreme Court struck down Section 66A of the IT Act on the basis of the PIL filed by Manali Singhal's daughter. She also appeared on behalf of Justice Sunanda Bhandare Foundation in *The Justice Sunanda Bhandare Foundation vs Union of India* (Writ Petition 116/1998) which led to a direction from the Supreme Court of India to the Central Government, all State Governments and Union Territories to comply with and implement the provisions of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 in "letter and spirit".



# BIO-PROFILES: SPANISH PANELLISTS AND MODERATORS

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