Ms. Qurrat-ul-Ain Rasheed was most recently the Divisional Superintendent Postal Services, Government of Pakistan where she supervised the overall performance of the Postal Services within her division. She intends to help enhance corporate governance in the public sector by introducing financial and corporate benchmarks and Public Private Partnership standards. Ms. Rasheed also has an interest in empowering the public sector education system with a particular focus on girls' education. She has a B.A. in Political Science and English Literature and a Masters in Political Science from the University of Peshawar, and a Masters of Philosophy from the Islamia College University.

Mr. Mirjahon Turdiyev was most recently the Consultant on Disability Affairs for the Japan International Cooperation Agency, consulting Japanese experts on disability affairs in developing strategy and working on collaborative projects surrounding disability inclusive policy. He also served as a Consultant on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for UNDP Uzbekistan, focusing on collaboration with the Disabled People’s Organisations (DPO). He wishes to learn about the role of partnerships between academics and disability organisations, as well as advocacy and inclusion of the disabled in policy development. Mr. Turdiyev holds a Bachelor’s degree in English-Philology from Karshi State University in Uzbekistan.

Ms. San Thida was most recently the Assistant Director of the Budget Department, Ministry of Finance in Myanmar. She was responsible for facilitating the government’s reform process while conducting supportive functions for budgetary reform. Ms. Thida intends to focus on the role of fiscal policy for sound public financial management, intergovernmental fiscal relations and decentralisation, as well as budget credibility and public financing. She holds a Bachelor of Sciences in Mathematics from the Yangon University of Distance Education, a Diploma in Economic Studies from Yangon Institutes of Economics and a Master of Public Policy from GRIPS in Japan.

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Ms. Hanooz Alzam’al Alsughayer
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Ms. Hanooz Alzam’al Alsughayer was most recently appointed Manager of Public Relations and Media Affairs for the National Family Safety Program in Saudi Arabia. She maintained the NFSP brand, managed communications and stakeholder engagement externally, and implemented and monitored plans for awareness programs and campaigns. Ms. Alsughayer was awarded the Princess Al Jawhara National Award for Excellence in the fields of Social and Humanitarian Studies. Her goal is to further cultivate and improve Saudi youth participation in social, economic, and socio-economic development. She received a B.A. in English Language from King Saud University.

Laura Ditell
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