

SINGAPORE CONFERENCE 2012 -SPEAKER PROFILE



Mr. K V Kamath, Non- Executive Chairman, Infosys and ICICI Bank

Mr. K. Vaman Kamath is the non-executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Infosys Limited and ICICI Bank. He has a degree in mechanical engineering and did his management studies at the Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.

Mr. Kamath started his career in 1971 at ICICI. In 1988, he moved to the Asian Development Bank and spent several years in South-East Asia before returning to ICICI as its Managing Director & CEO in 1996. He retired as Managing Director & CEO in April 2009, and took up his present position as non-executive Chairman. Mr. Kamath joined the Board of Infosys in May 2009 and took over as Chairman of the Board in August 2011.

Mr. Kamath was conferred with the Padma Bhushan, one of India's highest civilian honours, in 2008. He has received widespread recognition internationally and in India, including being named "Businessman of the Year" by Forbes Asia and "Business Leader of the Year" by The Economic Times, India in 2007 and CNBC's "Asian Business Leader of the Year" in 2001. Mr. Kamath was the President of the Confederation of Indian Industry for the year 2008-09. He is also an independent Director on the Board of Directors of Schlumberger Limited. He has been a co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos.



Mr. T. N. Ninan, Chairman and Chief Editor Business Standard

During a quarter century at the helm of different publications, he has been the editor of Business Standard, the Economic Times and Business World, bringing about radical change and achieving rapid growth in all of them during his stewardship. He was also the executive editor at India Today. Mr. Ninan has served as chairman or member of the governing boards of a number of non-profit bodies and trusts, in the fields of media, environment, education and public affairs. Mr. Ninan is a recipient of awards, including the B.D.Goenka award for excellence in journalism.



Mr. K. Kanagasabapathy, former Advisor in-Charge and Chief General Manager, Monetary Policy and Internal Debt Management departments, Reserve Bank of India & Director, Economic and Political Weekly Research Foundation

Mr. K. Kanagasabapathy is currently the Director of EPW Research Foundation (EPWRF), an economic think tank and a sister unit of Economic and Political Weekly. He is a consultant to RBI for history volume IV (1981-1996) since January 2010.

His career spans over a period of over 40 years in the areas of teaching, training, policy and research. He retired from RBI in 2006, as Adviser-in-charge of Monetary Policy Department, after serving the institution for nearly three decades from 1977 in various senior capacities such as Senior Advisor to the Executive Director, IMF (2001-2005); Director and Chief General Manager, Internal Debt Management (1992-1998). He also served on several Working Groups/Committees relating to Financial Market reforms, International Financial Standards and Codes. He has been a Director in the Boards of Indian Overseas Bank, Discount and Finance House of India and Securities Trading Corporation of India

Post his retirement, Mr. Kanagasabapathy, served as Secretary, Second Tarapore Committee on Full Capital Convertibility (2006) and as Consultant to RBI and Secretary to Rakesh Mohan Committee on Financial Sector Assessment (2006-2009). He has also been a part time Consulting Economist to Life Insurance Corporation during 2010-2011.

His current professional interests are money, banking, financial markets, international finance, and social sector issues. He contributes a regular fortnightly column to the Hindu Business Line and thematic note in Economic and Political Weekly. While at Banker's Training College, Mr. Sabapathy edited three seminar volumes on Bank Credit, Bank Profitability and Profit Planning.



Mr. Naresh Takkar, Managing Director & CEO, ICRA

Mr. Naresh Takkar is the Managing Director of ICRA. Prior to holding this position he was Joint Managing Director & Chief Rating Officer of ICRA. He is also a Director of ICRA Techno Analytics Limited, ICRA Online Limited and of ICRA Nepal Limited. Besides, he is the Vice-Chairman of Association of Credit Rating Agencies in Asia (ACRAA). He joined ICRA as an analyst in 1991. Before joining ICRA, he was with Tata Consultancy Services for three years in the System Consulting Division. Mr. Takkar is a Chartered Accountant from The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce from the University of Delhi.



Mr. Pradeep Kashyap, CEO MART, President, Rural Marketing Association of India

He is known as the father of rural marketing in India. He has authored the most definitive 'Rural Marketing Book' for students and practitioners alike. In 1993 he started MART as a transparent, team based, non-hierarchical, flat organization based on ethical and spiritual principles. MART has emerged as India's leading rural consultancy organisation. He has been Marketing Advisor to Ministry of Rural Development and has served on Prime Minister Office and Chief Minister Committees on rural development. He is a World Bank and United Nations consultant. He was Chairman, KVIC National Marketing Committee and member of the NABARD and SIDBI national advisory committees. He is a recipient of the JamnaLal Bajaj Award 1991 for his outstanding contribution to rural development. His marketing career spans 40 years. He is President, Rural Marketing Association of India.



Swaminathan Aiyar, Economist and Columnist, Times of India

Mr. Swaminathan Aiyar is the consulting editor for the Economic Times and writes a weekly column entitled 'Swaminomics' in The Times of India. He is also a research fellow at the Cato Institute, a libertarian think-tank in Washington DC.

He previously served as editor for The Financial Express and the Eastern Economist. Mr. Aiyar is an alumnus of The Doon School and St Stephen's College, University of Delhi. He holds a master's degree in economics from Magdalen College, University of Oxford. He has written two books: Towards Globalisation and Swaminomics: Escape from the Benevolent Zookeepers.