

IACCGH 2015 Inaugural “Networking Works” Reception

Chief Guest:

The Hon. P. Harish, *Consul General of India in Houston*

Program

Report by **Sanjay Ramabhadran**, *Immediate Past President IACCGH*

Remarks by Consul General **P. Harish**

Asif Dakri presents plaque to **Manual Gonzalez**

Gorden Quan presents plaque to **Nya Igambi**

Presentation of 2015 plans by **Ashok Garg**, *President IACCGH*

Vote of Thanks **Jagdip Ahluwalia**, *Executive Director IACCGH*

Tuesday, January 6th, 2015

“The Rotunda”, Houston City Hall

INDO-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF GREATER HOUSTON

T: 713-624-7131 | E: info@iaccgh.com | iaccgh.com



Manuel R. González

District Director
SBA Houston District Office



Manuel R. Gonzalez is the District Director for the 32 county Houston District of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA). He holds a graduate degree from the University of Wisconsin, School of Banking and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting from Texas A&M University.

Prior to joining the SBA, Mr. Gonzalez held several upper management positions with the private sector. He was a national bank examiner with the Comptroller of the Currency, a bank liquidator with FDIC, a chief internal auditor with Laredo National Bank, a chief financial officer with International Bank of Commerce, and chief executive officer with Rancho Viejo National Bank.

Mr. Gonzalez's career at the SBA started as an underwriter for 16 years in the Denver District Office. He later served as a Supervisory Loan Specialist at the Fresno Commercial Loan Servicing Center, as Assistant District Director of the Houston District Office, and acting District Director of the El Paso District Office. In 2005, he was designated as the District Director of the Houston District Office.

Mr. Gonzalez is responsible for directing the activities of the Houston District Office, including supervision of a minority small business portfolio comprised of over 100 firms in the 8(a) program, administration of the University of Houston Small Business Development Center and 15 sub-centers, and coordination of SCORE Houston Chapter and the Women Business Center.

During his tenure at the SBA, Mr. Gonzalez founded the Houston Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, the El Paso Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders, and the Houston Hispanic Coalition.

In 2002, Mr. Gonzalez received the Henry B. Gonzalez Latino Leadership Award from Congressman Nick Lampson and Congressman Charlie Gonzalez. In 2003, he received the Willie Velasquez Hispanic Excellence Award from Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee.

Ms. Nyamusi K. Igambi

U.S. Commercial Service
International Trade Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce



Nyamusi Igambi was recently named the Director of the U.S. Commercial Service office in Kansas City, MO. Prior to her recent promotion, Nya served the Houston area export community for 14 years as a senior international trade specialist. In that capacity, she provided extensive export counseling, business development and marketing assistance to a client base of over 800 regional exporters covering a broad range of industries including energy, healthcare, aerospace, safety/security/defense as well as education.

Within ITA, Nya actively participates on interagency industry and regional teams. She most recently served as the leader for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (REEE) sector for the ITA Global Energy Team. As the REEE leader, Nya led a group of over 180 global renewable energy specialists in the strategic development of market research, global trade events, policy development, strategic government and industry alliances and training to advance the successful export of U.S. renewable and energy efficiency technologies. She was instrumental and participated in REEE missions to India, Chile and Peru.

Nya is an active member of the Africa/Middle East, Education, and Healthcare teams. She is a key contributor to the Commerce Department's Doing Business in Africa and Power Africa working groups. In May 2014, Nya traveled to Lagos, Nigeria to support U.S. energy companies on the Commerce Secretary's Energy Trade Mission to West Africa.

Nya has organized, recruited and led other business development trade missions to Mexico, Spain, the Netherlands, Belgium, and Colombia. In addition, she has completed temporary duty assignments as the acting senior commercial officer at the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico and the U.S. Embassy in Amman, Jordan.

Prior to joining the Commercial Service, Nya initiated her international business career at the State of Texas - Mexico Office in Mexico City. She held various positions within the Office including Office Manager. She later returned to Texas to promote Texas trade and tourism as a business development and marketing specialist at the Texas Department of Economic Development in Austin.

Nya was selected for two Rotary Foundation programs and served as an Ambassadorial Scholar to Argentina in 1997 and a member of Group Study Exchange team to Australia in 2003. She is a past president of the Organization of Women in International Trade - Houston as well as a member of International Affairs Advisory Council of the Texas Medical Center.

Nya holds a B.A. in journalism and a M.A. in Romance Languages from Texas Tech University.