



NPAworldwide AsiaPac Virtual Conference Agenda

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Wednesday, 15th September

Time (HK)	Session	Facilitator(s)
9:30AM	Zoom Meeting: Gather for Networking Breakout Topic: What good things have come out of the pandemic that you will continue? <i>Spokesperson assigned by each group to report back at the end of the breakouts</i>	All Participants
10:05AM	*Change to Zoom Webinar* Welcome to the 2021 AsiaPac Virtual Conference	Carola Chard
10:10AM	NPAworldwide Board Update	Chairman Jason Elias President Dave Nerz
10:20AM	Keynote: Leveraging Compliance to Drive Business	Jennifer Van Dale
11:20AM	Introduction to McQuaig Institute	Veronica Blatt
11:25AM	Top Producers Panel: How to get SPLITS done! Hear from the most successful members in the APAC region and what they do to create deals	Parvathy Krishnan Juhi Tandon, iPlace Barry Kirkwood, Gemini AK Menon, Options Executive Search
11:50AM	Daily Take Aways	Aditya Wiwoho
12 Noon	Day 1 Conclusion	Carola Chard



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9:30AM	Zoom Meeting: Gather for Networking Breakout Topic: How have you used your NPAworldwide membership to differentiate with clients and candidates? <i>Spokesperson assigned by each group to report back at the end of the breakouts</i>	All Participants
10:00AM	*Change to Zoom Webinar* Welcome to Day 2	Kristen Davie
10:05AM	Panel Discussion – Retained Services How to overcome objections and gain retained work and engagement fees	Robert Williams Tom Sorensen Mark Geary Andrew Thoseby
11:00AM	Member Successes Let's look at who is splitting across APAC, the types of job titles and where	Dave Nerz
11:10AM	Member Expectations We hear from two members, an importer and an exporter, about their expectations when working with members	Taufik Arief (importer) Preetha Balan (exporter)
11:30AM	Panel Discussion: Cross-Border Splits – How to Make These Happen Hear from your fellow members who have successfully made multiple international split placements and how they go about it	Nancy Neumann Catherine Moores Nithya Rangarajan FK Low
12 Noon	Daily Take Aways	Dennis Lui
12:15PM	Day 2 Conclusion	Carola Chard



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Friday, 17th September

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9:30AM	Zoom Meeting: Gather for Networking Breakout Topic: My favourite technology tool, time saver, cost saver, or secret weapon for recruiting and placing more effectively. Come ready to share an idea... <i>Spokesperson assigned by each group to report back at the end of the breakouts</i>	All Participants
10:15AM	*Change to Zoom Webinar* The New Imperative for HR & the Future of Work	Sehr Ahmed, CHRO, Mercer
11:00AM	Technology to Lead Us into 2022	Jason Elias James Harman
11:20AM	*Change to Zoom Meeting* Group Session – Meetings Face-to-Face in 2022 Let's talk about our plan and answer any questions you may have	Dave Nerz Carola Chard
11:30AM	FINAL Breakout Networking Session Topic: What is your favourite takeaway from the APAC conference?	All Participants
11:55AM	Daily Take Aways	Gautami Krishnan
12 Noon	Day 3 Conclusion	Carola Chard
12 Noon	Grand Prize Drawing	Veronica Blatt



Featured Speakers



Jennifer Van Dale, Eversheds Sutherland

Jennifer heads Eversheds’ Hong Kong and Asia Pacific employment practice, representing employers and senior executives. Her practice touches on all aspects of employment work, from background checks to HR compliance issues to post-termination restraints. She advises on the employment and privacy issues in bribery and fraud investigations, M&A deals, and business transfers, as well as the employment aspects of complex multi-jurisdictional projects. Jennifer regularly conducts training sessions for corporate clients on termination, restructuring, discrimination, harassment and occupational health and safety.

She is a member of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Board of Governors and chaired its Women of Influence committee for three years. Jennifer frequently consults with advisory bodies and NGOs on diversity issues and labour law.

Jennifer graduated from Rutgers University in the United States with a B.A. in Chinese and from the University of Hong Kong with an LL.B (first class) and P.C.LL. She is admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong. As a resident of Hong Kong for nearly 25 years and a graduate of the University of Hong Kong, she combines an international background with local cultural and legal knowledge.

Jennifer is widely recognized as one of Hong Kong and the region’s leading employment lawyers. She is consistently ranked in the top tier of employment lawyers by Legal 500 Asia Pacific and Chambers Asia Pacific in their annual legal guides. She is also consistently nominated and has won the “Leading Labour and Employment Lawyer in Asia” title, awarded by Euromoney Legal Media Group Asia Women in Business Law Survey.



Sehr Ahmed, CHRO, Mercer

Sehr brings a global perspective, cultural savvy and multi-industry experience in leading change and transformation for global businesses. She is currently the CHRO Asia for Mercer and has held HR leadership roles for ABN AMRO, Chartis Insurance, McDonalds and IFM Investors. What sets her apart is her distinct commercial focus having started her career as a Corporate Banker and later transitioned into Human Resources.

Sehr has an MBA in Corporate Finance from the Edinburgh Business School where she was a Commonwealth Scholar. Prior to that, she graduated as a Wien Scholar from Brandeis University with a BA in Economics. She is also a GAICD of the International Company Director Course and a certified Executive Coach from the Institute of Executive Coaching in Australia.

A self-confessed global nomad, having lived in 10 countries and 12 cities, she now resides in Hong Kong. Sehr is also a passionate advocate for women having raised two children single-handedly while managing a global corporate career.