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# Council Vision & Mission

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*Welcoming  
Council Members to  
WICCI*

*President, Vice President  
and 20+ Nominated  
Council Members*

# K. Ashna Mahepal & WICCI DESIGNATION

PRESIDENT, SURINAME – INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL

## BIO :-

Ashna is alumna of the Young Leaders of the America's Network for entrepreneurs of Latin-America and the Caribbean, recognized by former U.S.A. president Barack Obama and subsequently also as Fulbright Scholar by former U.S.A president Donald Trump. She currently fulfills the role of deputy chair of the Suriname-America Alumni Association in Suriname and is Chair of the All Ladies League Suriname Chapter.

As certified project manager of two national-scale projects on strengthening local businesses and improving business competitiveness, she contributed to having 104 Surinamese companies obtain ISO certification (ISO9001:2008; ISO14001:2008; ISO22000, HACCP, Global GAP and BRC). For several years she shared her knowledge as thesis supervisor of Bachelor Business Administration Students. Her research on 'Strengthening Businesses in Suriname through Subsidized ISO certification' is being used at Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands as a reference of an example of an outstanding paper for current students.

Ashna is the founder of Foundation YHS which partners locally and internationally to contribute to achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Agenda. Two areas of focus as inspiring entrepreneurship/ young leadership and building skills of the future through STEM/TVET educational projects. Efforts triggering entrepreneurship have led to several young people starting their organizations and businesses in Suriname as well as abroad, while built capacity is leading to young innovative leaders inspired to shape a sustainable future embracing opportunity and challenge at local and global level.

Ashna is a Lifelong Education Graduate of Michigan State University (Center for Advanced Study of International Development, USA). She has a postgraduate degree in Public Administration in Governance from Erasmus University Rotterdam (valedictorian), a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering (major: IT/Telematics) and has completed her pedagogical and didactical certification in Suriname alongside several (specialized) training in India; China, Jamaica, St. Lucia, Aruba on project/contract management and (economic) development.

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(.....) **VICE PRESIDENT**, (.....) COUNCIL

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**BIO :-**  
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# Eline Verhek & WICCI DESIGNATION

COUNCIL MEMBER, SURINAME – INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL

## **BIO :-**

For the last 15 years Eline has been living and working in Suriname. She is the Chief Operations Officer at Alembo NV, a diverse process outsourcing company with a 250+ employee base in Paramaribo, Suriname. Alembo is part of a chain of companies and mainly works with companies in the Netherlands and for herbaria archives international. The services include data-entry, content management, financial management and customer care. Happiness at work is a important component of Alembo's business environment.

Eline has a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources and a Postgraduate degree in Business administration.

People & Culture combined with change-and project management are things she is passionate about.

She is a volunteer at Villa Zapakara Museum, where she fulfills the role of secretary and board member. This organization focuses on the personal and professional development of children.

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# Djina Bergraaf - Sanchit & WICCI DESIGNATION

COUNCIL MEMBER, SURINAME – INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL

## BIO :-

Djina is a passionate sustainability and inclusion advocate, who loves to connect with nature and enjoys life with laughter. Her inner compass is pointed towards making the world a better place – especially as mother of three gorgeous kids - breaking through barriers when necessary, while staying down to earth and treasuring the always-important 'live and let live' attitude which she shares with her awesome life partner.

Raised in a bi-ethnic and social-political family, partly in Suriname, partly in the Netherlands, she experienced very early in life the impact of giving a helping hand for the greater cause. She grew up with the profound belief that love and companionship do not see color, nor race and till today she gets her energy out of finding and connecting dots, in whatever she is involved in.

Djina has built a 20 years career in the IT industry and has gained broad experience in various roles, with her current as country manager Suriname and services manager Caribbean of one of the leading system integrators in the Caribbean and South America.

Besides her professional ambitions, she also aspires to stay involved in civil society, mainly on environmental, inclusion and social economic initiatives and events.

One of her favorite and most guiding principles is 'Begin with the end in mind', which brings her overview, a clear path, determination and the ability to constantly shift from details to goals and vision and back.

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# Dayenne Wielingen-Verwey & WICCI DESIGNATION

COUNCIL MEMBER, SURINAME – INDIA BUSINESS COUNCIL

## BIO :-

Dayenne studied Business Economics at the Anton De Kom University of Surinam and has six years 'experience as Economic Policy Officer of the Suriname Trade and Industry Association where she participated in various national and international workshops, conferences and seminars concerning Economic and, labor-related topics, Gender, Standards, Consumer Affairs, Tourism and Statistics. She represented the Suriname Trade and Industry Association in de Board of the Statistical Commission of the Statistical Bureau of Suriname for ten years and had been the Deputy chair during three year. Furthermore, she has been board member of several boards and committees such as "the Suriname Business Forum", the Customer Service Award and Certification board, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) of the "Kari Yu" a Program of the PADF and "Suriname Hospitality Tourism Training Centre" (SHTTC). She is currently the Chief Executive Officer of "Spaar- en Kredietcooperatie De Schakel", a Credit Union based in Suriname. Planning, organizing, coaching, guidance of interns from high schools and University students, presentations on budgeting and handling money responsibly and stimulating women in a variety of fields is her passion.



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