

## GLOBAL CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

### Leadership Information

#### 2024-2025 GCC Leadership:

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**Co-Chair Elect:** Dr. Sepideh Kiazal, Founder at Lead Coach Global | Leadership Development Mentor Coach and TA Manager at PMI-SFBAC M.Sc. HRM| MBA | ICF-Accredited Professional Certified Coach and ICF Member [s.kiazal@yahoo.com](mailto:s.kiazal@yahoo.com)

#### Anticipated Chair and Co-Chair for 2026-27

#### 2025-2026 GCC Leadership:

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**Co-Chair Elect:** (still to be elected)

#### GCC Committee Members: (55)

Christian D. Chan	Jim Peacock	April McHugh	Rebecca Flynn
Natalie Kauffman	Rasha M. Madkour	Samantha Ng	Charmaine Lewis
Maha Fakhry Moussa	Khalifa AlBarakati	Sonja M. Robinson	Simon D. Lee
Sabira Vohra	Dalia A. Abouzeid	Brian Hutchison	Blanca Rosales-Ahn
Jane Goodman	Shadin Atiyeh	Effrosyni Parampota	Mary Ellen Earnhardt
Michelle Gross	Sujata Ives	Jaana Kettunen	Abiola Dipeolu
Kelly J. Roberts	Jason Low	Miwa Omori	Marilyn E. Maze
Minobu Sato	Marcela Mesa Guerrero	Amy Zdanowski	Ahmed Mostafa
Jeremiah Wong	Keith R. Okrosy	Kelly R. Woods	Eman G. Almutiri
Rebecca M. Dedmond	Hyung Joon Yoon	Tina M. Peterman	Shelley (Hsiu-Lan) Tien
Kelvin (Wai Kit) Ling	Eman S. ALyousef	Joe Chahwan	Tanisha Reed
Magdalena Mot	Mrudula Josyula	Essam A. Abobakr	Lynette Hepburn Richardshon
Sepideh Kiazal	Effrosyni Parampota	Randa Helmi	Ellen Weaver-Paquette
Jessica Ayub	Candy Ho	Karol I. Taylor	

## **GCC Activities to Date:**

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- Organized four (4) global meetings on Nov 7, 2024,, January 22,2025 and March 27, 2025. Topics: General Networking, Advocacy for Career Development (Guest speaker: Candy Ho), Development of the Finnish Competency Framework,(Guest speaker Janna Kettunen) as well as the in person Meeting during the Annual Conference. A fifth gathering is scheduled for September 20, 2025 (Topic: Writing Winning Conference Proposals. Presenting: Natalie Kaufmann, Dr. Sujata Ives, Ann Nakaska)
- Coordination of GCC activities (5 gatherings of Leadership team, WA group, constant communication)
- LinkedIn Group Management: Access to new members and publishing relevant content.
- Participation in NCDA Chair Meetings (2)
- Kept the GCC members data base updated.
- Forwarded nomination of JP Michel as International Practitioner of the Year.
- Disclosure of the information through different NCDA Channels
- Meeting: Establish connections to exchange Best Practices with the International Students Committee.
- Preparation of Ambassador Program at the Annual Conference in Atlanta.
- Highlight the presentations made by GCC members at the Annual Global NCDA Conference. (LinkedIn Group)

### **Projected Plan/Work Completed through September 30**

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