



## **Chongchith Chantharanonh**

### **Lao PDR's Representative to the ACWC for Children's Rights**

Born in Vientiane of Laos. After obtained the Diploma in Civil Engineering, from the College of Communication and Transport, in Vientiane, Lao PDR in 1991, she continued her studying and training which include a Certificate of Economic Management, Economics Institute, Boulder, Colorado, USA in 1995; and Master of Science, on the field of Regional and Rural Development Planning, Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand in 2001. Throughout her working experiences, she contributed mostly to the work of the Lao government, ranging from being the Secretary to the Vice-Minister to the Acting Director General of the Government Department level.

Specifically, during 1991-1993, she worked as Secretary to Vice Minister of Ministry of External Economic Relations; from 1993 to 1995 she was assigned to be an Assistant to Vice President of Committee for Planning and Cooperation, Department of International Economic Cooperation; from 1995 to 1997, she took a role of Deputy Division Director, at the Committee for Planning and Cooperation; during 1997-1999, she as assigned to be an Acting Director of International Financial Institutions Division, Department of International Economic Cooperation, Prime Minister's Office; from 2001 to 2003, she was the Director of International Financial Institutions Division, Committee for Planning and Cooperation; during 2003-2005, she was the Director of International Financial Institutions Division, Department of International Cooperation, and during 2005-2007, she was the Director of Monitoring and Operation Division, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2007 to 2010, she served an International Organisation as Programme Officer for the International Cooperation and Communication Section of the Mekong River Commission Secretariat, in Vientiane, Lao PDR. During 2010-2011 she was called back from the government to take up the position as Acting Director General, Department of Water Resources, Water Resources and Environment Administration, Prime Minister Office, Vientiane Capital, Lao PDR.

Recently, due to the country requirement in order to fulfill the country's need and to achieve the relevant MDG's indicators and Child Right, Ms. Chongchith was assigned the take up the role of Acting Secretary General, the National Commission for Mothers and Children Secretariat in 2011.