

## GLOBAL BOARD

GNDR members are represented by a Global Board that functions as the executive decision-making body responsible, on behalf of the broader membership, for setting the strategic direction and providing oversight to GNDR's development, including the approval and monitoring of the network's annual work plans and budgets.

Board Members communicate regularly with members in their regions to update them on GNDR developments and to provide feedback to the Board on regional activities. They also advocate for GNDR and civil society, encourage member recruitment and support fundraising in their regions.

Serving on the Board are regional representatives, independent members, and UK-based charity trustees. The trustees serve as GNDR legal custodians and have specific responsibilities for ensuring GNDR's strategic objectives, work plans and budgets are compliant with the organisation's charitable mandate and UK legal requirements. All board members attend regular conference calls and participate in technical sub-committees supported by external advisors who provide guidance on specific technical, policy and constituency issues.

## Regional Representatives



### **Ms Farah Kabir (Chair)**

#### **South Asia**

*Country Director, Action Aid Bangladesh*  
Member of Funding Committee, Civil Society Education Fund 2009-present, Climate Action Network South Asia



### **Mr Peter Akanimoh (Vice-Chair)**

#### **West Africa**

*Executive Director, Global Relief and Development Mission*  
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### **Mr Emad Adly**

#### **North Africa West Asia**

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#### **Eastern Africa**

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#### **Independent**

*Advisory Board, Partners for Resilience*  
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### **Mr José Ramón Ávila Quiñonez**

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