

# Dian Gomes

## Profile

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Dian Gomes who currently serves as the Honorary Consul of Georgia in Sri Lanka, is also the former Chairman of Hela Clothing and former Group Director of the USD 3 billion apparel enterprise, MAS Holdings. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK), the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (UK) and Certified Practising Accountants (Australia), he received his Executive Education at Wharton, Ashridge and Harvard Business Schools. Dian was President of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (UK), Sri Lanka Division in 2001/2002; and presently sits on the Boards of Nestle Lanka PLC. and many other private and government organizations.

His versatile interests saw him take over Presidency of the Boxing Association of Sri Lanka for nearly two decades. Dian was a Vice President of the National Olympic Committee and serves as a Committee Member of the Asian Boxing Federation currently. Renowned for his commitment to the development of sports across the country, Dian has represented Sri Lanka at numerous international sporting events in the capacity of Chef de Mission, including the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. In 2013, he was the first Sri Lankan to be appointed as one of the 14 Members of the Commonwealth Advisory Body on Sport (CABOS), the key sports policy advisory body to the Commonwealth Secretariat. In 2014 he was awarded the African Sports Management and Leadership Award for his Outstanding Individual Contribution to Sports. He served the AIBA continuously for over 12 years in Marketing, Finance and Women's Commission

Dian was awarded Business Leader of the year 2003 at the CIMA-Janashakthi Pinnacle Awards and was 'Highly Commended' by CIMA-UK at the 2004 Business Leader Awards in London. His unparalleled leadership was recognized when he was named the Business Icon of the year 2012 at the CIMA Leadership awards. Acknowledged as one of Sri Lanka's 'Male Icons' by the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing in 2007, Dian Gomes was awarded the 'Brand Leadership Award' under the Individual Category, in Mumbai, by the World Brand Congress in 2009.

He has presented numerous papers on organizational behavior, and has lectured widely on Leadership and Motivation at a variety of Sri Lankan and International forums. This includes Imperial College Business School, London and Said Business School, University of Oxford, UK. His work in endorsing and promoting ethical business practices gained him an invitation as a panelist at the Symposium of Gender Inequality in Emerging Markets conducted by Green Templeton College at the University of Oxford in January 2013.

Dian was conferred the National title of "Sri Lanka Sikhamani" by the President, Hon. Maithripala Sirisena at the National Honors Awards Ceremony on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2019.