

Norma puts Solomon Islands on the FI global map

She was among six of the top recipients from around the globe to receive the 2018 Young Generation award on the night of the sixth Alliance for Financial Inclusion (AFI) Awards in Sochi, Russia.

Ms. Qurusu, a Senior Analyst for the Financial Inclusion unit at the Central Bank of Solomon Islands (CBSI) is best known for her involvement in financial inclusion and literacy work in Solomon Islands.

Since joining CBSI, she has been teaching and promoting the importance of savings to school-aged children, rural youths, and women; actively engaging not only with the four main working groups under financial inclusion(FI) initiative in Solomon Islands, but also in the AFI global network.

“This award means a lot to me and I am so happy to be one of the winners for the 2018 AFI young generation award”, she said.

“This is not an individual award or accomplishment but it is a team achievement”.

The Young Generation award recognizes the contribution of upcoming young experts within the AFI global network who are under 35 and who have made a substantial contribution to the Working Groups and Regional Initiatives. The award criteria is based on the individual’s leadership role in AFI Working groups (EGFIP) especially on their contribution towards the production in AFI Knowledge Products.

According to the AFI, since 2013, the organization has devoted a special evening at the Global Policy Forum (GPF) to honor those whose participation and contribution to the AFI network sets them apart. AFI Awards are given to members who have consistently contributed to the wealth of financial inclusion knowledge in the network and advanced peer learning. The nominees have demonstrated strong leadership, supported peer-learning services and stood up in support of AFI’s global advocacy for financial inclusion.

“This recognition motivates me to believe in myself to continue to work together with my colleagues and contribute through the AFI network, the AFI working groups and the regional initiatives (Pacific Islands Regional Initiatives-PIRI)”, Ms. Qurusu said in an interview.

“I feel really motivated to continue providing great support towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Central Bank, especially on the work on financial inclusion,” she added.

“I would like to acknowledge AFI for the recognition and to the Central Bank of Solomon Islands for the great support. More importantly, I want to encourage all young women to work hard and always believe that we do have the potential to achieve anything in life”.

“It is up to us to break the silence and build our confidence for greater things to follow” Ms. Qurusu highlighted.

CBSI was again on the receiving end of a successful night with two awards presented to CBSI officer, Ms. Norma Qurusu, and to CBSI Governor, Denton Rarawa on the night of the AFI awards.

CBSI Governor Denton Rarawa went on to receive his third high level award on “Advocacy Inclusion” from AFI. Recognized globally for his continuous leadership and advocacy role in the area of financial inclusion within the Pacific region.

The Alliance for Financial Inclusion is a network of financial inclusion policymakers, led by its members and partners, central banks and other financial regulatory institutions from developing economies.

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