



RBC Blue Water Project Advisory Panel



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George Yap is an international development worker and natural resource management specialist with two decades of professional experience in project/program planning, monitoring and evaluation, developing local capacity building initiatives, and supporting organizational development processes. He has worked with Canadian, British, African, and Asian non-governmental organizations.

Mr. Yap serves as the Executive Director for WaterCan, a leading Canadian charity dedicated to providing clean drinking water, basic sanitation, and hygiene education to the world's poorest people. Working with partner organizations in Africa, WaterCan supports small-scale, community-driven projects that dramatically improve the quality of life of vulnerable people living in rural and urban areas. He provides overall leadership to and is responsible for the management of WaterCan's programs, operations and finances, both in Canada and overseas, in accordance with the organization's stated purpose, vision and goals. Prior to assuming this role, Mr. Yap served as WaterCan's Director of International Programs for 10 years.

Before joining WaterCan in 2001, Mr. Yap worked for various international and indigenous development organizations including Canadian Physicians for Aid and Relief, West Nusa Tenggara Development Studies Centre in Indonesia, Concern Universal, and CARE Canada.

George has been a resource person to the Canadian government and other international development organizations at various water and sanitation conferences and workshops in Canada and around the world. Since 2008, George has served on the Advisory Panel to RBC's *Blue Water Project*.

Mr. Yap is also Coordinator for Sanitation and Water Action Network Canada. SWAN Canada is a coalition of Canadian non-governmental organizations united in the belief that improving global access to safe, affordable, and sustainable water supply and sanitation services must be a foreign aid priority for the Canadian government.

Mr. Yap holds a B.Sc. in International Development Studies (Resource Management) from the University of Toronto, and a Master of Environmental Studies in Geography (Resource Management) from Wilfrid Laurier University. He and his wife live near Ottawa with their two children.

