

## **PROFILE OF VIGANESWARAN PONNUDURAI**

Viganeswaran Ponnudurai is the Plantation Head for Africa, Wilmar International and comes with more than four decades of dedicated hands on experience in plantations such as key management, functions of human capital, asset utilization and preservation, operational performance, environment, health and safety and corporate social responsibility. He is very familiar with Oil Palm, Rubber, Cocoa and Coconuts commercial plantation crops.

He started of his career in the plantation industry as Assistant Manager in 1970 with the Seafield Amalgamated Rubber Company in 1970 and later joined the Oil Palm Research Station in the Department of Agriculture in Sandakan doing work on Oil Palm, Cocoa and Coconut agronomic trials. In 1978 he left research and joined Sime Darby Plantations as an Estate Assistant rose up the position of Operations Manager for Sandakan Region in Sabah. After 23 years in Sime Darby plantations he left to join P T Hindoli ( A Cargill Company ) in South Sumatra, Indonesia and later became the President Director in 2006. In 2007 was actively involved in the feasibility study and acquisition of the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) properties in Papua New Guinea for the Cargill Company and was later transferred to be the General Manager here. In 2010 when Cargill sold the properties to New Britain Palm Oil Limited he resigned and was heading the green field Oil Palm project development for PT Smart in Liberia, West Africa as Senior Vice President operation. In 2018 he was the Executive Vice President after the expiry of his contract he left and joined Wilmar International as a Plantation Head for Africa in August 2019, based in the plantations in Nigeria and responsible for the operations in Ghana, Ivory Coast and Uganda. He graduated from Agricultural Institute with a certificate in Agriculture in 1974 to 1976 and later in 2000 to 2002 did his Post Graduate Diploma in Strategic Management, Agriculture Operations and related Sciences. During this period he did his Senior Management Development Program - Business Administration and General Management.

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