

Katayun Kersi Kapadia- Biodata

Katayun Kapadia enjoys working with local, national, and global Zoroastrian communities and is happy to hold leadership positions in the community so that she can provide support, guidance and direction to various communal activities and events.

She is a proponent of promoting youth leadership within our community and inspires them to become future leaders. She also has an avid interest in supporting the Mobeds (Priests) to preserve the sanctity and treasure the integrity of our sacred religion.

As a dynamic communal leader, she aspires to help channel the community in an affirmative direction by focusing on meeting its social, cultural, and religious needs.

Here are a few of her salient communal service accomplishments that she has conscientiously served with dedication, dignity, and respect for all:

- President of Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America - FEZANA (2012-2016); she was also the Secretary (1993-97), Treasurer (2006-10) and Vice President (2011-12) at FEZANA.
- President of Zoroastrian Association of Pennsylvania and New Jersey - ZAPANJ (1983-87), (1997-98), (2005-07); she also served as Secretary (1993-95) and Treasurer (1981-83), (1989-93) at ZAPANJ.
- Co-Chair of North American Zoroastrian Congress 1994 hosted by ZAPANJ in Philadelphia.
- Treasurer and Vice President and on the Board of Trustees of the Zoroastrian Association de France (ZAF) in Paris, France (1998-2003)
- Founding Member of Website Zoroastrian Alliance of Sisters Here and Abroad (ZASHA) at WZC 2022 together with Zerbanoo Gifford and others.
- Co-Chair FEZANA Congress Committee (2016 to present)
- Congress Administrator and on Executive Steering Committee for World Zoroastrian Congress (WZC) in New York, July 2022
- Global Treasurer for World Zarathushti Chamber of Commerce - WZCC (2016-2021)
- Global Chair, WZCC-WE Wing (January 2024 to present)
- Global Vice President, WZCC (January 2025 to present)
- Participated in WZCC Global Conclaves in Goa, HongKong, Orlando, Lonavla London (2023) & Toronto (2024)
- Communications Coordinator for Zarathushti Global Working Group - GWG (2018 to Present)
- Joint Secretary for GCZT/GWG (July 2025 to Present)

- Panelist at World Zoroastrian Congress in July 2022 - We The Zoroastrian Women: Voices of Today, Leaders of Tomorrow
- Co-Chair of the Zarathushti Youth Across Borders Program at the WZC 2022
- Participated in the Parliament of World Religions (PoWR) 2018 in Toronto and 2023 in Chicago
- Panelist with the FEZANA Team at the 68th. Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), United Nations HQ in New York City, March 2024
- Moderator & Panelist at Parliament of World Religions (PoWR) 2023 in Chicago:
 - Dignity, Stature & Role of Women in the Zoroastrian Religion
 - Empowering Youth to Preserve Intergenerational Knowledge of the Zoroastrian Faith

Katayun is a Chartered Accountant (CA), Certified Internal Auditor (CIA) and a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE) with over 40+ years of demonstrated domestic and international accounting and auditing experience in healthcare, higher education, shipping, public accounting, and pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical devices industries in a variety of work environments with extensive involvement in: Leading Organizational Changes, Management Consulting, Operations & Project Management, Strategic Planning, and Staff Development & Training.

Katayun (nee) Dinshaw was born in Bombay and passed her S.S.C. from J.B. Vachha High School in Dadar. She obtained her Bachelor's degree in Commerce & Economics (honors) from Podar College of Bombay University in 1971 & became a Chartered Accountant in 1975 and worked as an Account Executive in South East Asia Shipping Company from 1975-1979. Katayun got married to Kersi Kapadia in 1979, immigrated to the USA and settled in the Cherry Hill area of South Jersey (10 miles east of Philadelphia).

The Kapadia family lived in Paris for five years (1998-2003) where Katayun was Director for Internal Audit with Aventis Pharmaceuticals and was on the Board of Trustees of the Zoroastrian Association de France as Treasurer and Vice-President and worked on organizing events and meetings with Mrs. Meherafsoon Sassanfar, President of ZAF in Paris.