

ABS-CBN Fact Check Team Biography

MARIA REGINA “GING” REYES

Head of Integrated News and Current Affairs

Ging Reyes is a seasoned news executive with more than 30 years' experience as a broadcast journalist. She is currently the Senior Vice President and Head of Integrated News and Current Affairs Division of ABS-CBN Corporation, the Philippines' leading media and entertainment organization.

She is responsible for its overall strategic direction and oversees news and information gathering for all its news programs in free-to-air, UHF, cable, digital, mobile, social media, radio, and global platforms.

Prior to her appointment as Head of News & Current Affairs, she was the network's North America News Bureau Chief from 2002 to 2010. A premier news personality in the Filipino American community, Reyes established and expanded ABS-CBN's News operations in the US and Canada.

Recently, she was named 2022 Southeast Asia Laureate for Women in News Editorial Leadership, which recognizes “the exemplary contribution of a leader to her newsroom, and under her leadership, her media organization's contribution to society. In 2007, she was selected by the Filipina Women's Network as one of the 100 Most Influential Filipino Women in the U.S.

MARIQUIT “CHI” ALMARIO-GONZALEZ

Head, News Gathering and News Standard and Ethics

Mariquit Gonzalez is head of the News Gathering Department and the News Standards and Ethics unit of ABS-CBN Corporation, a media conglomerate in the Philippines. She leads the News Gathering team in covering and reporting stories for all ABS-CBN News platforms. As the News Ethics Head, Gonzalez provides guidance and monitors adherence to ethical practice of journalism in the ABS-CBN news department.

Gonzalez has been a print and broadcast journalist for more than 25 years. She started as a political reporter for the national newspaper, The Manila Times. She joined the broadcasting corporation in 1996 and produced news, features, and documentaries.

In 2017, ABS-CBN Investigative Group, then under Gonzalez, won the 2017 Society of Publishers in Asia (SOPA) Award for excellence in human rights reporting for the multi-media investigative report on victims of the Philippine government's war against drugs. Gonzalez also received recognition from the

Jaime V. Ongpin (JVO) Awards for Excellence in Journalism in 2017 and in 1995 for excellent journalistic body of work.

ROWENA “WENG” CARONAN

Head, Investigative and Research Group

Rowena Caronan is head of research of ABS-CBN Investigative and Research Group. She oversees the development of stories and research activities and leads the research team in providing all in-depth research for content production.

Caronan has been a journalist for more than 10 years, with skills lying at the intersection of journalism, data analysis, and programming. She has experience in investigative and data-driven reporting on public funds and development issues. She also worked as an analyst for NGOs turning monitoring and evaluation data into information and building datasets on a range of topics, including climate.

She has a Master's in Development Economics from the University of the Philippines and an MSC in Computational and Data Journalism from Cardiff University with the support of Chevening Scholarship.

ANN CHARRIZE “CHA” CRUZ-CALUSA

Fact-Checker/News Researcher

Charrize is a Fact Checker/writer for the fact-checking initiative of ABS-CBN News. Aside from this, she is also a news researcher of the Investigative and Research Group which provides research support and data analyses—including long-term and strategic research—for ABS-CBN's TV, radio, and online news platforms. She also works with these platforms in producing investigative and special reports.

Before joining the Investigative & Research Group, she was part of the Current Affairs department of ABS-CBN for 8 years where she handled different public service programs. She first started as a program researcher; episode producer then eventually became an Associate Producer. One of the episodes she wrote and produced for the program “Red Alert” entitled “*Tigdas*” became a finalist for the 2020 New York Festivals TV and Film Awards.

She graduated from the University of Santo Tomas (UST) with a bachelor's degree in Journalism. She has a background in extensive research, documentary and news-magazine writing and video production.

NORDAVE “DAVE” RONALD G. ABUEL

Fact-Checker/News Researcher

Dave is a News Researcher of ABS-CBN Investigative and Research Group. Prior to being part of IRG, he was a News Desk Researcher of ABS-CBN News Gathering who helps the Central News Desk in tracking news teams in the daily news coverages and providing reporters with contact details of experts and analysts for their stories.

He also worked as a Segment Producer of ABS-CBN's weekend news cast TV Patrol Weekend and morning show "*Umagang Kay Ganda*". He also had a short stint as a News Reporter and Segment Producer of Intercontinental Broadcasting Corporation Channel 13 prior to joining ABS-CBN News.

He is a graduate of AB Major in Mass Communication from the Far Eastern University in Manila.