



**Geraldine Bernardo**

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**Geraldine “Dina” Bernardo** is a graduate of **B.S. Physical Therapy** from the **University of the Philippines** and holds a **Master’s Degree in Business Management** at the **Asian Institute of Management (AIM)**. Her foray into sports began when she trained as a National Athlete and became the Team Captain of the **Philippine Women’s Dragon Boat Team**, winning two gold medals during their first stint to the **Southeast Asian Games in 2005**. Dina became the Chairperson of the **Philippine Olympic Committee Athletes Commission**, representing the rights and interest of the athletes. She was also appointed as the first female Executive Director of the **Philippine Sports Commission (PSC)**, handling the administrative functions and operations of the country’s sport governing body.

Dina holds posts at the **Asian Association of Sport Management (AASM)** and the **Asian Council of Exercise and Sports Science (ACCESS)**; founding the local chapter, **Sport Management Council of the Philippines** ([www.sportphil.com](http://www.sportphil.com)). She is a recipient of various international training and was the first Filipina accepted into the inaugural class of the **Global Sports Mentoring Program** for emerging women sports leaders under the U.S. State Department headed then by Secretary Hillary Clinton and espnW.

These experiences have led her to champion grassroots sports and women empowerment in several communities, through programs such as **SWEEP**, short for **Sports for Women’s Empowerment and Employment Program**, and **RePLAY, ReLIVE and ReCreate** - building Community Resilience Through Sports for Post-Disaster areas.

She is an accredited mediator for the National Center for Mediation. She currently teaches **Sport Management, Sport Marketing** and **Strategic Management** at the De La Salle University (DLSU) and pursuing further doctoral studies with research focus on athlete and sport entrepreneurship.