

## **Munir Merali (MBA '96)**

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**BEST THING ABOUT MY JOB:** Meeting and working with many diverse and interesting people and organizations.

**MY BIGGEST CHALLENGE:** Developing and implementing long-term development strategies and investments in the midst of geo-political issues and current global

economic uncertainties.

**MOST IMPORTANT SKILLS FOR MY JOB:** Interpersonal communications and management.

**PROUDEST MOMENT:** Opening one of the bridges at Ishkashim on the Pyanj River connecting Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

**THE WORD THAT BEST DESCRIBES ME:** Empathetic.

**HOW I RELAX:** We have started a tennis club in Dushanbe for the diplomatic community. On average I play two to three times a week.

**MOST IMPORTANT THING MY MBA TAUGHT ME:** You are as good as your weakest link.

**WORDS OF WISDOM:** Invest in people and give them an opportunity.

**THE SECRET TO MY STAYING POWER IS:** Never stop learning and taking chances.