

KEYNOTE AND REMARKS



PATRICK WESNER

ACTING MISSION DIRECTOR

USAID Philippines

Patrick Wesner joined USAID/Philippines as the Deputy Mission Director in July 2018. Mr. Wesner is a commissioned Foreign Service Officer and has served in Washington, D.C., Malawi, Mozambique, Afghanistan, and Kansas. Mr. Wesner has also served as the Deputy Director of the Program Office at USAID/Afghanistan, and Program Officer Director in Malawi and Mozambique. Prior to joining USAID, Mr. Wesner worked for the U.S. Department of Labor as an International Relations Officer and as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia.



VIVENCIO DIZON

PRESIDENT

Bases Conversion and Development Authority

Vivencio Dizon is the current Presidential Adviser on Flagship Programs and Projects. He is also the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bases Conversion and Development Authority. Prior to holding executive positions in BCDA, he held government positions as a Consultant of then Senator Alan Cayetano and became a Chief of Staff for the Office of Senator Edgardo Angara.



NATHANIEL VON EINSIEDEL

CHAIRMAN

Alliance for Safe, Sustainable and Resilient Environments (ASSURE)

Architect Nathaniel Von Einsiedel is currently the Chair of CONCEP, Inc., the founder and President of Urban Partnership Foundation, and ASSURE. As a registered architect and urban planner, Mr. Einsiedel became a Metro Manila Commissioner for Planning of the Human Settlements Commission and served as a Regional Director of the UN Urban Management Program.



GUILLERMO LUZ

CHAIRMAN ; ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR

Liveable Cities Challenge ; Ayala Corporation

Guillermo Luz is an Associate Director at Ayala Corporation and Chief Resilience Officer and Adviser of the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation. He served as the private sector co-chairman of the National Competitiveness Council, a public-private council that developed strategies for the long-term competitiveness of the Philippines through policy reforms, project implementation, institution-building, and performance-monitoring.

PANEL ONE: CITIES AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



GAIL KLINTWORTH

SPECIAL ADVISOR
SYSTEMIQ

Gail Klintworth is a Non-Executive Director, Board Advisor, and Trustee with a select group of businesses and NGOs who are well placed to make a significant difference to create, 'A Better Flywheel of low carbon, inclusive growth.' Ms. Klintworth also serves as a Special Advisor for "Sustainable Economic Zones and Clusters" under SYSTEMIQ, an advisory and investment company founded to create good disruptions in economic systems that will speed the achievement of UN Global Goals.



EDGAR CHUA

CHAIRMAN
Makati Business Club

Edgar Chua is currently an independent director of the Integrated Micro Electronics Inc., Metrobank, Energy Development Corporation, and PhilCement Corporation. Mr. Chua is also Chairman of the Makati Business Club and CEO of De La Salle Philippines. He was awarded and recognized by MAP as Management Man of the Year and given an Honorary Doctorate Honoris Causa from De La Salle Araneta University.



ELIZABETH MILSOM

Global Future Cities Prosperity Fund Programme Lead, United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office

Elizabeth Milsom is the Lead of the Global Future Cities Prosperity Fund Programme, under the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. She has a solid experience as Programme Manager with a demonstrated history of working in Government. She worked as Project Manager for the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) and as Senior Scientific Officer for the Department of Energy and Climate Change. She has a strong programme and project management background and scientific professional skilled in Sustainable Development, Innovation Management, Energy Policy, Energy Efficiency, and Environmental Awareness.



FELINO PALAFOX JR.

Principal Architect-Urban Planner, Founding and Managing Partner, Palafox Associates; Chair, MAP Urban Development Committee

Architect and Urban Planner Felino "Jun" Palafox Jr. has 47 years of experience in architecture and planning. Architect Palafox founded and managed Palafox Associates and Palafox Architecture in carrying out more than 1,600 projects in 40 countries. Palafox is the first Filipino architectural firm included in the Top 500 Architectural Firms in the World of the London-based World Architecture Magazine in 1999.

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ANDREW PARKER

SENIOR ECONOMIST

United Nations Development Programme

Andrew Parker has 30 years of combined professional experience in social development, economic research and planning, project management, and capacity development with respective international organizations and the academe. Mr. Parker is currently Senior Advisor at the United Nations Development Programme in the Philippines. He became a principal social sector economist in the Pacific Department at ADB and served as a program coordinator in social development for World Bank.

PANEL TWO: INVESTING IN URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE



DON PAULINO

MANAGING DIRECTOR

Shell Philippines Exploration

Don Paulino has 25 years of international senior leadership experience in oil and gas industry. Prior to his position as Managing Director of Shell Philippines, he started his career in the company serving as an Area Engineer-Oil Movements Engineer followed by a stint as Contract and Maintenance Engineer. His key experiences include leading large production facilities, project management, maintenance engineering, and contract management.



RAMON ALIKPALA

CEO

FutureWater Asia

Ramon Alikpala is currently CEO of FutureWater Asia, a consulting firm advising private businesses in the water sector. He serves as a Senior Water and Sanitation Adviser to the USAID/SURGE Project. Mr. Alikpala became an Executive Director of the Philippine Natural Water Resources Board and an international steering committee member of the Global Water Partnership in Sweden.



EMMANUEL LAZARO ESTRADA

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Emmanuel Estrada is the Senior Vice President of Technology Strategy and Service Integration of Globe Telecom, Inc. Mr. Estrada is responsible for adopting intrusive and emerging technology along with testing, validating and integrating new services and technologies into Globe's network. He is a duly licensed Professional Electronics Engineer and an ASEAN Registered Engineer in the Field of Telecommunications.



JULIA NEBRIJA

COO

Philippine Japan Initiative for Clark, Inc.

Julia Nebrija is an urban planner who is passionate about making liveable and lovable cities. Ms. Nebrija is currently the Chief Operating Officer of the Philippine Japan Initiative for Clark, Inc. Prior to her current position, she also worked as the Assistant General Manager of Operations for the Metropolitan Manila Development Agency and a Program Manager for the "Green, Green, Green" Project and Pasig River Ferry Programs in the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management.



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COCO ALCUAZ

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Makati Business Club

Coco Alcuaz is an executive director of Makati Business Club. Mr. Alcuaz was former bureau chief of Bloomberg News, Head of ANC Business News, and a contributor of Rappler.

PANEL THREE: DATA-DRIVEN CITIES



CHRISTOPHER MONTEROLA

PROFESSOR OF DATA SCIENCE

Asian Institute of Management

Chris Monterola is a Professor at the Asian Institute of Management and Head of the Aboitiz School of Innovation, Technology, and Entrepreneurship (ASITE). As a well-published scientist, educator, and entrepreneur, Mr. Monterola has been leading multimillion dollar research and development projects with local and international businesses, multinational companies, and various government agencies in the Philippines and Singapore.



MASAKI KONNO

MANAGING DIRECTOR, ASIA-PACIFIC

Dassault Systemes (Singapore)

Masaki “Sox” Konno is Managing Director of Dassault Systemes in Asia-Pacific South. Prior to his current position, Mr. Konno became Vice President of BIOVIA Asia, one of Dassault Systemes’s software companies. With over 20 years of experience in enterprise sales and marketing, he held various senior executive positions at Gracenote and Sony.



SYLVESTER WONG

VICE PRESIDENT

AECOM, STRATEGIES AND DEVELOPMENT

Sylvester Wong is a Vice President at AECOM with a regional mission to get cities ready for the future – reframing urbanization challenges to provide innovative and visionary solutions. Mr. Wong is a 20-year veteran of multidisciplinary planning practice across the globe with a focus on city clusters across the Asia-Pacific region. He continuously focuses on strategizing competitive economies, designing liveable smart resilient cities, incubating huge scale interventions and sustainable development.



ANTHONY THOMAS

PRESIDENT & CEO

Mynt

Anthony Thomas is President and CEO of GCash. Last 2015, he joined the company as Chief Operating Officer and was directly responsible for the financial services vertical. Prior to Mynt, Mr. Thomas was the Citibank’s Global Consumer Group for 17 years across Asia, Latin America, and the United States. His experience spans from Consumer to Cards and Wealth Management.



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PANEL FIVE: THE RISE OF DIGITAL CITIES



QUINTIN PASTRANA

PRESIDENT

WEnergy Global

Quintin Pastrana is the President of WEnergy Power Philippines, a leading renewable energy and microgrid developer of the country. Mr. Pastrana is also a business anchor at ANC's On the Money and Entrep Lab, and currently a founding director of the Morning Tide Capital which focuses on advancing financial empowerment for SMEs and Startups.

PANEL FOUR: CITIES RE-IMAGINED



MAYOR ISKO MORENO DOMAGOSO

CITY OF MANILA

Mayor Isko started his political career when he was elected and sworn as councilor for Manila's first congressional district in 1998 and was reelected in 2001 and 2004 respectively. In 2007, he became vice mayor of the city. On July 2017, he was appointed as the chairman of the board of the North Luzon Railways Corporation until his resignation in October 2017. In the following year, he was appointed as the Undersecretary for Luzon Affairs at the Department of Social Welfare and Development. He officially resigned from his post to run for Mayor of Manila in the 2019 elections, where he finished with a landslide victory.



MAYOR ABBY BINAY

MAKATI CITY

Makati Mayor Mar-len Abigail S. Binay is a lawyer who has both served in both the legislative and executive branches of government. She first represented Makati in Congress in 2007 when she was 31 years old, making her one of the youngest solons in the country. In 2016, she won the mayoral race in Makati and immediately instituted reforms and innovations in the programs and operations of the city government to make services more efficient, accessible, and convenient for Makatizens. Now on her second term, Mayor Abby continues to lead Makati's transformation into a technology-embracing "smart city" that is sustainable and resilient, as well as a model of inclusive progress and development.



MAYOR JERRY TREÑAS

ILOILO CITY

Mayor Jerry Treñas was previously mayor from 2001 to 2010 before returning in July 2019. Prior to this, he served as Congressman for the lone district in Iloilo for three consecutive terms. Mayor Treñas was former Chairman of the League of Cities of the Philippines from 2007-2010. He has also served as a trustee of Cities Development Initiative for Asia since 2009, an initiative that provides assistance to medium-sized Asian cities to bridge the gap between their development plans and implementation of infrastructure investments.

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MAYOR OSCAR MORENO

CAGAYAN DE ORO CITY

Oscar Moreno is the Mayor of Cagayan de Oro City. He worked for 20 years in the national and international corporate legal profession, mostly in finance. He also served as Representative for the First District of Misamis Oriental for two terms and Governor of Misamis Oriental for three terms.



MAYOR BERNARD DY

CAUAYAN CITY

Since becoming a mayor in 2013, Mayor Bernard Faustino La Madrid Dy he has transformed Cauayan City from once a neglected city into a bustling and first ever Smarter City in the Philippines by actively incorporating the use of science, technology, and innovation in planning, regulations, service delivery, and citizen participation. His active advocacy on Smarter City initiatives and the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals has enabled him to lead the Philippines Smarter and Sustainable Cities (SSC) Taskforce to form a national movement of mayors in strengthening the objectives of smarter and sustainable cities.



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JOHN PAUL MIRANDA

CEO

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS SOLUTIONS CORPORATION

John Paul Miranda is the President and CEO of Information Technology Business Solutions Corporation. He was also a Systems Integrator Specialist Consultant of Total Information Management Corporation. Just recently, he was recognized as the Chief Architect in the Smart Policing Program of the Philippine National Police Innovation Laboratory (PNP Innolab).



MAMERTO TANGONAN

CHIEF OF PARTY

E-PESO PROJECT, USAID

Mamerto Tangonan is currently the Chief of Party of USAID Philippines' E-Peso Activity which supported the development of the National Retail Payments System being implemented by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. As a digital financial services expert holding 20 years of experience, Mr. Tangonan led projects that helped advance digital payments and financial inclusion across Southeast Asia and East Africa.



EJ ARBOLEDA

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Taxumo

EJ is the CEO of Taxumo, a web application that makes tax compliance easy and painless for small business owners and professionals. Taxumo is an award-winning GovTech startup that has been instrumental in the adoption of new technology by the BIR and was the first startup to be part of the Board of Investments Investment Priority Plan. EJ was formerly the Chief

Technology Officer of Wunderman Manila - a digital advertising agency under the WPP group - and was a Service Manager for HP and P&G. EJ rushes home everyday to spend quality time with his wife, Ginger, and his 6 year old daughter, Zeeka.



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RYAN PATRICK EVANGELISTA

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Ryan Evangelista currently serves as Southeast Asia Regional Coordinator of Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) where he oversees several programs around Asia in areas such as democratic governance participation in the country, regional cooperation among economic think tanks, and strengthening business association and civil society organizations in Myanmar and Cambodia. He is currently a business enabling environment and investment promotion consultant of USAID's SURGE Project.

PANEL SIX: MOBILITY FOR ALL



PAVEL KUDINOV

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER

Connected Freight – Shell (Singapore)

Pavel Kudinov is an innovative technologist with experience in delivering machine learning and powered systems for retail and logistics space. Mr. Kudinov is currently driving technology and data science strategy at Connected Freight to deliver next generation Urban Logistics Platform and a new Retail digitalization solution that empowers B2B logistics automation, reduces traffic congestion, and product wastage in cities.



GARRIE DAVID

PRESIDENT

UBE EXPRESS & P2P ALLIANCE

Garrie David is the President of UBE Express, Inc., a premium airport bus service in the Philippines. With three decades of experience in social movement, government work, and corporate startups, Mr. David served as a Government Affairs Director for Linaheim Corporation and became a Director of First Carbon Solutions in the Philippines.



PHILIP CHEANG

FOUNDER AND PRODUCT LEAD

Sakay.ph

Philip Cheang is co-founder and product lead of Sakay.ph, a popular mobile app that provides a platform for users to choose a wide range of vehicle options and routes for commuting around Metro Manila. Mr. Cheang also co-founded Sari Software Solutions and By Implication where he helped lead a team solve problems for government agencies, global enterprises, and various startups.



DENNIS NG

FOUNDER AND CEO

MOBER.PH

Dennis Ng is the founder and CEO of Mober Philippines, the first same-day delivery mobile platform in the Philippines, which is backed by SM Investments Corporation. With over 20 years of entrepreneurial experience, Mr. Ng has created and grown various businesses in trading, importation, advertising, and logistics technology.



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KRIS VILLANUEVA-LIBUNAO

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SmartCT

Kris Villanueva-Libunao, an Internationally Certified Sustainability Practitioner, is the Executive Director and Chief Sustainability Officer at Smart Cities PH. Ms. Libunao is also a Senior Policy Action Officer at StratResearch Foundation Inc. and Asia Pacific Institute of Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption, Inc. As a pioneer in the smart city space of the Philippines, Ms. Libunao is committed to change the status quo and leverage technology and innovation on urban management, development planning and policy making.

PANEL SEVEN: BUSINESS CONTINUITY FOR CITIES

ALAN TAN

SIMULIA AP SOUTH GEO LEADER

Dassault Systemes (Tokyo)

Alan Tan is the SIMULIA Geo Leader for the AP South – ASEAN+ ANZ, responsible for the Sales and Technical Management of the SIMULIA Team. He is also the technical lead for Fatigue in Asia Pacific based in Japan. Prior to his work in Dassault Systemes, Mr. Tan worked in a Japanese consulting company responsible for structural and geotechnical analysis and served as a Post-Doctoral Researcher for Tokyo Institute of Technology under the Center of Urban Earthquake Engineering.



CHRIS ROLLO

COUNTRY PROGRAM MANAGER

UN HABITAT

Christopher Rollo has been a Country Programme Manager of United Nations Human Settlements Programme for 13 years in the Philippines. With a Masters in Business Management focused on Financial Management from the Asian Institute of Management, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics from Ateneo de Manila University, and extensive experience in international development and humanitarian work, Mr. Rollo has demonstrable proficiency in sustainable urban development, capacity building, project planning, and program management.



TECSON JOHN LIM

DIRECTOR

Office of Civil Defense

Tecson John Lim was appointed by the President as Director of Rehabilitation and Recovery Management Service of the Office of Civil Defense in 2016. As an environmental advocate of climate change and disaster risk management, Mr. Lim helped set up the Haiyan Disaster Governance Initiative in Tacloban after the city was struck by one of the strongest typhoons in the Philippines, Typhoon Yolanda.



MADELAINE YOROBE ALFELOR

MAYOR

IRIGA CITY

Madelaine Yorobe Alfelor is the first Lady Mayor of Iriga City from 2004-2013. With 15 years of government service for the Philippines, Mayor Alfelor is the Region V representative to the League of Cities of the Philippines and is a member of international organizations such as CityNet, United Cities and Local Government Asia Pacific, US Air, and Tokyo University.





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VERONICA GABALDON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation

Veronica Gabaldon is the Executive Director of the Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation, leading the strategic direction, program and administration of the organization towards the company's vision – to build resilient businesses and communities in the Philippines. Prior to her appointment as Executive Director in PDRF, she acted as the Senior Program Manager and spearheaded the Recovery Program and Telecommunications cluster.

PANEL EIGHT: INNOVATION IN GOVERNANCE



NICK FONTANILLA

PRESIDENT

I-Metrics Asia Pacific Corporation

Dr. Nick Fontanilla is the Director and President of I-Metrics Asia-Pacific Corporation which produces and publishes leading economic indicators for Bangkok Sentral ng Pilipinas, Department of Trade and Industry, and National Economic Development Authority. He also serves as a Trustee and Fellow at the Institute of Solidarity in Asia, a non-profit, non-stock corporation advocating good governance in the government sector.



FRANCIS ESTRADA

CHAIRMAN

Institute of Corporate Directors

Mr. Francis Estrada currently serves as the Chairman of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD). Throughout his 40 year career as an international investment banker, he has co-founded and managed international investment institutions and enterprises in Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Turkey, and the Philippines. He is also the Chairman of Armed Forces of the Philippines Multi-sectoral Council. He formerly chaired of the De La Salle University Board of Advisor and the Development Bank of the Philippines Advisory Council.



REX DRILON

TRUSTEE

Institute for Solidarity in Asia

Mr. Rex Drilon is a trustee in the Institute for Solidarity in Asia. He holds multiple directorships in various organizations across different sectors. He is the Chairman of the National Issues Committee of the Management Association of the Philippines, Board Adviser Institute of Corporate Directors, Independent Director of Metrobank – and many others. He previously served as the Chief Operating Officer of Ortigas and Company.



PETE MANIEGO

CHAIRMAN

Energy Lawyers Association of the Philippines

Atty. Pedro “Pete” Maniego is currently the Chairman of the Energy Lawyers Association of the Philippines. His leadership spans different sectors – he is currently a Trustee and Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Directors and a Trustee of the Judicial Reform Initiative. He is also active in efforts to address climate change, serving as Senior Advisor to the Climate Change Commission. He was former Chairman of the National Renewable Energy Board until 2016, during which major mechanisms to promote RE development were implemented.



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IMELDA TIONGSON

PRESIDENT

Opal Portfolio Investments

Ms. Tiongson's expertise ranges from turning around businesses, corporate banking, to fundraising. Starting as a traditional banker spanning 22 years with National Australia Bank and Philippine National Bank, Ms. Tiongson is presently the President of a multi-billion ING-formed Special Purpose Vehicle OPAL Investments Inc. She is also a Governance advocate, serving as a Trustee of Institute of Corporate Directors, Trustee and Governance head of Fintech Philippines Association, and Vice-Chair of Governance of the Management Association of the Philippines.