



Event Program

10:30 | Invocation

10:35 | Introduction – Richard Mills



10:40 | **Nina Aguas**

*Executive Chairman
Insular Life*

OPENING: Nina leads the country's largest Filipino-owned life insurance company. She is a senior business leader with a strong track record spanning over 30 years across retail and private banking. She has managed global, regional and country level businesses and operations in large international companies across both developed and emerging markets in the Asia-Pacific and the US.

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**11:45 | Ruth Cabal**

News Anchor/Journalist
CNN Philippines

PRESENTER: Ruth anchors CNN Philippines' daily newscast Newsroom Ngayon, the local version of CNN International's Newsroom with live interviews and annotations for breaking news. As Senior Correspondent, she specializes in political stories, investigative features and special reports. Ruth is also a lecturer at Polytechnic University of the Philippines in Broadcast Journalism, News Writing and Ethical and Legal Issues in Mass Media.

**10:55 | Pamela Pilapil**

Celebrity Showhost, Recording Artiste

PRESENTER: Pamela "Wildheart" has won many awards for her work helping Filipinos in Singapore: "Outstanding OFWs Awarding #Be The Inspiration," "Bagong Bayani Modern-Day Hero Par Excellence Award," "Outstanding Filipino in Singapore," on and on. She was chosen by Singapore Tourism Board as host for Uniquely Singapore Shows in India, China, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore. Pamela was Celebrity Showhost for Miss World Singapore, Miss Earth Singapore, etc, and senior executive for Singapore Zoo, Night Safari, Jurong BirdPark.



**11:05 | Naina Batra****CEO****Asian Venture Philanthropy Network**

PRESENTER: Naina oversees a large organization that is a force for good. She works with large corporations and philanthropic organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in their high impact giving programs. AVPN, the largest social investing network in Asia. Naina was awarded one of Asia's Top Sustainability Superwomen by CSRWorks.

**11:15 | Doreen Benavidez****Professor****Asian Seminary of Christian Ministries**

PRESENTER: Doreen is leading a tribal ministry with the Mangyan Tribes in Occidental Mindoro. She is also a PhD student in New Testament Studies at the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies in Oxford, UK. She is a full-time professor at the Asian Seminary of Christian Ministries.

**11:25 | Colleen Ritchie****Senior Vice President****TTEC**

PRESENTER: Colleen is a global leader with one of the world most respected publicly-traded business process outsource providers, employing upwards of 60,000 people around the world. Colleen oversees key functions like workforce management, compliance, business intelligence, facilities management, site selection and construction, and global project management.



**11:35 | Gemma Gaerlan**

Vice President
TOA Global

PRESENTER: Gemma oversees operations at the world's largest accounting outsourcing provider to accounting, bookkeeping and CPA firms. She previously played key roles at a number of global organizations including Ernst & Young, AIG, Xerox, IBM and Accenture.

**11:45 | Tonichi Achurra-Parekh**

Country Manager & APAC Regional Vice President
Nearsol

PRESENTER: Tonichi oversees the Asia Pacific region for her global company based in the US. She sits on the board of the Contact Center Association of the Philippines (CCAP) whose members represent 80% of call center seats in the country. Tonichi has 20+ years in senior roles with premier global companies like Telus, Voxpro, Teletech, Startek, Citibank, etc.

**11:55 | Jenica Dizon**

Country Director – Philippines
Waves For Water

PRESENTER: Jenica has become known as a national advocate for clean water access. Waves For Water (W4W) is a nonprofit organization established with a clear goal—to provide access to clean water for everyone who needs it. W4W's approach is providing practical solutions through water source creation. W4W has conducted programs in over 40 countries resulting in clean water access to close to 4 million people worldwide.

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**12:05 | Julie Casteel**

*Chief Strategic Accounts Officer and CMO
ibex*

PRESENTER: Julie is responsible for directing strategy for many of the world's most important companies. She is considered one of the most connected leaders of the global BPO sector. She previously served as Executive Vice President of Global Sales and Marketing at Sitel, another premier global provider. Julie has served on a number of industry boards, has been published in The Economist, The Wall Street Journal and many others.

**12:15 | Kristine Encio-Brown**

*Co-Founder & CEO
Chalkboard*

PRESENTER: Kristine began her career as an accountant with SGV and later with State Street Fidelity Investments in Boston. She founded Chalkboard as the first end-to-end online learning solution that connects students to teachers. The company aims to be the preferred venue for Filipino K-12 learners and college students in their quest for learning.



**12:25 | Leonor Briones****Secretary****Department of Education**

***PRESENTER:** Secretary Briones was previously Chair of the Board of Trustees of Silliman University, and Regent of the Universidad de Manila. She was previously Secretary of the Commission of Audit and Treasurer of the Philippines. Leonor Briones became Lead Convenor of Social Watch Philippines. She was recognized as Lifetime Contributor for Asia CEO Awards 2021.*

**12:35 | Kate Bellosillo****General Manager****Kyani Philippines**

***CLOSING:** Kate received the Asean Women Entrepreneurs Network Award in 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. In 2021, she received the Global Woman Corporate Leader Award from the Global Woman Club in the United Kingdom. Her story "Rising with Grit and Grace, From Mother of 8 to CEO" is part of the Global Woman book WOMEN IN THE MODERN BUSINESS WORLD, now an Amazon best seller. She is also a writer, speaker, humanitarian and a mother of 8.*

