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Wednesday | April 2, 2025 | 8:30 am | Live at Manila House, BGC

Event Program

08:30 | Invocation

08:35 | Introduction – Richard Mills



08:45 | Raphael Lotilla

*Secretary
Department of Energy*

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Secretary Raphael Lotilla is a long-term leader in the energy sector. He previously served as Energy Secretary during the Arroyo administration. He also served as Chairman of the Philippine Electricity Market Corporation, Philippine National Oil Company, president and CEO of PSALM Corporation, Deputy Director General of the National Economic Development Authority, Supervising Official of the Legislative-Executive Development Advisory Council Secretariat and professor of law at the University of the Philippines.

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09:00 | PANEL SESSION 1

Navigating the Energy Transition



Myrna Velasco

*Energy Journalist
Manila Bulletin*

***MODERATOR:** Myrna is award-winning Business Journalist and an author of specialized energy books. She writes for the Manila Bulletin and has also contributed articles to Forbes Philippines Magazine and Natural Gas World. She has won the ASEAN-wide Green Technology Journalism Awards in Singapore; Henry Ford Journalism Awards (Best Feature Story); and Citibank Pan Pacific Journalism Awards (Philippines). She authored books on energy: "Surviving A Power Crisis: The Philippine Experience"; and the "Energy Guidebook For the Philippine Media."*



Rowena Guevara

*UnderSecretary
Department of Energy*

***PANELIST:** UnderSecretary Guevara oversees the Renewable Energy Management Bureau and Electric Power Industry Management Bureau of the Department of Energy. Dr. Guevara was previously CEO of the National Transmission Corporation and Undersecretary for Research and Development of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST). She was Dean of the UP College of Engineering from 2004 to 2010. She received several awards in engineering, education, and public service, including the 2010 Metrobank Outstanding Teachers of the Philippines and the 2018 Gawad Career Executive Service Presidential Award.*

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Oliver Tan

*President & CEO
Citicore Renewable Energy Corporation*

PANELIST: Oliver is the President and CEO of Citicore Renewable Energy Corporation (CREC) is a leading pure-play renewable energy company committed to the development and operation of solar, hydro and wind projects in the Philippines. CREC manages a diversified portfolio of renewable energy generation projects, engages in power project development operations, and participates in retail electricity supply. CREC is also the sponsor of the Philippine's first renewable energy REIT, Citicore Energy REIT (CREIT).



Eric Francia

*President & CEO
ACEN Corporation*

PANELIST: Eric established the energy platform of Ayala from a standing start in 2011, to become one of the largest renewable energy platforms in the region, with ~7,000 MW of attributable renewables capacity across Asia Pacific. He has also led pioneering initiatives in early coal retirement, including the successful completion of the world's first market-based Energy Transition Mechanism (ETM). Eric is also a Senior Managing Director and member of the Management Committee of Ayala Corporation. Eric earned a Master's Degree in Management Studies at the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom.





Maria Theresa Capellan

*Founder & Chairperson
Philippine Solar and Storage Energy Alliance*

PANELIST: Tetchi is a pioneer of solar energy in the Philippines and one of its highest profile leaders. She is Secretary-General of Asian Photovoltaic Industry Association and President of SunAsia Energy Inc. She is a former Undersecretary of Department of Agriculture. She began her career in renewable energy in 2006 as Country Director for a rural electrification project that electrified 10,000 homes. Tetchi founded the Philippine Solar and Storage Energy Alliance and is recipient of the 2017 Singapore Outstanding Scientist Award, 2018 Shanghai Developer of Year, and the 2018 South Korea Most Innovative Developer Award.



Sudhir Nunes

*Founder & CEO
Levanta Renewables*

PANELIST: Sudhir has been actively involved with energy innovation for over 20 years and has a proven track record in development, financing, EPC and asset management / O&M of energy technology and management of high growth renewable energy companies across diverse geographies and cultures in Asia, Europe, and America. He was previously CEO of Wind Business at Orange Renewable where he led growth from zero to a 2 GW renewable energy development pipeline in Asia. He also spent almost 4 years at Gamesa (now Siemens Gamesa) where he managed the commercialization of the largest onshore wind turbine in North America at the time.

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09:45 | PANEL SESSION 2

Financing the Clean Energy Transition



April Lee Tan

*Head of Research
COL Financial*

MODERATOR: April is Corporate Strategy and Chief Investor Relations officer of the Philippines' largest stock brokerage firm, COL Financial. She is host of the TV show "Insights with April Lee Tan" for ANC where she interviews senior leaders about the stock market and business. April also writes a weekly column named "Intelligent Investing" for the Philippine Daily Inquirer. She is president of the CFA Philippines, the association of the Chartered Financial Analyst Institute.



Alexander Ablaza

*CEO
Climargy*

PANELIST: Alexander has been dedicated to growing clean energy technology deployment in 14 Asian markets through the identification, due diligence and financial close of over \$3 billion in direct investments, and also through catalytic market transformation, policy, regulatory, fund mobilization and transaction support interventions. He founded and chairs the Asia-Pacific ESCO Industry Alliance and the Philippine Energy Efficiency Alliance. He also co-founded and sits in the Advisory Board of the Global ESCO Network and co-chairs

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the Marketplace Taskforce of the global coalition, Mission Efficiency.



Bobby Fondevilla

Executive Director

**Board of Investments, Investment Assistance Center
(BOI-IAC)**

PANELIST: Bobby is responsible for BOI's Investments Assistance Service (IAS), providing investments assistance to local and foreign investors. He is also Chairman of the current Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) and representative of the BOI in the Energy Investments Coordinating Council (EICC) of the Department of Energy (DOE).



Eduardo Francisco

President

BDO Capital & Investment Corporation

PANELIST: Ed is considered one of the region's most important investment bankers. BDO Capital has been ranked as the country's "best investment bank" for multiple years. Ed is active in developing the capital markets of the Philippines. He is Co-Chairman of the Capital Market Development Council (CMDC) of the Philippines, Vice Chairman for International Association of Financial Executives Institutes (IAFEI) and Chairman of Averon Holdings Corp. He also sits on the boards of Management Association of the Philippines (MAP), UP Development Center for Finance (UPDCF), CIBI Foundation, and more.





Ross Ferguson

*Senior Private Sector Adviser
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office
(FCDO)*

PANELIST: Ross is leading the MOBILIST programme of FCDO focused on raising large capital through public markets to support development goals of emerging countries. FCDO is the diplomatic, development and consular organization of the British government. Ross has a significant background in finance, with previous roles at HSBC Investment Bank and Barclays Wealth. At FCDO, he has been Deputy Head of the DFID China programme, DFID Representative Mogadishu, and private sector and team leader roles in Pakistan, Ghana and in Brussels with the European Commission.



10:30 | PANEL SESSION 3

Benefits of Renewable Energy Transition Across Industries



Richard Mills

*Chairman***Asia CEO Events / Chalre Associates Executive Search**

MODERATOR: Richard has spent the past 20+ years of his career based in the Philippines and is passionate about the country's growth and success. He has placed senior leaders in positions across Asia and North America over a 30 year career. He is former President of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines.



Alan Jones

*Chief Executive Officer***AECO Energy**

PANELIST: Alan operates an innovative company that calls itself "Asia's dedicated aggregator of Renewable Energy Certificates (REC)." AECO offers commercial and industrial customers long-term, fixed price REC contracts from direct developers and generators so they can meet sustainability goals. He is active across the region helping businesses seize energy market opportunities, mitigate risks and take control of the way they manage their energy costs and usage.





Erel Narida

President

Renewable Energy Association of the Philippines (REAP)

PRESENTER: Erel is President of One Renewable Energy Enterprise, a renewable Energy developer and integrator for On-grid and Off-grid Power Generation and Productive Uses of Renewable Energy (PURE) for socio-economic development. Operations Manager of Shell Solar Philippines Corp. Our approach integrates solar, micro-hydro, energy storage, and digital monitoring for affordable and reliable solutions.



Edward Martin-Sperry

*Co-Founder and Chief Investment Officer
Evolution Data Centres*

PANELIST: Ed co-founded Evolution due to his conviction that underserved Southeast Asian markets are set to become the next frontier of data centre growth in the world. Ed was previously an investment banker to the digital infrastructure and renewable power sectors. As Head of Asian TMT Investment Banking at ING, he advised digital infrastructure businesses on fundraising, M&A and capital strategy in emerging markets, including winning Infrastructure Investor's 2020 "Digital Infrastructure Deal of the Year in Asia Pacific". Ed previously worked in the Asian renewable power and has undertaken more than 30 M&A transactions in the region.



11:15 | PANEL SESSION 4

Benefits of Renewable Energy Transition to End Users



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Darius Cunanan

*President***Pampanga Electric Cooperative 1 (PELCO 1)**

PANELIST: Darius has served PELCO 1 for the past 8 years. The electric cooperative is responsible for delivering electricity to homes and businesses within its designated service area in Pampanga. Electric Cooperatives like PELCO are member-owned electricity distribution utilities, often established to provide electricity to areas that may be underserved by larger, for-profit power companies.





Jerard Garcia

*President
Citicore Energy Solutions*

PANELIST: Jerard is a seasoned sales professional with 12 years of experience from top conglomerates in the country. He has been immersed in the power industry for close to a decade, with expertise in market strategy, business development, and key accounts management.



Matthias Raab

*CEO
CO2CRC Australia*

PANELIST: Dr. Matthias Raab has led transformative projects in energy transition, climate resilience, and resource management. CO2CRC is Australia's largest carbon capture, utilisation and storage organisation with over 20 years of experience safely capturing, storing and monitoring CO2. CO2CRC's research portfolio extends to clean hydrogen and other low emission technologies such as Direct Air Capture and Carbon Negative Biorefineries.

11:45 | Closing & Networking

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