

# **BIO NOTES OF SPEAKERS**

## **OPENING SPEAKERS**



# DR. VINZENZ HUZEL Resident Representative Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Philippines

Dr. Vinzenz Huzel is the Resident Representative of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippines. His expertise is on the field of public administration, political education, migration, and citizen participation processes.

Prior to joining FES, he was an academic lecturer at the University for Applied Science

for Public Administration and Finance in Ludwigsburg. He was also Consultant at Reschl Stadtentwicklung GbR in Stuttgart on Urban Development, Business Development, Project Development and Municipal Consultation, and responsible for citizen surveys, participation, population fore-casts, and municipal infrastructure.



# Mr. FRANCIS DELA CRUZ Partnerships and Advocacy Adviser, ICSC Chair, CentRE Board of Directors

Mr. dela Cruz is Partnerships and Advocacy Adviser of the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities. He currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Center for Empowerment, iNnovation and Training on Renewable Energy (CentRE). He has been a campaigner on various social and environmental issues, including coal and clean energy

for the past three decades. He is also an experienced facilitator and trainer on campaigning, project management and leadership. He first got involved with ICSC in June 2015 by promoting renewable energy solutions in Haiyan-affected areas in Samar and Iloilo.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**



#### SENATOR RISA HONTIVEROS

Sen. Hontiveros is a staunch advocate of health and women's rights, and a champion of the interests and welfare of basic sectors and of electricity consumers. As member of the Senate Committee on Energy, and Joint Congressional Energy Commission, she has consistently raised critical concerns in the energy sector. Among the energy issues she has championed are energy access for the marginalized, security, affordability and reliability of supply of electricity, and promotion of clean and sustainable energy.



## USEC. EMMANUEL P. JUANEZA DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

USec. Manny is the DOE Undersecretary supervising the Renewable Energy Management Bureau and the Electric Power Industry Management Bureau. He is also designated as the DOE Secretary's alternate representative to the Boards of National Electrification Administration, National Power Corporation, National Transmission Corporation, Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation, and National Renewable Energy Board.

Usec. Manny is a Professional Mechanical Engineer and has over 30 years of

experience on construction and commissioning of power plants such as geothermal, simple/combined cycle gas turbine, petroleum-fired boiler/steam turbine and coal-fired boiler/steam turbine and oil/gas processing facility. He was also a consultant in maintenance engineering, installation, repair of heavy industrial rotating equipment and Reliability Centered Maintenance (RCM). Through the years, Usec. Manny's leadership skills resulted in efficient and reliable completion of projects both in local and multi-national environments.



# ATTY. PEDRO "PETE" MANIEGO, JR. Senior Policy Advisor, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities Chairman, National Renewable Energy Board, Sept 2010 to June 2016

Atty. Pedro "Pete" H. Maniego Jr. is a Fellow and Trustee of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD), and Chairman of ICD's Fellows Committee and Strategy Execution Pathway (StEP) Committee. Currently, he is the Senior Policy Advisor of ICSC, Energy Advisor of the Climate Change Commission, Chairman of the Energy Lawyers Association of the Philippines, and consultant to several energy firms. As Chairman of

the National Renewable Energy Board from September 2010 to June 2016, he spearheaded the implementation of the various mechanisms under the Renewable Energy Act leading to the installation of new renewable energy plants of around 2,000 MW. He was Co-Champion of the Power and Energy Working Group of the National Competitiveness Council from 2017 to 18, Chairman of the UP Engineering & Research Foundation from 2015 to 17, and Trustee of the Judicial Reform Initiative from 2017 to 19. At present, he serves as director of Armscor Global Defense Inc., RASLAG Corp., Chairman of Secure Arms Guns and Ammo Inc., Of Counsel of Dime & Eviota Law, Adviser to UPERDFI, and lecturer at the Ateneo School of Government, UP Law Center and ICD.

In addition to being a lawyer, Atty. Maniego is a Professional Industrial Engineer and economist. He has completed graduate studies in management, business economics, renewable energy development, energy transition and climate finance. He is also a certified graduate of the Kaplan & Norton's Balanced Scorecard and the Renewable Academy of Berlin. Pete has more than 50 years' experience in C- level positions in the energy, metals, beverage, semiconductor, IT, munitions, construction, and venture capital sectors and the

academe. An internationally recognized expert in clean and sustainable energy development, he is often tapped as resource person in various trade missions and high-level conferences in Europe, United States and Asia.

# PANEL SPEAKERS



## ATTY. MONALISA DIMALANTA

#### Former Chair, National Renewable Energy Board

Atty. Dimalanta is senior partner and head of Energy Group at Puyat Jacinto & Santos Law. She served as chairperson of the National Renewable Energy Board from April 2019 to March 2021. She is a professor of Energy Law at the Ateneo de Manila University Law School. She has also received numerous awards – the most recent of which are Asia-Pacific IFLR 1000 Women Leaders for 2021, 100 Most Influential Filipino

Women on LinkedIn, and 2020 Women in Renewables Asia.



## MR. RUSTICO NOLI D. CRUZ Vice President Development Bank of the Philippines

Mr. Rustico Noli D. Cruz is currently the Vice President and the Head of the Program Development and Management I Department of the Development Bank of the Philippines. He is a licensed Environmental Planner and a Certified Green Finance

Specialist and holds degree in Master in Business Administration. He has more than 27 years of experience in banking, 10 years of which, as an Account Officer handling renewable energy projects and micro, small and medium enterprises and 17 years holding various positions in development banking particularly on sectors concerning energy, water supply, and sanitation.



## MR. CHARLIE AYCO President WeGen Laudato Si

Mr. Ayco is president of energy firm WeGen Laudato Si' Inc., a special purpose company inspired by Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter calling for ecological conversion. WeGen works closely with the Catholic Church and other religious communities. Before joining WeGen in 2016, Mr. Ayco worked extensively on housing for the poor through Habitat for

Humanity as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director. He was Mayor of Sevilla Bohol in 1986-1992 after serving as lecturer at the Ateneo de Manila University.

#### **CO-HOSTS/MODERATORS**



#### MS. MARIA LOURDES "MALOU" MANGAHAS

Ms. Mangahas is a veteran of Philippine journalism. For 11 years, she served as executive director of the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism that she co-founded in 1989. She has worked as editor in chief of a national newspaper, host of radio and tv program GMA News TV "Investigative Documentaries," executive producer of a TV debate program, and was the first editor in chief of gmanews.tv online, while working as Vice President for Research and Content Development of GMA

News and Public Affairs. She was a campus journalist and the first female chair of the University Student Council of the University of the Philippines where she graduated cum laude in Mass Communications.



#### ENGR. RAPHA JULYSSES PEREZ

Engr. Rapha Julysses Perez is a faculty member of the Ateneo de Davao University -School of Engineering and Architecture. He is also a researcher at the Ateneo de Davao Center for Renewable Energy and Appropriate Technologies (CREATE). He finished his Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering at the University of Southeastern Philippines in 2017 and his Master's degree in Electronics and Computer Systems at Victoria University of Wellington in 2020 under a New Zealand Aid Scholarship. His thesis on Green Hydrogen provided a techno-economic analysis on its feasibility as a transport fuel in New Zealand. He calculated the

demand for green hydrogen and its cost as a first step to realizing New Zealand's hydrogen economy.

#### MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM PARTNERS IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY

- H.E. Ambassador Anke Reiffenstuel, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Manila
- H.E. Ambassador Shambhu S. Kumaran, Embassy of India in Manila
- Mr. Pieter Terpstra, Counselor and Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Manila
- Mr. Cristoph Wagner, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines

#### MAIN ORGANIZERS



The Center for Empowerment, Innovation and Training on Renewable Energy (CentRE) is a notfor-profit association of RE advocates, developers, researchers, experts and social impact investors pursuing full deployment of RE in the country to address energy poverty, high electricity rates, and climate change in a just, sustainable and democratic manner. With diverse expertise of its members – CSOs, private industry players, electric cooperatives, academic centers and individuals engaging on energy, climate, environment and good governance – the CentRE is envisaged as a hub for knowledge, social innovation, policy studies, advocacy and community empowerment towards achieving 100 percent renewable energy. Its goals: RE-

CLAIM – realize **RE** through Capacity building, Linkages, Advocacy, Innovation and Mobilization.



The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) is a private, not-for-profit, public interest cultural-educational foundation in Germany committed to the ideals and basic values of social democracy. With headquarters in Berlin, FES has been active in the Philippine since 1964. In its cooperation with civil society organizations, labor groups, the academe, and the government, it seeks to contribute in consolidating democratic institutions and in strengthening an inclusive political system and a omic development

people-centered economic development.

#### **CO-ORGANIZERS**

- Center for Power Issues and Initiatives (CPII)
- Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (CREST)
- Foundation for Sustainable Society Inc. (FSSI)
- Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities (ICSC)
- One Renewable Energy Enterprise, Inc. (OREEI)
- WeGen Distributed Energy Philippines
- 350.Org
- Climate Reality Project
- Energy Lawyers Association of the Philippines
- Living Laudato Si
- Oxfam International
- REboot Institute
- World Wildlife Fund

#### **PROFILE OF ATTENDEES**

- From International Organizations
- Local/National Government Units (executives, energy/environment/climate committee, development planning officers)
- NGOs/Civil Society Organizations (on renewable energy, just transition, energy democracy, climate justice, social justice)
- Private companies/businesses (RE developers, suppliers, installers; SMEs, chamber of commerce)
- Electric Cooperatives
- Academe (professors, students, researchers in colleges and universities)
- Professionals
- Media