



# South-South Expert Knowledge Sharing Forum on Policy Innovations and Lessons Learned on Enterprise Formalization

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## Speakers Information Notes

### Country Situation Analysis for the Philippines

#### **Liza Largoza Maza, Lead Convenor, National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), Philippines**

Ms Liza Maza is a Filipina activist and the lead convenor of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC). She was a member of the Philippine House of Representatives as the representative of the Gabriela Women's Party in the 13th and 14th Congress and as the sole woman representative of the Bayan Muna Party List in the 12th Congress. She was recognized by the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women as the Outstanding Woman in Public Service and by the Komisyon sa Wikang Filipino as the Outstanding Woman in 2012. As the anti-poverty chief, she led the launch of Kilos SAMBAYANAN in 2017, the agency's flagship campaign for the fulfilment of the people's 10 Basic Needs: food and land reform, water, shelter, work, healthcare, education, social protection, healthy environment, peace, and participation. She obtained a degree in Business Economics from the University of the Philippines. Under her leadership, NAPC is committed and ready to move forward in the administration's campaign against poverty.



**Ms Maria Lourdes Calalang Josue-Gonzales** is the Chief Labor and Employment Officer of the Workers in the Informal Economy Development of the Bureau of Workers with Special Concerns (BWSC) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). She manages and supervises the conduct of activities related to the conceptualization and implementation of capacity building programmes and services for the workers in the informal economy and other disadvantaged group of workers, and provides technical and administrative supervision over the division staff. In 2013, she was detailed at the Office of Atty. Danilo P. Cruz, DOLE Undersecretary where she provides technical and consultancy services to cluster-member agencies in the area of promotion of employment, both wage and self-employment, including training and manpower development, as well as renders technical and administrative assistance in the management and supervision of the cluster's key result areas. Also, in 2010, she was assigned in the Programme Management and Technical Support Services where she managed and supervised the conduct of activities related to research, policy and programme planning and monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects. Ms Josue-Gonzales completed her Master of Science in Human Resource Management in 2003 and Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1982 at the University of Santo Tomas.



**Ms (“Malay”) Lourdes Irene Miñoza, PhilHealth**

**Ms Mary Jean T. Pacheco** is the Assistant Secretary of the Competitiveness and Ease of Doing Business Group (CEODBG) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI). She has been with the DTI for 18 years, starting as Division Chief of CITEM's Corporate Planning Division in 1999. She describes herself as a highly motivated, dedicated public service professional with significant contribution and experience in planning, monitoring and evaluation, performance management, public administration, and public policy formulation. In 2012, as the Director of the DTI's Corporate Planning Service, she initiated the adoption of the Performance Governance System (PGS), and was instrumental in having the PGS approved by the CSC as the DTI Strategic Performance Management System in 2014. These efforts resulted in the DTI being named by the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) as one of the country's first “*Islands of Good Governance*” in 2015, in recognition of efforts the department, to implement sustainable and transformative reforms in public service, a recognition shared with 11 other public sector agencies.



Prior to joining the Executive Branch, she was part of the Legislative Branch (Senate of the Philippines) where she served under Senator Leticia Ramos Shahani and Senator Loren Legarda. As HEA of the Senate Committee on Agriculture under Senator Shahani, she was involved in the enactment of several laws on agriculture, notably the: (i) *Agricultural Tarrification Act*; (ii) *Philippine Fisheries Code*; and (iii) *Joint Resolution Creating the Congressional Commission on Agricultural Modernization*. In 1998, she joined the office of newly elected Senator Loren Legarda, as Director IV, responsible for admin and finance, last February 14, 2018 and was promoted to Assistant Secretary of the Competitiveness and Ease of Doing Business Group (CEODBG). Before entering government, Ms Pacheco was involved in the policy formulation in organizations such as the Foundation for

<p>Resource Linkage and Development (FRLD), and the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI), where she served 5 years as head of International Affairs Division. Ms Pacheco is a loyal Thomasian having obtained her secondary, undergraduate and graduate degrees at the University of Santo Tomas. She also received a degree in Masters in Public Policy from Massey University in Auckland, New Zealand.</p>	
<p><b>Atty Timm B. Renomeron</b> is the Chief of the Regional Investigation Division, Revenue Region No. 8 (Makati City), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR). His professional career at the BIR ranked from Assistant Chief, Region 8 (Makati City); Assistant Chief, Region 7 (Quezon City); Assistant Chief, Prosecution Division, (National Office); and Trial Lawyer, Prosecution Division (National Office).</p> <p>Atty Renomeron completed his Juris Doctor at the University of the Philippines-Diliman, College of Law in 2003-2008; BS Accountancy at the Philippine School of Business Administration in 2010-2013; and AB Economics at the Ateneo de Manila University (Full Scholar) in 1997-2001.</p>	
<p><b>Mr Cesar Augusto E. Villanueva Jr.</b> is a Bank Officer of the Inclusive Finance Advocacy Office (IFAO) of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). He is involved in financial inclusion policy work with regard to digital financial inclusion, fintech and regtech. Prior to joining IFAO, he worked for almost 12 years as a technical officer with the Office of the Monetary Board, the governing body of the BSP. He also has experience in financial advisory, commercial banking, and investment banking from the private sector.</p>	
<p><b>Mr Melvin Abanto</b> (SB Corp)</p>	
<p><b>Atty Melissa A. Santiago-Yan</b> is the Deputy Executive Director IV of the Government Procurement Policy Board-Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO) overseeing the Legal and Research Division, Secretariat Division and Capacity Development Division. She is also the current Chairman of GPPB-TSO's Bids and Awards Committee. Prior to being designated as one of the Deputy Executive Directors of the GPPB-TSO, she held the position of the Head of the Capacity Development Division of the GPPB-TSO, and Division Chief of the Legal Service and Chair of the BAC Technical Working Group of the Public-Private Partnership Center. She acts as resource speaker/lecturer on the procurement law and BOT law in training activities of government agencies. She obtained her Juris Doctor Degree from the Ateneo de Manila University School of Law in 2004, and was admitted to the Philippine Bar in 2005. She likewise attended procurement courses of the Asian Institute of Management in the Philippines; and through the United States Trade and Development Authority held in Manila and Washington D.C., USA.</p>	

**Mr Ferdinand Hombrebueno** is the Director for the Basic Sector Coordination and Advocacy Services (BSCAS) of the Office of the President – National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC). In this capacity, he facilitates the engagement of the 14 basic sectors (including Farmers, Fisherfolk, Indigenous People, Urban Poor, Workers, Informal Sector, among others) with the government. Prior to joining NAPC, he was the Director for Operations of the Office of the Presidential Assistant for Food Security and Agricultural Modernization – delivering technical expertise and oversight, preparation of policy researches and recommendations and spearheading reforms that will ensure food security and agricultural development. In his capacity, he helped in stabilizing the supply and lowering the price of rice after the rice price spike in 2014. He also help broker the meeting between the coconut farmers (who walked from Davao to Manila) and the President – leading to an agreement on the utilization of the coco-levy funds. As a Peace and Development Officer for the Office of the Presidential Adviser to the Peace Process, he assisted in crafting development and integration programs for conflict areas. He was also the programme coordinator of the ASEAN Foundation – League of Corporate Foundations project which led to the creation of the ASEAN CSR Network. Mr Hombrebueno completed his MA in Business Administration in 2010 at the Pamantasan ng Lunsod ng Maynila where he specialized on business and social enterprises. Prior to joining the government, he was a lecturer and program coordinator for various colleges and was consultant for several civil society organizations and private institutions.



**Ms Susanita (“Babes”) Tesiorna** is the Founding President of the Informal Sector Coalition of the Philippines-Trade Union of the Philippines (ISCP-TUCP) from the project “Empowering Women and Children in the Informal Sector”. Currently, Ms Tesiorna is the Vice-President of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines (TUCP); and National President of the Alliance of Workers in the Informal Sector of the Federation (ALLWIES). During the 2014-2015 International Labour Conference (ILC) in Geneva, she represented the Workers Representative (Titular) on the Committee on Informal Economy and a Member of the Workers Bureau on the Committee of Transitioning the Informal Economy to Formal. From 2004-2010, she represented the Vice-Chairman of NAPC-Basic Sectors in the PhilHealth Board of Directors.

