



Event Program

- 08:30 WELCOME
- 08:45 KEYNOTE **Sharon Garin** - Secretary, Department of Energy
- 09:05 KEYNOTE **Imee Marcos** - Senator, Republic of the Philippines
- 09:25 PANEL SESSION 1: *Balancing Energy Security and Energy Transition*
- MODERATOR **Myrna Velasco** - Energy Journalist, Manila Bulletin
- PANELISTS **Celso C. Caballero III** - President-Transition Business Group, AboitizPower
Ed Francisco - President of BDO Capital and Investments
Eric Francia - CEO, ACEN
Vincent Villegas* - SVP & CRO, First Gen Corporation
- 10:10 PRESENTER **Roel Castro** - President and CEO, MORE Electric and Power
- 10:20 PANEL SESSION 2: *Scaling Renewable Energy in the Philippines*
- MODERATOR: **Richard Mills** - Chairman, Asia CEO Events
- PANELISTS: **Jacqueline Castillo** - President & CEO, Mabuhay Energy
Roel Castro - President and CEO, MORE Electric and Power
Quintin Pastrana - President, WEnergy Power
Tetchi Capellan - President & CEO, SunAsia Energy
- 11:05 PANEL SESSION 3: *Enabling Energy Transition - Solutions, Markets, & Commercial Models*
- MODERATOR: **Richard Mills** - Chairman, Asia CEO Events
- PANELISTS: **Chinie Defensor** - Managing Director, BECIS
Colin Steley - Director Southeast Asia, Stratcon
Jofet Villafior - President & GM, Helios Optimum Solar
Ruth Yu-Owen - President, Upgrade Energy
- 11:50 NETWORKING



08:30^{am} / Opening

08:45^{am} / **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**



Sharon Garin

Secretary
Department of Energy

FEATURED SPEAKER: Secretary Sharon Garin was previously Undersecretary of the Department of Energy where she was Chairperson of the Nuclear Energy Program Coordinating Committee. She also served in the House of Representatives, where she made history as the first party-list representative elected as Deputy Speaker, and the first female Deputy Speaker from the Province of Iloilo. Secretary Garin holds a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of the Philippines Visayas-Iloilo, a law degree from the Ateneo de Manila School of Law, and an International MBA from the Escuela Superior de Administración y Dirección de Empresas (ESADE) in Spain.



09:05^{am} / KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Imee Marcos

Senator

20th Congress of the Philippines

FEATURED SPEAKER: Senator Imee Marcos has decades of local governance experience that have molded her own distinct brand of leadership. In 1998, she was elected Congresswoman of the Second District of Ilocos Norte. She served for three terms, authoring and co-authoring bills with a primary focus on women, overseas Filipino workers (OFWs), and the youth sector such as the house bill for Magna Carta for students and house bill for Loan Filipino Migrant Workers. In 2010, she won a landslide election as Governor of Ilocos Norte. She largely focused on poverty reduction through local employment and investment; promoting tourism; and reviving the youth sector. Her flagship program, "Task Force Trabaho," paved the way for the provincial employment rate to reach above 98% through regular job fairs, job placement programs, an OFW Desk, livelihood assistance, and small and medium enterprise (SME) development. Imee Marcos has been an elected Senator since 2019.



09:25^{am} / Panel Session 1:**Balancing Energy Security and Energy Transition**

Exploring how the Philippines can meet rising demand while accelerating the shift toward cleaner energy sources.

**Myrna Velasco**

Prominent 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 received 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."

**Celso C. Caballero III**

President, Transition Business Group
AboitizPower

PANELIST: Celso (C3) oversees key thermal power generation units across the Philippines. He drives strategic transformation to ensure reliability and flexibility. C3 also advances innovations in coal and baseload technologies, hybrid systems, and battery energy storage (BESS) to strengthen the country's energy security. AboitizPower is the Philippines' largest owner and operator of renewable energy based on installed capacity. It is also the second-largest power generator overall.





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 (CMDK) 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.



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.





Vincent Villegas*

Senior Vice President and Chief Revenue Officer
First Gen Corporation

PANELIST: Vincent is a key leader of First Gen, the Philippines' largest clean and renewable Independent Power Producer (IPP). As part of the First Philippine Holdings Corporation Lopez Group, it operates a 3,600+ MW portfolio of 30+ power plants using natural gas, geothermal, hydro, wind, and solar, with a firm commitment to zero coal. Its largest subsidiary, the Energy Development Corporation (EDC), is the world's largest vertically integrated geothermal power producer.

10:10^{am} / **Presentation**



Roel Castro

President and CEO
MORE Electric and Power

PRESENTER: Roel has helped build MORE Power, the primary distribution utility of Iloilo City. He led the high-impact modernization of Iloilo's electricity grid, successfully driving down power rates and significantly improving service reliability for the region. Roel has previously run 9 companies including the Palm Thermal Consolidated Holdings Corporation, Palm Concepcion Power Corporation.



10:20^{am} / Panel Session 2:**Scaling Renewable Energy in the Philippines**

Accelerating project development and expanding renewable capacity to meet the country's energy needs.

**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.

**Jacqueline Castillo**

President and CEO

Mabuhay Energy Corporation

PANELIST: Jacqueline transformed her company from a startup to a premier Retail Electricity Supplier (RES) in the industry. Mabuhay Energy is known for its customized, competitive pricing for contestable customers and serves manufacturing, commercial, and industrial clients in Luzon and the Visayas. Jacqueline has worked with the largest power companies in the Philippines, spanning the private and government sectors, from generation companies to distribution utilities to retail electricity businesses. She serves as a Trustee for the Retail Electricity Suppliers Association of the Philippines (RESA), an active TWG member of the Energy and Power Committee of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI).





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Quintin Pastrana

President
WEnergy Power

PANELIST: Quintin specializes in microgrids and renewable energy solutions. He is also President of Archipelago Renewables Corp, developing hybrid microgrids to electrify underserved off-grid communities. He is a former prominent news anchor for Bloomberg and ANC, and has master's degrees from Georgetown, Cambridge and Oxford.





Tetchi Capellan

President & CEO
SunAsia Energy

PANELIST: Tetchi is a pioneer of solar energy in the Philippines. She is Secretary-General of Asian Photovoltaic Industry Association and 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 helped found the Philippine Solar and Storage Energy Alliance and is recipient of the Singapore Outstanding Scientist Award, Shanghai Developer of Year, and South Korea Most Innovative Developer Award.

11:05^{am} / Panel Session 3:

Enabling the Energy Transition — Solutions, Markets, and Commercial Models

How innovation, financing, and market solutions are enabling businesses to access sustainable energy.



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Chinie Defensor

Managing Director
BECIS

PANELIST: Chinie is a prominent leader in the energy sector with senior leadership experience with industry players like Meralco, Engie and EDC. BECIS (Berkeley Energy Commercial Industrial Solutions) is an Energy-as-a-Service (EaaS) provider that develops, constructs, owns, and operates sustainable energy solutions for commercial and industrial users across Southeast Asia, China, and India.



Colin Steley

Founder & Director Southeast Asia
Stratcon Power Services

PANELIST: Colin has spent the 20 years experience leading energy efficiency, renewable energy, battery storage, and energy transition projects across Southeast Asia. His company develops, installs and finances projects designed to improve energy efficiency, reduce costs, and minimize risk. Colin has developed and contracted over 3m carbon credits under the Clean Development Mechanism, over 30MW of solar PV projects, designed and managed the procurement of over 10,000 solar home system kits, originated and screened over 25 distributed energy (DER) and microgrid projects throughout the Philippines and Indonesia.





Jofet Villaflor

President & GM
Helios Optimum Solar

PANELIST: Jofet is an entrepreneur who setup his pioneering renewable energy firm to simplify solar technology for residential, commercial and industrial consumers. He championed the core advocacy that "Solar doesn't have to be complicated," transforming his company into a leading provider of high-quality solar solutions. He serves large enterprises and households seeking sustainable power solutions.



Ruth Yu-Owen

President
Upgrade Energy

PANELIST: Ruth also has 2 decades of experience in renewable energy, developing wind power, hydropower, and solar projects. She is Chairperson of the EU-Philippines Network and also Vice President for External Affairs for the Philippine Energy Efficiency Alliance (PE2). Ruth is also Co-Founder of Connected Women, a social impact tech startup.

11:50^{am} / Closing & Networking

