

# RACE TO ZERO PHILIPPINES SUMMIT

Accelerating the Philippines' Path to Net Zero  
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## Race to Zero Philippines Summit: Accelerating the Philippines' Path to Net Zero 10 October 2024, Ascott BGC Taguig

As part of the global movement fueled by [Climate Week NYC](#) and in anticipation of [COP29](#), this summit positions the Philippines at the forefront of the Race to a Zero-Carbon future. We invite leaders and innovators from all sectors, both regional and local, to break down barriers and spearhead transformative climate solutions. Step up and lead with us. Register now!

### Key Themes:

#### Morning Session: The Urgency of a Zero-Carbon Future

The Philippine Path to Net Zero: Challenges, Threats and Priority Actions | Uniting Local and Global Efforts in the Race to Zero | Accelerating the Urgency in the Region: UN 2030 Breakthrough Agendas for a Zero-Carbon Future in Power, Energy, Transport, Land Use, Urban Development, and Oceans

#### Afternoon Session: SMES - The Opportunity is Now!

The Role of SMEs in Achieving Net Zero | Reducing Emissions Prevents Future Losses & Getting Ahead of Regulation | Non-State Actors Lead the Way on Climate & Net Zero Action Prepares for a Changing World | The Real Benefits of Net Zero – Growth and Climate Action Co-exist

**Featuring keynote speeches from UN Climate Change High-Level Champions and presentations by Local and International Race to Zero Advocates.**

### Building on the Momentum of Global Climate Action

The Race to Zero Philippines Summit is strategically scheduled to coincide with the global momentum generated by Climate Week NYC 2024 and the forthcoming COP29. As the world converges to accelerate climate action, the Philippines stands at a crucial juncture to assert its commitment and leadership in the climate arena.

### **Urgency and Action: A Dual Mandate**

The escalating impacts of climate change are visible worldwide, and the Philippines must join the global community in taking immediate and decisive action. In line with the objectives of Climate Week NYC and in anticipation of COP29, the Race to Zero Philippines Summit aims to catalyze urgent action by addressing and overcoming existing barriers to climate progress. This summit provides a crucial platform to unite stakeholders from various sectors, encouraging them to commit to ambitious and concrete steps toward achieving a net-zero future. It aligns with **Race to Zero**—the most extensive global campaign of non-state actors, including companies, cities, regions, financial, educational, and healthcare institutions—committed to taking rigorous and immediate action to halve global emissions by 2030 and deliver a healthier, fairer, zero-carbon world.

### **Leadership and Collaboration: Forging Pathways to Net Zero**

As the first and only Accelerator for the Race to Zero campaign in the Philippines, the European Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (ECCP) is uniquely positioned to lead this transformative journey. The summit will not only highlight the critical pathways to achieving net zero carbon emissions but will also underscore the role of leadership in fostering collaborations that extend beyond borders. By aligning with the global agenda set forth during Climate Week NYC and the discussions anticipated at COP29, the summit will further emphasize the interconnectedness of global and local climate efforts.

### **Innovative Solutions and Sustainable Practices**

The Race to Zero Philippines Summit in Manila will showcase case studies, science-based innovative solutions, and sustainable practices that can propel the Philippines toward a resilient and sustainable future. The summit will focus on practical, scalable strategies tailored to the unique challenges and opportunities in the Philippines.

### **A Call to Action**

It's time to lead. The summit calls upon leaders from business, academia, and civil society to step forward and drive the changes necessary to safeguard our country and the planet for future generations. The Race to Zero Philippines Summit reflects our national agenda and contributes significantly to the global movement toward a sustainable, zero-carbon world.

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### **MORNING SESSION: THE URGENCY OF A ZERO-CARBON FUTURE**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

#### **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM

#### **Welcome Address**

Paulo Duarte, ECCP President

8:45 AM – 9:00 AM

**Empowering Non-State Actors in Achieving Net Zero: Accelerator for the Race to Zero Campaign in the Philippines**

Florian Gottein, ECCP Executive Director

9:00 AM – 9:20 AM

**Keynote Speech: "The Urgency of a Zero-Carbon Future"**

Her Excellency Ms. Razan Al Mubarak, UN Climate Change High-Level Champion for the UAE, COP28 (Recorded Message)

9:20 AM – 10:15 AM

**Plenary Session 1: Uniting Local and Global Efforts in the Race to Zero**

**Local Outlook: The Philippine Path to Net Zero: Challenges, Threats, and Priority Actions**

Honorable Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources [Invited]

**Global Outlook: The UN Race to Resilience and Race to Zero**

Jane Eisenhardt, Engagement and Acceleration Manager, Climate Champions

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

**Panel Discussions: Accelerating the Urgency in the Region – UN 2030 Breakthrough Agendas for a Zero-Carbon Future**

- **Panel 1: Power – Pressing The ‘On’ Switch For Net Zero Energy**

*Overview: Clean power is the most affordable and reliable option for all countries to meet their power needs by 2030*

References:

- [Power Breakthrough: Priority International Actions For 2024](#)
- <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/energy/>

*Moderator: [Name]*

**Invited Panel Members:**

Honorable Felix William B. Fuentebella, Undersecretary, Department of Energy [Invited]

Luciano Caratori, Energy Sector Team Lead, High-Level Climate Champions team

Emmanuel V. Rubio, President & CEO, Aboitiz Power Corporation [Invited]

Ireen Catane, Country President, Philippines, Schneider Electric [Invited]

- **Panel 2: Road Transport – Traveling Smoothly From ‘A’ to ‘B’ With Zero Emissions**

**Traveling Smoothly From ‘A’ To ‘B’ . . . With Zero Emissions:**

*Overview: Zero emission vehicles are the new normal and accessible, affordable and sustainable in all regions by 2030*

References:

- [Road Transport Breakthrough: Priority International Actions For 2024](#)
- <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/transport/>

Moderator: [Name]

**Invited Panel Members:**

Honorable Jesus Ferdinand “Andy” Ortega, Undersecretary of Road Transport and Infrastructure, DOTr [Invited]

Mohamed Hegazy, Transport Sector Team Lead, High-Level Climate Champions team

Jaime Alfonso Zobel de Ayala, CEO of ACMobility [Invited]

Rommel T. Juan, Chairman, Electric Vehicle Association of the Philippines [Invited]

- **Panel 3: Nature & Land Use – Protecting What We Have and Restoring What We’ve Lost**

**Protecting What We Have And Restoring What We’ve Lost**

*Overview: Climate resilient, sustainable agriculture is the most attractive and widely adopted option for farmers everywhere by 2030*

References:

- [Agriculture Breakthrough: Priority International Actions For 2024](#)
- <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/land/>

Moderator: [Name]

**Invited Panel Members:**

Honorable Francisco "Kiko" Tiu Laurel Jr., Secretary, Department of Agriculture [Invited]

Nady Mahmoud, Land Use Lead, High-Level Climate Champions team

Kais Marzouki, Chairman and CEO, Nestlé Philippines, Inc. [Invited]

Dr. Roberto F. Rañola Jr., Chairperson, Philippine Association of Agriculturists, Inc. [Invited]

**11:15 AM – 12:30 PM**

**Networking Lunch and Celebratory Toast**

**Recognizing the first Race to Zero Advocates who have joined ECCP in accelerating the campaign in the Philippines.**

**12:30 PM – 1:45 PM**

**Panel Discussions: Urban Development, Cities, and Oceans**

- **Panel 4: Cities, Regions, and Built Environment**

*Overview: By 2050, sustainable construction has become the standard, transforming urban areas into healthy, affordable, and inclusive environments, where policies and innovative designs promote a lifestyle aligned with the 1.5°C climate goal*

Reference: <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/cities/>

Moderator: [Name]

**Invited Panel Members:**

Honorable Jose Rizalino L. Acuzar, Secretary, DHSUD [Invited]

Harald Friedl, CEO of Circle Economy and Cement & Aluminium Lead for High-Level Climate Champions team

Carlos “Charlie” S. Rufino, President, NEO [Invited]

Jun Palafox, Architect and Urban Planner, Founder of Palafox Associates

- **Panel 5: Oceans – A Healthy and Productive Ocean for a Resilient and Net-Zero Future**

*Overview: By 2050, the achievement of a sustainable Ocean economy, where 100% sustainable management and protection exceed 30% of the world's oceans, supports a resilient and net-zero future through climate-smart practices in the aquatic food industry, fostering responsible consumption and enabling the sustainable feeding of 10 billion people.*

Reference: <https://climatechampions.unfccc.int/system/oceans/>

Moderator: [Name]

**Invited Panel Members:**

Commissioner Albert P. Dela Cruz, Climate Change Commission [Invited]

Ignace Beguin Billecocq, Senior Manager for Ocean Stewardship Coalition at UN Global Compact and Oceans Lead, High-Level Climate Champions team

Michelle Tiu Lim-Chan, CEO, Mega Global [Invited]

Joyce Hufton, President, EcoDive

## **AFTERNOON SESSION – SMES: THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW!**

**2:00 PM – 2:15 PM**

### **Keynote Speech: The Role of SMEs in Achieving Net Zero**

Speaker: Nigar Arpadarai, Climate Change High-Level Champion for COP29 (Recorded Message)

In this keynote address, Ms. Nigar Arpadarai will discuss the critical role SMEs play in the transition to green businesses. She will emphasize the importance of strengthening collaborations with SMEs to climate-proof their operations and prepare for a sustainable future.

**2:15 PM – 3:15 PM**

### **Panel 1: Reducing Emissions Prevents Future Losses & Getting Ahead of Regulation**

This combined session will explore how businesses can implement strategies to reduce their carbon footprint, avoid future financial risks, and proactively comply with upcoming environmental regulations. Presentations by Race to Zero advocates will feature practical examples of how companies have curbed emissions and minimized regulatory impacts, positioning themselves as leaders in sustainable business practices.

*Moderator: [Name]*

*Panelists:*

- [Race to Zero Advocate]
- [Business Leader]
- [Government Representative]

**3:15 PM – 4:15 PM**

### **Panel 2: Non-State Actors Lead the Way on Climate & Net Zero Action Prepares for a Changing World**

Highlighting the pivotal role of SMEs and other non-state actors in driving climate action, this session will showcase initiatives that have made significant environmental impacts and discuss how moving towards net zero not only contributes to climate goals but also prepares businesses for a transforming economic landscape. The session will include real-life examples from advocates who have successfully navigated these changes, preparing their businesses for future challenges.

*Moderator: [Name]*

*Panelists:*

- [Race to Zero Advocate]
- [Industry Expert]
- [SME Representative]

**4:15 PM – 5:00 PM**

**Panel 3: The Real Benefits of Net Zero – Growth and Climate Action Co-exist**

This session will focus on the tangible benefits of adopting green practices, showcasing how sustainability can drive profitability, enhance brand reputation, and build customer loyalty. Presenters will challenge the notion that climate action stifles growth and demonstrate how sustainable practices have, in fact, facilitated business expansion and opened up new opportunities.

*Moderator: [Name]*

*Panelists:*

- [Race to Zero Advocate]
- [Sustainability Expert]
- [Business Leader]

**5:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

**Closing Plenary: Mobilizing for Global Climate Action – Commitments and Pledges**

The summit concludes with a call to action, encouraging attendees to commit to concrete steps toward achieving net zero. This session will summarize the key takeaways from the day and highlight the importance of immediate, scalable action.