



Race to Zero in the 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.

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

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

ECCP as Accelerator for the Race to Zero Campaign in the Philippines

Florian Gottein, ECCP Executive Director

9:00 AM – 9:15 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)

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM

Plenary Presentation: Race to Zero in the Philippines – Empowering Non-State Actors in Contributing to the Net Zero Target by 2030

Dawn Cabigon, Campaign Manager, Race to Zero in the Philippines, ECCP

9:30 AM – 10:10 AM 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

10:10 AM – 10:15 AM

Transition Break

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

10:15 AM – 10:55 AM

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: Quintin Jose Pastrana, President, WEnergy Power Pilipinas and Archipelago Renewables

Panel Members:

- Luciano Caratori, Energy Sector Team Lead, High-Level Climate Champions team
 - Eric Francia, President and CEO of ACEN Corporation
 - Rune Damgaard, Co-CEO of Offshore Wind, Philippines [Invited]
 - Quintin Jose Pastrana, President, WEnergy Power Pilipinas and Archipelago Renewables & Head of Business Development, WEnergy Global [Confirmed]
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10:55 AM – 11:35 AM

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/>

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]
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11:35 AM – 11:50 AM

Plenary Presentation: Charting a Green Future – The Philippines’ Roadmap to Sustainable Agriculture and Net Zero 2030

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

11:50 AM – 12:30 PM

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: Francis Macatulad, Program Director, ASSIST

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]
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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM

Networking Lunch and Celebratory Toast

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

AFTERNOON SESSION:

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM

Plenary Presentation: Empowering Green Skills for a Circular Economy – Pathways to Achieving Net Zero 2030 in the Philippines

Francis Macatulad, Executive Director, ASSIST

1:45 PM – 2:25 PM

Panel 5: 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/>

Panel Members:

- Honorable Jose Rizalino L. Acuzar, Secretary, DHSUD [Invited]
- Harald Friedl, CEO, Circle Economy
- Raymond Rufino, CEO, NEO [Confirmed]
- Jun Palafox, Architect and Urban Planner, Founder of Palafox Associates [Confirmed]

- Vincenzo Bollettino, PhD, Director, Program on Resilient Communities at Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI)
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2:25 PM – 3:05 PM

Panel 6: 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/>

Panel Members:

- Commissioner Albert P. Dela Cruz, Climate Change Commission [Invited]
 - Ignace Beguin Billecocq, Senior Manager, Ocean Stewardship Coalition, UN Global Compact [Invited]
 - Michelle Tiu Lim-Chan, CEO, Mega Global [Invited]
 - Joyce Hufton, President, EcoDive
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3:05 PM – 3:20 PM

Keynote Speech: The Role of SMEs in Achieving Net Zero

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

3:20 PM – 4:00 PM

Panel 7: 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.

4:00 PM – 4:40 PM

Panel 8: 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.

4:40 PM – 5:15 PM

Net Zero Networking: Business Matching Over Coffee

In this one-hour focused networking session, pre-registered attendees will have the opportunity to connect with potential partners and collaborators on their journey towards Net Zero 2030. This informal yet structured coffee break is designed to facilitate meaningful discussions and partnerships. Attendees can meet with like-minded businesses, explore collaborative opportunities, and discuss innovative solutions to advance their Net Zero goals, guided by the Race to Zero 5Ps Roadmap. To make the most of this valuable networking opportunity, attendees should register in advance for the set meetings per sector to secure their spots.

5:15 PM – 5:30 PM

Closing Plenary: Dr. Glenda Antonio, CEO, Spring Rain Global

Mobilizing for Global Climate Action – Commitments and Pledges

The summit concludes with a call to action, summarizing key takeaways and emphasizing the need for immediate, scalable action toward achieving Net Zero.