

## **SPEAKERS PROFILE**

### **Consultation Workshop: Building Capacity for Climate Action by SMEs**

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> October, 13:00- 17:30 ICT**

**Event Platform: MS Teams**

#### **OPENING**



Alejandro Kilpatrick, a Mexican national, has a background as an environmental engineer with a master's degree on environmental management with a working experience of over 24 years, supporting a wide range of sustainable development issues, mostly through international organizations but also has had experience in the private sector as an auditor of Environmental Management Systems. Since 2011, he serves as Team Leader in the Means of Implementation Division (Finance, Technology and Capacity-Building) at the Secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), which supports the intergovernmental process as regards international cooperation on the mobilization of financial resources, technology development and transfer, and building of individual, institutional and systemic capacity to enable Parties to take enhanced action on climate change. He currently is the operational counterpart supporting the implementation of the collaboration between the UNFCCC and the NDC Partnership

**Welcomed the participants**



Faroze Nadar is an experienced corporate sustainability practitioner having led projects that have been featured at the national level and Fortune 500 companies' sustainability documents. He provides advisory and insights for the various private sector, government, and UN agencies on SDGs and corporate sustainability matters. He currently serves as the Executive Director for UN Global Compact Network Malaysia & Brunei, a local network of the United Nations Global Compact, where he is developing various strategic programmes and digital tools to accelerate private sector SDG performance

**Delivered  
Opening  
Remarks**

## **SETTING THE SCENE**



Banashri Sinha is an experienced Project Management Professional and Researcher with 15 years of demonstrated history of working in Sustainable Development Issues, Policy Analysis, Data Analysis, and Program Evaluation with 8 UN and International agencies. Her work involved advising policy makers on a range of thematic topics related to SDGs and MDGs, including promoting climate action in collaboration with diverse stakeholders in Asia and the Pacific, South-South Cooperation, integrated natural resource management, urban plans integrating climate resilient societies, disaster risk reduction and management strategies, eco-efficient water infrastructure development and health issues, Urban governance and waste management.

**Master of  
Ceremony and  
Presenter**

## ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION



Mr. Jens Radschinski has taken on the role of the Lead of UNFCCC's Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) for Asia Pacific, situated in Bangkok in the beginning of 2017. Prior to his current stint in Thailand, Jens was working with the UNFCCC Secretariat in Bonn, Germany for over five years. At RCC Bangkok, he leads activities the Centre is undertaking, namely in the fields of climate finance, carbon markets and carbon pricing, support to project participants and Designated National Authorities (DNAs) on the implementation of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects, MRV/Transparency, Capacity building, NDC support and Global Climate Action (under the Marrakesh Partnership). Before joining UNFCCC, Jens has had extensive professional experience in Asia-Pacific where he was active as a university research assistant for a Thai-German technical cooperation project and as consultant and CDM project developer in the region

**Moderator**



Antonia Loyzaga is the president of the National Resilience Council and a member of the United Nations International Office for Disaster Risk Reduction's (UNDRR) Global Science and Technology Advisory Group (STAG) and Asia Pacific Science Technology Academia Advisory Group (AP-STAAG). She serves on the Science Advisory Board of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk International Center of Excellence-Taipei (IRDR ICoE) and is a Trustee of the Manila Observatory, Zuellig Family Foundation and the Forest Foundation of the Philippines

**Presenter**



Venkatachalam Anbumozhi is a senior economist and the Director of Research Strategy and Innovations at the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA), Indonesia. He has published several books, authored numerous research articles and produced many project reports on climate change actions, low carbon infrastructure design, and private sector participation in Green Growth. Anbumozhi was invited as a member of the, G20 Task Force on Green Financing, APEC Expert Panel on Circular Economy, the ASEAN Expert committee on climate resilience. He obtained his PhD from the University of Tokyo

**Presenter**



As Supply Chains Manager at the We Mean Business Coalition, Lydia works across net zero climate action and supply chains strategy. As the residing partnerships lead of the SME Climate Hub, Lydia strengthens the initiative's collaboration with SMEs, multinational companies, and governmental institutions.

**Presenter**



For the past twenty years Eric Roeder have been of service to the United Nations including addressing dust and sand storm mitigation with UNCCD, advancing energy efficiency and cleaner production in industry with the co-benefit of reduced greenhouse gas emissions with UNEP, resilient rural infrastructure in Sekong Province of Lao PDR with the ILO, and working with the private sector to advance inclusive and sustainable development including the development and delivery of projects without initial funding to advance the private sector's role in disaster and climate risks. Eric now is also serving as the Network Coordinator on Sustainable and Resilient Infrastructure, working to advance PPP as a sustainable development mechanism in line with the SDGs and the Paris Agreement.

**Presenter**



Dominic was part of the founding team of ADB Ventures, the venture capital arm of the Asian Development Bank that invests in early-stage technology companies contributing to climate impact in developing Asia. Prior to ADB Ventures, Dominic launched the Mekong Business Initiative (MBI) that designed and operated corporate innovation programs focusing on agritech, fintech, and travel tech. Dominic has varied financial sector experience in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and the Pacific.

**Presenter**



Born and raised in The Netherlands, a hands-on and result driven all-round connector with managerial positions within the aviation, travel & hospitality industry and international business membership associations. Since 2016, the Executive Director of The Netherlands Thai Chamber of Commerce representing the Dutch and Thai growing business community.

**Presenter**

## **BREAKOUT SESSIONS**



Mayor Bernard Faustino La Madrid Dy has been a consistent awardee as one of the Most Outstanding Mayors all-over the Philippines; recognized as Ambassador for Peace; one of the Science Ambassadors; and among the recipients of the prestigious award Ten Outstanding Young Men of the Philippines. He is truly a world-class leader representing not only Cauayan City but the entire Philippines through his accomplishments on digital governance bringing Cauayan City at the limelight for being the First Smarter City of the Philippines and with his active advocacy of localizing the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals. At present, he continues to serve as an active and innovative leader with the end view of making Cauayan City not only a smart and sustainable city, but truly to be the Ideal City of the North.

**Presenter at  
Breakout  
Session 1**



Yan Chen is an Advisor with the GIZ Sector Project Sustainable Economic Development, where she is responsible for Green Economy. Her areas of expertise cover climate change adaptation, resource efficiency and environmental standards. She has also worked in Myanmar and Laos, focusing on regional economic integration and SME development. Yan Chen holds a MSc. in Development Management from the London School of Economics.

**Presenter at  
Breakout  
Session 1**



Sanjay Banka is Executive Chairman of Banka BioLoo Limited, and a strong propagator of SDG 6, the water and sanitation Goal. With academic background in sciences, humanities, human rights, law and business management, he has a strong understanding of the society, economy and the polity, along with technology and sustainable development.

**Presenter at  
Breakout  
Session 1**



As National Program Officer for UNIDO Country Office Philippines (UCO-PHI) since early 2018, Mr. Monroy assists in and contributes to portfolio development and management, as well as in attending to UN Country Team activities, particularly in the development of the updated Socioeconomic and Peacebuilding Framework, 2020-2023, between the United Nations and the Government of the Philippines. He actively develops new technical cooperation projects in line with UNIDO's Country Programming Framework on Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development 2018-2023, a framework he also helped develop

**Moderator of  
Breakout  
Session 2**



**Presenter at  
Breakout  
Session 2**



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Breakout  
Session 2**



**Presenter at  
Breakout  
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Raymund Vincent F. Aaron is a graduate of the Ateneo de Manila University, BS Management, Major on Communication Technology Management, Minor in Enterprise Development. In 2017, he finished further studies at the Ateneo Graduate School of Business with a Masters in Entrepreneurship, Social Enterprise for Nation Building. He is currently the Banana Chief of Villa Socorro Farm, a social enterprise based in Pagsanjan, Laguna. It is an integrated business ecosystem that cultivates crops, manufactures food products, fabricates furniture, and promotes farm tourism. Its heart lies on the promise of empowering communities of partner-farmers to live with joy, pride and dignity. He is a 2019 Mansmith and Fielders, Young Market Masters Awardee for Advocacy Marketing, a Social Entrepreneur, a Millennial Farmer, an Agri Advocate and THE Banana Chief

**Presenter at  
Breakout  
Session 2**



Ms. Sooksiri Chamsuk is a Deputy Representative for UNIDO in Thailand and a regional programme officer. She has worked with UNIDO Regional Office in Thailand since 2008. Her responsibilities have ranged from engagements with United Nations Country Team to project's design for resource mobilization. She collaborates with other UN agencies- such as UNESCAP and UNDCO- at the regional level on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and technical backstopping related work. She is specialized in formulation of projects aiming to achieve low-emission-sustainable development which includes clean energy, climate change mitigation, environmental and sound chemicals management for sustainable development, green economy, and circular economy for Southeast Asian countries.

**Discussant-  
Final Session**



Marit Nilses currently works as an Economic Affairs Officer Economic Cooperation and Trade Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). She has 25 years' experience from public and private sectors, of which 18 years with the United Nations, working on trade, investment, and private sector development issues. Before joining UNECE in September 2021, she worked in the Trade, Investment and Innovation Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) focusing on sustainable business and foreign direct investment. In this role, she led work on responsible business practices and private sector collaboration through the ESCAP Sustainable Business Network. Prior to the UN, she worked in marketing and communications for a multinational company in the construction sector, and in the policy analysis department of the Swedish National Board for

**Presenter at  
Breakout  
Session 3**



Industrial and Technical Development. She has a Master of Science degree in Economics and Business Administration from Uppsala University, Sweden



Dr Samantha Sharpe is a Research Director at the Institute for Sustainable Futures - University of Technology Sydney. She is a highly experienced social scientist and policy analyst. Her research focuses on the intersect of the 'world of work' and climate change. This includes research understanding the process of business and industrial transition to sustainability, at the firm, sector, and labour market levels, as well as industrial and occupational change associated with the green economy.

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Pedro Eloy is the Chief Executive Officer at Pelham Grey, heading the teams investing in innovative startups & SME's, partnering with global companies entering local markets and launching new businesses. As former Senior Executive at Li&Fung/Fung Group (2010-2018) and with a mandate to champion digital & omni-channel, predictive analytics and innovation-driven technology initiatives, he orchestrated cross-platform projects for Trading, Logistics & Distribution verticals and led the teams who brought the first digital awards to the Group. Focused on optimizing the digital outsourcing model, he accrued an average annual cost savings of US\$2+ million and generated new revenue opportunities with potential annual sales of US\$1 billion. Pedro has 25+ years of international experience in large corporations & Institutions such as Turner Broadcasting Systems Inc (USA), ICC International Chamber of Commerce & ICC Research Foundation (France) and TV Cabo (Portugal), as well as in entrepreneurial ventures such as GH Software (UK, acquired by IBM in 2012), etc.

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