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THE 2025 SUSTAINABILITY FORUM

THE **GREEN** ECONOMIES OF TOMORROW

The Philippines' NDC Progress and Climate Action

 **31 JANUARY** 2025
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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BACKGROUND

Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) play a vital role in global climate efforts, yet the Philippines' current targets indicate a gap in ambition, particularly within high CO₂-emitting sectors. As urbanization accelerates, the urgency for sustainable business practices intensifies. Germany, a global leader in sustainability, offers valuable expertise in areas such as energy-efficient designs for buildings, infrastructure, and public spaces, alongside the creation of green jobs. These solutions can be adapted to the Philippine context to drive local progress.

On 31 January 2025, GPCCI, in collaboration with the German Embassy in Manila, will host the 2025 Sustainability Forum: “The Green Economies of Tomorrow”. The event will focus on key themes: Climate Action, evaluating the Philippines' progress on NDCs; Green Infrastructure, demonstrating how industries can adopt sustainable practices to lower energy consumption and CO₂ emissions while improving urban resilience; and Green Jobs, highlighting the importance of skilled human capital to spearhead sustainable development across critical industries.



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KEY TOPICS

The Philippines' Commitment to NDCs: Pathways to Achieving Climate Action Goals

The discussion will focus on the Philippines' current status in meeting its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) under the Paris Agreement, highlighting key actions and future pathways to achieve climate goals.

Green Infrastructure / Business Solutions: The Role of Sustainable Business Solutions in Achieving the Philippines' Climate Goals

The discussion will explore how sustainable practices in infrastructure development and green business solutions can help the Philippines reduce emissions, enhance climate resilience, and achieve long-term climate goals.

Green Jobs: Empowering Jobs of Tomorrow for a Sustainable Future

The discussion will explore how the Philippines can equip its workforce with the necessary skills and partnerships to thrive in a green economy and meet the demands of sustainable industries.

PROGRAM

| Time Allotment | Activity | Person-in-Charge |
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| 15 mins. | Registration | |
| 5 mins. | Opening Remarks | Ms. Marie Antoniette E. Mariano (confirmed) President, GPCCI |
| 5 mins. | Welcome Message | H.E. Andreas Pfaffernoschke (confirmed) German Ambassador to the Philippines, German Embassy Manila |
| Part 1: Keynote Session | | |
| 5 mins. | Introduction of Keynote Session | |
| 15 mins. | Keynote: "The Philippines' Commitment to NDCs: Pathways to Achieving Climate Action Goals" | Hon. Robert E.A. Borje (confirmed) Vice Chairperson and Executive Director Climate Change Commission |
| 15 mins. | Keynote Panel | Panelists Hon. Robert E.A. Borje (confirmed) |

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| | | <p>Vice Chairperson and Executive Director Climate Change Commission</p> <p>Mr. Lucas Zaehringer (confirmed) CEO, Planet 2050</p> <p>Mr. Edward Gacusana (confirmed) Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact</p> <p>Ms. Naeeda Morgado (confirmed) Senior Infrastructure Specialist (Climate Finance) - Southeast Asia Department, Asian Development Bank</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. David Klebs (confirmed) Economic Counsellor, German Embassy Manila</p> |
| 5 mins. | Break | Photo Opportunity/Awarding of Token |
| Part 2: Green Infrastructure / Business Solutions | | |
| 5 mins. | Introduction of Panelists and Topic | Video |
| 25 mins. | Panel Discussion | <p>Panelists</p> <p>Usec. Rowena Guevara (confirmed) Undersecretary, Department of Energy</p> <p>Arch. Felino "Jun" Palafox, Jr. (confirmed) President & Founder/Managing Partner, Palafoxassociates</p> <p>Mr. Mario Lawrence Suelto (confirmed) Technical Coordinator, Philippine Green Building Council</p> <p>Mr. Ronald Mercado (confirmed) Managing Director, BASF Philippines</p> <p>Mr. Nilesh Y. Jadhav (confirmed) Head of Sustainability Advisory Business, Siemens Inc.</p> |



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| | | Moderator: Ms. Charlotte Bandelow Deputy Executive Director & Head of Trade Promotion, GPCCI |
| 5 mins. | Break | Photo Opportunity/Awarding of Token |
| Part 3: Green Jobs | | |
| 5 mins. | Introduction of Panelists and Topic | Video |
| 25 mins. | Panel Discussion | <p>Panelists</p> <p>Mr. Karthik Subburaman (confirmed) Regional Director, Asia Society for Social Improvement and Sustainable Transformation</p> <p>Ms. Jeanette Damo (confirmed) Executive Director, Department of Labor and Employment – Institute of Labor Studies</p> <p>Ms. Brenda Baylon (confirmed) General Manager, PV2 Energie Philippines Inc.</p> <p>Mr. Arturo C. Guerrero III (confirmed) Governor and Chair of the JOBS Committee, Employers Confederation of the Philippines</p> <p>Mr. Josef Werker (confirmed) Co-founder and CEO, Humble Sustainability</p> <p>Mr. Khalid Hassan (confirmed) Country Director, ILO Philippines</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Tristan Arwen Loveres (confirmed) Vice President, GPCCI</p> |
| 5 mins. | Break | Photo Opportunity/Awarding of Token |
| 5 mins. | Closing Remarks | Mr. Christopher Zimmer (confirmed) Executive Director, GPCCI |