

Philippine Mayors Forum

**Innovation, Digital Governance, and Resiliency Building
towards Accelerated Implementation of the 2030 Agenda in the Philippines**

27 October 2023

10:00 AM – 4:30 PM



10:00 – 10:10

High-level Opening Session

Welcome Remarks

- **Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos Jr.**, Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Philippines

Messages

- **Mr. Juwang Zhu**, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG)/UN DESA (Online)
- **Mr. Gustavo González**, United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator

Keynote Speech

H.E. President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., Republic of the Philippines

10:40 – 10:45

Group Photo

10:45 -11:55

Session 1: Multi-Level Governance on SDG Localization

Moderator: Ms. Ana Thorlund, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development and Decentralization to Create an Enabling Environment for Accelerating and Implementing the 2030 Agenda (10 mins)

- **Ms. Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta**, Inter-Regional Advisor in Public Administration, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG)/UN DESA (Online)

Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation (10 mins)

- **Mr. Prabin Maharjan**, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Principles of Effective Governance to Equip Public Institutions for Strategic Planning and Foresight (10 mins)

- **Ms. Veronique Verbruggen**, Senior Inter-Regional Advisor, DPIDG/UN DESA (Online)

Multi-level Governance and Subnational Finance in Asia and the Pacific (10 mins)

- **Mr. Courtenay Wheeler**, Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Online)

Introducing Strategy Guidance Note on Subsidiarity (10 mins)

- **Ms. Ana Thorlund**, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Q&A

11:55 –12:15

Session 2: Fostering Enhanced Partnerships between Local Authorities and the UN in the Philippines

Presentation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2024-2028

- **Mr. John Alikpala**, Economist, UN RCO Philippines

12:15 –13:15

Lunch Break

13:15 - 14:35

Session 3: Smart and Sustainable Communities: Smart Governance, Innovation, and Enhanced Services for Sustainable Urban Development

Moderator: Dr. Alex Brillantes, Secretary-General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration, Secretary-General (EROPA)

Essential Elements of Smart Cities: Governance, Innovation and Enhancing Services (10 mins)

- **Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund**, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

Analyzing the Success of Smart City Development in Korea: The Case of Songdo City (15 mins)

- **Mr. Lee Sang Ho**, Director, Smart City Management Division, Incheon Smart City Corporation, Ltd. (Online)

Innovation Districts and Possibilities of Innovative Investment in Thailand (10 mins)

- **Ms. Ponpicha Pethkaewkul**, Innovation Counselor, National Innovation Agency, Thailand (Online)

Abu Dhabi Smart Policing: Innovative Measures to Enhance Security and Community Wellbeing (10 mins)

- **H.E. Major General Pilot Faris Khalaf Al Mazrouei**, Commander-in-Chief, Abu Dhabi Police

Kazakhstan Smart City Initiatives (10 mins)

- **H.E. Askar Zhambakin**, Vice Minister, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, Republic of Kazakhstan (Online)

Paving the Road to Smart Cities by Incentivizing Digitalization at the Local Governments Level (10 mins)

- **Ms. Amor Maclang**, Convenor, Digital Pilipinas

Q&A

14:35 - 14:50

Health Break

14:50 - 16:00

Session 4: Strengthening Resilience through Effective Governance Technology and Innovation

Moderator: Mr. Francis Y. Capistrano, Head of Experimentation, Accelerator Lab, UNDP Philippines

From Theory to Action: Exploring the Concepts of Disaster Risk Reduction and the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (10 mins)

- **Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia**, Head of Office, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) (Online)

Innovations for Resilience: GeoRiskPH (HazardHunterPH, GeoAnalyticsPH, GeoMapperPH, Map & Feature, 3D Earth Risk, and PlanSmart) (10 mins)

- **Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr.**, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST)

Local Governments Moving Towards Automation: eGov PH Super App (10 mins)

- **Atty. Ivan John Uy**, Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)

Geo-Hazard, Groundwater Assessment, and Responsible Mining (10 mins)

- **Ms. Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga**, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)

Smart Initiatives and Innovations in Urban Planning (10 mins)

- **Arch. Paolo G. Alcazaren**, Chairman of the Board of Landscape Architects, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)

Q&A

16:00 - 16:10

Synthesis

- **Mr. Marlo L. Iringan**, Undersecretary for Local Government, DILG

16:10 - 16:20

Closing Program

- **Mr. Kyu Chang Ko**, Head, UNPOG/UN DESA (Online)
- **Mr. Edwine Carrie**, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Philippines
- **Governor Dakila Carlo E. Cua**, National President, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)



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