



# 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**

Crowne Plaza Manila Galleria, Quezon City  
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2023 PHILIPPINE LOCAL GOVERNANCE FORUM  
Festival of Local EXcellence



UNITED NATIONS MONTH  
**SDGs: A Race We Can Win**

# AGENDA



Time	Agenda
9:00 - 10:00	Registration
10:00 - 10:10	<p><b>Opening Session</b></p> <p><b>MC: Ms. Daphne Oseña-Paez</b></p> <p><b>Welcome Remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Atty. Benjamin C. Abalos Jr., Secretary, DILG</li></ul> <p><b>Messages</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Mr. Juwang Zhu</b>, Director, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG)/UN DESA (Online)</li><li>• <b>Mr. Gustavo González</b>, United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator</li></ul>
<p><b>Keynote Speech</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>H.E. President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.</b>, Republic of the Philippines</li></ul>	
10:40- 10:45	<b>Group Photo (10 mins)</b>
<b>MC: Ms. Charlene Erica Balaan</b> , Communications Analyst, UNDP	
<b>Session 1: Multi-Level Governance on SDG Localization</b>	
10:45 -11:55 (70 mins)	<b>Moderator: Ms. Ana Thorlund</b> , Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA

10:45 -11:55	<p><b>Principles of Effective Governance for Sustainable Development and Decentralization to Create an Enabling Environment for Accelerating and Implementing the 2030 Agenda (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Cristina Rodriguez-Acosta</b>, Inter-Regional Advisor in Public Administration, Division for Public Institutions and Digital Government (DPIDG)/UN DESA (Online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Effective National to Local Public Governance for SDG Implementation (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Prabin Maharjan</b>, Programme Management Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Principles of Effective Governance to Equip Public Institutions for Strategic Planning and Foresight (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Veronique Verbruggen</b>, Senior Inter-Regional Advisor, DPIDG/UN DESA (Online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Multi-level Governance and Subnational Finance in Asia and the Pacific (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Courtenay Wheeler</b>, Policy Analyst, Centre for Entrepreneurship, SMEs, Regions and Cities, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (Online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Introducing Strategy Guidance Note on Subsidiarity (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Ana Thorlund</b>, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (20 mins)</b></p>
<p><b>Session 2: Fostering Enhanced Partnerships between Local Authorities and the UN in the Philippines</b></p>	
11:55 –12:15	<p><b>Presentation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework 2024-2028</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. John Alikpala</b>, Economist, UN RCO Philippines</li> </ul>
12:15 –13:15	<p><b>Lunch Break</b></p>

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

<p>13:15 - 14:35 (80 mins)</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Dr. Alex Brillantes</b>, Secretary-General, Eastern Regional Organization for Public Administration Secretary-General (EROPA)</p> <p><b>Essential Elements of Smart Cities: Governance, Innovation and Enhancing Services (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Ana Cristina Thorlund</b>, Governance and Public Administration Expert, UNPOG/DPIDG/UN DESA</li> </ul> <p><b>Analyzing the Success of Smart City Development in Korea: The Case of Songdo City (15 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Lee Sang Ho</b>, Director, Smart City Management Division, Incheon Smart City Corporation, Ltd. (Online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovation Districts and Possibilities of Innovative Investment in Thailand (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Ponpicha Pethkaewkul</b>, Innovation Counselor, National Innovation Agency, Thailand (online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Abu Dhabi Smart Policing: Innovative Measures to Enhance Security and Community Wellbeing (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Major General Pilot Faris Khalaf Al Mazrouei</b>, Commander-in-Chief, Abu Dhabi Police</li> </ul> <p><b>Kazakhstan Smart City Initiatives (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>H.E. Askar Zhambakin</b>, Vice Minister, Ministry of Digital Development, Innovations and Aerospace Industry, Republic of Kazakhstan (online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Paving the Road to Smart Cities by Incentivizing Digitalization at the Local Governments Level (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Amor Maclang</b>, Convenor, Digital Pilipinas</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (15 mins)</b></p>
<p>14:35 - 14:50</p>	<p><b>Health Break</b></p>

## Session 4: Strengthening Resilience through Effective Governance Technology And Innovation

<p>14:50 - 16:00 (70 mins)</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Mr. Francis Y. Capistrano</b>, Head of Experimentation, Accelerator Lab, UNDP Philippines</p> <p><b>From Theory to Action: Exploring the Concepts of Disaster Risk Reduction and the Making Cities Resilient 2030 (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sanjaya Bhatia</b>, Head of Office, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Global Education and Training Institute (GETI) (Online)</li> </ul> <p><b>Innovations for Resilience: GeoRiskPH (HazardHunterPH, GeoAnalyticsPH, GeoMapperPH, Map &amp; Feature, 3D Earth Risk, and PlanSmart) (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dr. Renato U. Solidum Jr.</b>, Secretary, Department of Science and Technology (DOST)</li> </ul> <p><b>Local Governments Moving Towards Automation: eGov PH Super App (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Atty. Ivan John Uy</b>, Secretary, Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)</li> </ul> <p><b>Geo-Hazard, Groundwater Assessment, and Responsible Mining (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ms. Maria Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga</b>, Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)</li> </ul> <p><b>Smart Initiatives and Innovations in Urban Planning (10 mins)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Arch. Paolo G. Alcazaren</b>, Chairman of the Board of Landscape Architects, Professional Regulation Commission (PRC)</li> </ul> <p><b>Q&amp;A (20 mins)</b></p>
<p>16:00- 16:10</p>	<p><b>Synthesis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Marlo L. Iringan</b>, Undersecretary for Local Government, DILG</li> </ul>
<p>16:10- 16:20 (10 mins)</p>	<p><b>Closing Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Kyu Chang Ko</b>, Head, UNPOG/UN DESA (Online)</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Edwine Carrie</b>, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Philippines</li> <li>• <b>Governor Dakila Carlo E. Cua</b>, National President, Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP)</li> </ul>

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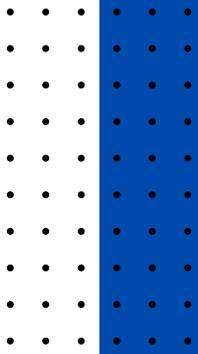
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