

Speakers



Dr. Antonio La Viña, Executive Director, Manila Observatory

Dr. La Viña is now the Executive Director of the Manila Observatory, a Jesuit scientific research institution with research work in the fields of atmospheric and earth science in the Philippines and the Southeast Asian region. For 10 years, he was the Dean of the Ateneo School of Government, taking this position in 2006 when he returned to the Philippines after an eight year stint in a Washington DC environmental think tank, the World Resources Institute (WRI). From 1996-1998, he was the Undersecretary for Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines. He is co-founder of the Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center – Friends of the Earth Philippines. Dr. La Viña was also a lead negotiator for the Philippines in the climate change negotiations.



Marlon Apanada, Convenor, OurEnergy2030

Mr. Apanada has more than 15 years in-depth and multi-faceted experience in renewable energy (RE), green finance, biofuels, and emissions trading. Most recently, he was the Managing Director for Philippines of Allotrope Partners, a California-based project development and advisory services firm, leading the development of solar PV and battery energy storage projects. A certified Green Finance Specialist, he is part of the Beijing-based Green Finance Leadership Program alumni network, obtained a certificate on Sustainable Finance at the Smith School of Enterprise and the Environment at the University of Oxford, and is completing his MBA on Renewables at the Beuth University of Applied Sciences, Berlin.



Mr. John Eric Francia, President & CEO, AC Energy (An Ayala Company)

Mr. Francia is Managing Director and member of the Management Committee of Ayala Corporation since 2009 and is President and Chief Executive Officer of AC Energy, Inc. In his previous role as Head of Ayala's Corporate Strategy and Development group, Mr. Francia led Ayala's entry into the energy and transport infrastructure sectors. Under his leadership, Ayala established its energy platform from a standing start in 2011, growing to 1,800 MW of attributable capacity by 2019. Mr. Francia also helped establish Ayala's infrastructure business, securing over \$1bn worth of PPP projects in the transport infrastructure space between 2011 and 2014. Mr. Francia is a Director of various Ayala group companies including AC Infrastructure, AC Health, AC Ventures and Manila Water. In 2019, he was elected by the board of two listed companies: AC Energy Philippines as President and CEO and ACE Enexor, as Chairman and CEO.