



SPEAKER



Brenda Valerio, Philippines Country Director – New Energy Nexus

Brenda Valerio is currently the Philippines Country Lead for New Energy Nexus, an organization that supports clean energy entrepreneurs in the US, East Africa, India, China and Southeast Asia. She leads the initiatives to strengthen the ecosystem to help support clean energy technologies and startups in the country.

Prior to joining New Energy Nexus, Brenda has been working with over 200 entrepreneurs through the country's largest tech startup accelerator and is certified by the Mashav Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Startup Accelerator Manager.

Brenda has a bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship from Miriam College and a MBA degree from Ateneo de Manila Graduate School of Business.



Marlon Apanada, Convenor - OurEnergy2030 & Southeast Asia Lead – World Resources Institute

Marlon Apanada is a recognized energy transition expert in Southeast Asia, currently acting as Southeast Asia Lead for leading global think tank World Resources Institute or WRI. His 16-year experience in the clean energy space includes leading business development of 22 MW of successfully commissioned own-use renewable energy (RE) projects along with securing 50 MW of RE contracts in the Philippines, advising RE procurement plans of at least three Fortune Global 100 companies, and pioneering emissions trading and carbon markets practice regionally.

A certified Green Finance Specialist, Mr. Apanada is pursuing his MBA with Beuth University of Applied Sciences and MBM on Climate Finance with the Berlin School of Law and Economics, both in Berlin, and finished a certificate course on Sustainable Finance at the University of Oxford's Smith School of Enterprise and Environment in the UK.



Jose Alfonso O. Altamira – UP Diliman College of Law

Alfonso Altamira is a student leader and environmental advocate from the University of the Philippines at Diliman. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Biology from the UPD Institute of Biology in 2017, where he served as President of the UP Association of Biology Majors and then as a Director of the Biology Majors Alliance of the Philippines.

Since then, he has trained and worked with institutions like the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center, the Iloilo Provincial Government, and the Manila Observatory's Energy Collaboratory. Currently, he is pursuing a Juris Doctor degree at the UP College of Law and is affiliated with the Manila Observatory as a member of the OurEnergy2030 Coalition Team.



Jacqueline Loza – DLSU Manila Chemistry Society

Jacqueline Loza is a 3rd-year BS Biochemistry student from the Chemistry Department of De La Salle University-Manila. She was the VP for Internal Affairs of their Debate Club and the Associate Editor of their Journalism Club when she was in Senior High School. With the aim to optimize her undergraduate experience, she joined DLSU Chemistry Society as a Junior Officer in 2018, as the AVP for External Affairs in 2019, and is currently the VP for External Affairs of DLSU Chemistry Society. She pushes for the lessening of carbon footprint by commuting and carpooling when possible, and she aspires to maximize her platform through handling partnerships with progressive organizations that provide solutions to relevant pressing issues in our current society such as poverty, education, and environment.



Josh Niczon C. Horacio – DASIG, Saint Louis University Baguio

Josh Niczon Horacio is a Medical Laboratory Science Undergraduate, Student Leader, researcher, and writer from Saint Louis University (SLU) Baguio and is among the young leaders of the Democratic Alliance of Students for Integrated Governance (DASIG) of the University, which recognizes that the youth and students of today are confronted with pressing social issues on governance, education, livelihood, environment, values and culture, national patrimony, and violence. He is also a graphic artist/designer and professional freelance photographer adept in public speaking and hosting. With experience in the digital art as well as the fundamentals of research and news/literature writing, he has been active with the OurEnergy2030 coalition in a Project Support role.



Robbi Miguel G. Falcon – UP Diliman Association of Biology Majors

Robbi Miguel G. Falcon is a 4th year BS Biology undergraduate from the University of the Philippines Diliman. He is currently the President of the University of the Philippines Association of Biology Majors (UP ABM) serving as its Chief Executive and Chairperson of the Executive Committee. He represents the organization to several external alliances and groups such as the Youth Advocates for Climate Action in the Philippines (YACAP) and serves as a board member of the Committee on Education and Training of the National Coordinating Body of UNESCO Clubs in the Philippines, Inc. (NCBUCP). Formerly, he served as UP ABM's Vice President for Socio-Civic Affairs, handling and spearheading the organization's free clinic and environmental projects such as medical missions, educational discussions on environmental issues, and animal shelter outreach programs. During this time, he also led the formation of the statements committee which served as the organization's social engagement arm in various social and environmental movements. He is also currently a member of the advocacy organization, University of the Philippines Flyers (UP Flyers), which aims to promote the spirit of hospital volunteerism through play therapy for children with chronic illnesses. During his 2nd year in College, he was elected as the Institute of Biology Representative serving as the bridge between the students of the Institute, its administration and other officials and offices of the College of Science.