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Introduction to the Moderators, Speakers, and Social Media Team

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<p>Nathalie Africa Verceles, DSD</p> <p>Email: nverceles@hotmail.com</p> <p>Whatsapp: +639189379145</p>	<p>She is the Director of the University of the Philippines (UP) Center for Women's & Gender Studies and concurrently Assistant Professor at the Department of Women and Development Studies (DWDS) in the College of Social Work and Community Development (CSWCD), UP Diliman. She previously served as Chairperson of the DWDS (2013-2016) and Director of the Doctor of Social Development Program of the CSWCD (2017). She is also an entrepreneur. She established 3NAA Enterprises, a single proprietorship which owns and manages six food franchises located in various malls in Metro Manila, while serving as Corporate Secretary Polygon Investors and Managers, Inc., a family corporation with investments in telecommunications, real estate, and pharmaceuticals. She earned her Doctorate in Social Development (2014), MA in Women and Development Studies (2003), and BA in Philosophy (1987) from UP Diliman. She also has a BSC (Honours) in Economics (1990) from the University of London. She has published and presented numerous papers on feminist economics</p>	
<p>Etchel Tongson, PhD</p> <p>Email: etchel.tongson@gmail.com</p>	<p>She is a faculty member of the Department of Family Life and Child Development, College of Home Economics, University of the Philippines in Diliman and currently Deputy Director for Training, Outreach, and Extension Program Unit of the Center for Women's and</p>	

Whatsapp:	Gender Studies. She has engaged widely with children, women, and LGBTQI groups in both rural and urban areas for more than 20 years. Dr. Tongson has a doctorate in social development from the University of the Philippines. She is a member of the Gender and Development (GAD) Committee of the Homenet Producers Cooperative (HPC), and has engaged for a long time in consumer-supported organic agriculture (CSOA) in her role as regular buyer of Live Green International vegetables and other products such as organic eggs, fruits, rice and condiments coursed through the HPC.	
SPEAKERS		
Rene E. Ofreneo, PhD Email: reneofreneo@gmail.com Whatsapp: +639178350682	He is Professor Emeritus of the University of the Philippines. He is the author of the book <i>Green Jobs, Green Skills in a Brown Philippine Economy</i> (2012), which was used as the reference in the drafting of the “Green Jobs Act” of 2016. He is the present President of the Freedom from Debt Coalition, and the President of the Integrated Rural Development Foundation.	
Balu Iyer Email: balu.iyer@icaap.coop Whatsapp: +1-650-906-4035 Twitter: @bgiyer	He is the Regional Director at the International Cooperative Alliance Asia and Pacific (ICA-AP). ICA is a member-based organization which works to unite, promote and develop cooperatives.	
John Restakis Email: restakis@gmail.com Mobile: 604-778-952-0201	He is a co-founder of Synergia Institute. He is former Executive Director of Community Evolution Foundation and former ED of the BC Co-operative Association in Vancouver, a position he held for sixteen years. His professional background includes community organizing, adult and popular education, and co-op development. He does consulting work on international co-op and community economic development projects, researches and teaches on co-operative economies and the social economy, and lectures widely on the subject of globalization, regional development, and alternative economics. John is a founding member of the Advisory Committee for the MA Program in Community Development at the University of Victoria and was co-founder and Co-ordinator of the Bologna Summer Program for Co-operative Studies at the University of Bologna. He earned his BA at the University of Toronto with a Major degree in East Asian Studies and specialist studies in Sanskrit and Classical Greek. He holds a Masters	

	Degree in Philosophy of Religion.	
<p>Prof. Datuk Denison Jayasooria, PhD</p> <p>Email: denisonasec@gmail.com Whatsapp: +60193810914</p>	<p>He is currently the Head of the secretariat for the All Party Parliamentary Group Malaysia on Sustainable Development Goals (APPGM-SDG), appointed by Malaysian Parliament House on Oct 17, 2019. He is also the Co-chair of the Malaysia CSO SDG Alliance. He holds a PhD in sociology and was Practice Professor of Public Advocacy at the Institute of Ethnic Studies (KITA) National University of Malaysia (UKM) where he is now an Associate Research Fellow at KITA-UKM. He is Chair of the Asian Solidarity Economy Council (ASEC) and Board member of the Intercontinental Network for social solidarity economy (RIPESS). A fellow of the Institute of International Harmony and Sustainable Development, Hong Kong, China.</p>	
<p>Dr. Eri Trinurini Adhi</p> <p>Email: eri.trinurini@gmail.com Whatsapp: +6281384019961</p>	<p>She was planning facilitator for development program of GTZ projects in Indonesia, and thereafter she worked as a national consultant for Poverty Alleviation program in 1997. She joined the Partnership for Governance Reform in Indonesia as a Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Manager in 2013. Currently she is Board Member of the Bina Swadaya Foundation as well as the Asian Solidarity Economy Council and RIPESS. She graduated from Agriculture University of IPB in Bogor/Indonesia in 1980 and took her masteral</p>	
<p>Kumar Loganathan</p> <p>Email: logankumar@rediffmail.com Whatsapp: +919345213712</p>	<p>He is a post graduate in Environmental Management from the University of Stirling, United Kingdom and a Gold medallist in M.Sc Energy Science from Kamaraj University, India. He has over two decades of experiences in the rural development sector and been associated with various Development Organizations in India. He has been actively involved in promoting community based rural livelihoods, micro financial services, children education, community health & social security for downtrodden people and also involved in designing welfare program for Governments, International Funding Agencies, INGOs and Development Organizations. Presently, Kumar Loganathan is the Director in Sarvodaya Action Research Centre (SARC), established by by ASSEFA, one of the pioneering Gandhian Organizations in India that promote self-reliant rural communities imbued with love, truth and justice.</p>	
<p>Shigeru Tanaka</p> <p>Email: alter@parc-jp.org Whatsapp:</p>	<p>He is executive director at Pacific Asia Resource Center (PARC), a not-for-profit think tank based in Tokyo. He has been instrumental in organizing the second Asian Forum on Solidarity Economy in Tokyo in 2009, and since been involved in the Japanese Solidarity Economy movement. Serving currently as the Joint Coordinator of the Board of RIPESS (Intercontinental Network for the Promotion of Social Solidarity Economy), he has</p>	

	<p>experience working with SSE practitioners in Europe, North America, Latin America in addition to Asia and more specifically, Japan. He currently has a project in Brazil, working with a local consumer-farmer coop in bettering livelihoods and protecting traditional sustainable farming practices, while preventing large-scale mining activities in the region.</p>	
<p>Bhola Bhattarai</p> <p>Email: nafannepal8@gmail.com Whatsapp:</p>	<p>He is an advocacy expert in natural resource management sector in Nepal. He has been volunteering to promote community-based forestry for livelihoods of the poor and marginalized peoples of remote villages of Nepal. He currently working with youth group of civil society to strengthen volunteerism in Nepal. After becoming the member of IAVE (in 2017), he conducted a number of trainings of thousands of Nepali youth and other groups in development sector. Currently, he is working with Chepang (one of the marginalized Indigenous communities) to organize and mobilize them for conservation and livelihoods.</p>	
<p>Josephine 'Olive' Parilla</p> <p>Email: Josephine.parilla@yahoo.com Whatsapp: +639171125159</p>	<p>She is a micro-entrepreneur, and well known leader of informal women workers in the Philippines. She is the President of PATAMABA WISE (Workers in the Informal Sector Enterprise), a member of the Executive Committee of Homenet Philippines, and Secretary of the Homenet Producers Cooperative. She has served as social development chair of the Regional Development Council of Region IV A (Calabarzon) and member of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) Workers in the Informal Sector Council for many years. She is also President of the Rizal Provincial Local Council of Women, Vice-President for the National Capital Region of the National Council of Women in the Philippines, and member of the Angono municipal Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point. She has a degree in commerce and has taken graduate course on women in development at the University of the Philippines.</p>	
<p>Kon Onn Sein</p> <p>Email: ykpmkon@gmail.com Whatsapp: +60192160805</p>	<p>He is a barrister by training and profession, a member of the Inner Temple and holds a MA in Social Development from the University of Sussex under a Chevening scholarship. He has served in a number of working committees for SUHAKAM (the National Human Rights Commission of Malaysia) in 'Orang Asli' (indigenous people) development. He is Malaysian representative to RIPESS, and a member of the CSO –SDG Alliance, a civil society partnership with Economic Planning Unit of Malaysia that promotes the SDGs. After a stint in legal practice as a partner of a legal firm, he left the partnership in 2000 to serve as Managing</p>	

	<p>Director of the Foundation for Community Studies and Development, a position he holds to this day. His work focuses on poverty alleviation and community development, in particular among the Orang Asli and the urban poor. More recently, he developed a Fair Trade Plus platform for the Orang Asli in natural and integrated farming to ensure sustainable livelihoods and the environment.</p>	
<p>Rolando Victoria</p> <p>Email: Rolando.victoria@aski.com.ph Whatsapp: +639209096636</p>	<p>He is the founding executive director of Alalay Sa Kaunlaran Inc. (ASKI) and now the President and CEO of ASKI Group of Companies Inc. composed of 12 different strategic business units which help transform the lives of around 1 million Filipinos and the overseas migrant workers in Singapore. He sits in the Board of several organizations like the Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Microinsurance MBA Association of the Philippines, RIMANSI Mutual Solutions Insurance Agency Inc.; Alliance of Philippine Partners in Enterprise Development, Inter-Asia Development Bank, PinoyAko Micro Insurance Services, Inc., Microfinance Data Sharing System Credit Bureau for Microfinance; and Banking with the Poor Network. In 2018, he became an Advisory Council member of the Sustainable Standards and Certification Initiatives for Value Driven Financial Institutions initiated by the European Organization for Sustainable Development (EOSD) based in Karlsruhe, Germany. He was recognized as a Global Filipino Executive of the Year in 2017, and recognized by EOSD as one of the Sustainability Leaders in 2018.</p>	
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