



RE CONGRESS 2018

Igniting a Clean Energy Future

25-26 October 2018 | Max's Events Place, 21 Scout Tuazon St, Quezon City

INTRODUCTION

The global thrust to curb climate change will not be possible without a significant contribution from Asia. According to economic forecasts, gas emissions from Asia will grow dramatically in the coming decades due to increasing population and improving economic growth. For the world to be able to bring down atmospheric carbon levels back to 350 ppm, Asian countries like the Philippines must shift to green economic models before their emissions rise uncontrollably.

The Philippines, however, is at a crucial juncture. The country has just risen from a decades-long stagnation and is now thirsty for growth – in infrastructure, consumption, and industry. While having one of the lowest per-capita electricity consumption rates in the region, it has one of the highest electricity prices in the world and has not yet reached a 100% electrification rate. A balancing act between a much-awaited sustainable economic development and the need for clean energy transition is thus one major challenge that the country needs to face.

PROGRAM CONCEPT

The *Renewable Energy Congress 2018* (RE Congress 2018) is a two-day activity that envisions to bring together renewable energy advocates, developers, producers, researchers, experts, students, and end-users or “prosumers” with the goal of exploring and reimagining an energy future attained through a transition that is just and democratic. Around **200-250 participants** from member-organizations and networks of the *Center for Empowerment, Innovation and Training on Renewable Energy* (The CENTRE), and from industry players, communities/LGUs, peoples’ organizations, financial institutions, social impact investors, and guests from government institutions are expected to attend the event on 25-26 October.

The CENTRE is envisaged as a hub for technology, social innovation, policy studies, advocacy and community empowerment with a view of achieving 100 percent renewable energy towards a meaningful and ecological transformation in the country. This not-for-profit association brings together renewable energy (“RE”) advocates, developers, producers, researchers and experts with the common goal of meeting the energy needs of everyone, most especially the poor and unserved communities, through a just and democratic transition – where communities and end-users live in dignity, control their energy future, and enjoy access to affordable, reliable, and clean energy.

The objectives of the program are as follows:

- Share CENTRE’s role in advancing the RE Agenda and other linked programs
- Introduce CENTRE programs – such as capacity-building, model-building, and matching – to the public
- Launch the key priorities of the CENTRE for the next two years

PROGRAM DESIGN

The Renewable Energy Congress has two main events: the *RE Congress 2018* and the *RE Exhibit*.

RE Congress 2018

The *Renewable Energy Congress 2018* seeks to launch CENTRE as a knowledge and advocacy hub on renewable energy, share CENTRE’s pilot program of providing linkages and matching, involve new partners and networks, and advocate for a ***Just and Democratic Energy Transition***.

The *RE Congress 2018* will include a variety of talks such as the following:

- Just and Democratic Energy Transition
- Clean Energy Future
- Trends in RE Technologies
- Policies towards just and democratic energy transition
- Financing Schemes and Incentives
- Cases of communities, institutions, and establishments transitioning to RE

RE Exhibit

The *Renewable Energy Exhibit* is an event open to the public that seeks to showcase the different products, services, and advocacies of RE players and members of CENTRE. This includes:

- Renewable Energy products such as solar panels, solar home solutions, etc.
- Training services
- Distribution of publications
- Financing opportunities
- Project opportunities
- Advocacies and campaigns



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EVENT PROGRAMME

DAY 1 | 25 October 2018, Thursday

08:00 – 09:00 Registration at **Ruby Hall**, Max's Events Place

09:00 – 09:15 Opening Ceremonies and **Welcoming Remarks**

Dr. Johannes Kadura

Resident Representative

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippine Office

09:15 – 09:25 **Video Presentation:** On the Need for a Just and Democratic Energy Transition

Grassroots experiences from off-grid areas, urban poor, and workers from the energy sector

09:25 – 09:45 **Introducing The CENTRE:** Center for Empowerment, Innovation, and Training on Renewable Energy

RE Agenda, Key Priorities, and Programs

Engr. Viking Logarta,

Chairperson, Board of Directors

The CENTRE

09:45 – 11:00

Key Perspectives: On the Need for a Just and Democratic Energy Transition

Dr. Roland Schissau

Deputy Chief of Mission

German Embassy Manila

Mr. Mario Marasigan

Director, Electric Power Industry Management Bureau

Department of Energy

Atty. Teresa Ira Maris Guanzon

Policy Director

Senate Committee on Energy

Ms. Gwyneth Anne Palmos

National Project Coordinator, Just Transition Project

International Labor Organization Philippines

Ms. Ma. Teresa Diokno

Executive Director

Center for Power Issues and Initiatives

Moderated by:

Mr. Roberto Garcia

Executive Director

Institute for Popular Democracy

11:00 – 12:00

Opening of **Renewable Energy Exhibit**

Mr. Erel Narida

President

Renewable Energy Association of the Philippines

Ribbon cutting by FES Country Representative, CENTRE Representatives, and Guests

12:00 – 13:00

Lunch and activities at the RE Exhibit

13:00 – 14:30 |

RETHINK: Upcoming Trends in RE Systems

Trends in Solar Photovoltaic Rooftop and Storage Systems:

Mr. Mike de Guzman

President

Solaric Philippines

Trends in Small-scale Wind Power Systems:

Mr. Joshua Caampued

*Business Development Officer
Challenergy Philippines, Inc.*

Trends in Energy Management Systems:

Dr. Ryan WY Jung

*Chief Executive Officer
IRA-AIR Innovative Research and Analysis*

Local Innovations in Energy Technologies:

Engr. Nonilo A. Peña

*Chief, Energy and Utilities Systems Technology Development Division
Philippine Council for Industry, Energy, and Emerging Technology
Research and Development (PCIEERD)
Department of Science and Technology*

Moderated by:

Engr. Riedo Panaligan

*Executive Director
Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technologies*

14:30–15:10

Break and activities at the RE Exhibit

15:10–16:10

Distributed Energy Systems: Energy from the people, for the people

Atty. M. Cecilia G Dalupan

*Chief Operations Officer and General Counsel
WeGen Distributed Energy Philippines*

Reactors:

Mr. Erel Narida

*President, One Renewable Energy Enterprise, Inc.
Renewable Energy Association of the Philippines*

Mr. Alberto Dalusung III

*Founding Director, Preferred Energy Inc.
President, Biomass Renewable Energy Alliance*

Engr. Rene Fajilagutan

*President
Association of Isolated Electric Cooperatives*

Moderated by:

Ms. Jenina Joy Chavez

*Coordinator, Industrial Policy Team
Action for Economic Reforms*

16:10– 16:15

Video Presentation: Igniting a Clean Energy Future

Bottom-up initiatives towards an energy transition in the Philippines

16:15 –18:00 |

REBOOT: Transitioning Communities and Institutions

Luntiang Pamayanan ng San Luis: Community Microhydropower
(The Green Community of San Luis, Aurora)

Hon. Mariano Tangson

Mayor

Municipality of San Luis, Aurora

The 90-10 Vision: ROMELCO’s 24-Hour Hybrid Power Generation

Engr. Rene Fajilagutan

General Manager

Romblon Electric Cooperative

“As mainland Bohol lays in darkness, Pamilacan shines”: Bringing 24-hour electricity to Pamilacan Island

Ms. Lourdes Valeroso

Chair

Pamilacan Solar Credit Cooperative

Empowering the Urban Poor: Solarizing Social Housing

Mr. Wilson Fortaleza

Fellow

Center for Power Issues and Initiatives

The Philippines’ First Eco-Friendly School: A Model Campus for Social and Environmental Responsibility

Dr. Renyl B. Barroca

Assistant Dean, College of Engineering and Architecture

Center for Renewable Energy and Appropriate Technologies

Ateneo de Davao University

Heeding the Call of Laudato Si’: Solarizing Dioceses

Fr. Edwin A Gariguez

Executive Secretary

National Secretariat for Social Action/ Caritas

Facilitated by:

Mr. Francis Joseph Dela Cruz

Partnerships and Advocacy Adviser

Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities

DAY 2 |

26 October 2018, Friday

08:00 – 09:00

Registration at **Ruby Hall**, Max's Events Place

09:00 – 09:05

Introduction to Day 2 of the RE Congress

09:05 – 10:30

Panel Discussion: Progress in the Ten Years of RE Law Implementation

Introduction by the session host:

Engr. Viking Logarta

Energy Policy Advisor

Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities

Panelists:

Ms. Sharon Montañer

Renewable Energy Division Chief

Energy Regulatory Commission

Mr. Gaspar Escobar, Jr.

Technical Services Management Division Chief

Renewable Energy Management Bureau

Atty. Jose M. Layug

*Founding Member and Trustee, Developers of Renewable Energy
for Advancement, Inc. (DREAM)*

Former Chairman, National Renewable Energy Board

Mr. Alberto Dalusung III

Founding Director, Preferred Energy Inc.

President, Biomass Renewable Energy Alliance

Mr. Juan Antonio Bernad

Executive Vice President – Strategy and Regulatory

Aboitiz Power Corporation

10:45 – 12:00

Panel Discussion: Financing Renewable Energy Initiatives

Mr. Sixto Donato Macasaet

Executive Director

Foundation for a Sustainable Society, Inc.

Ms. Claire M. Y. Lee

Assistant Vice President and Head of Renewable Energy Division

ORIX Metro Leasing and Finance Corp.

Mr. Jaime Ayala

Founder and CEO

Hybrid Social Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Rustico Noli Cruz

Senior Assistant Vice President

Development Bank of the Philippines

Facilitator:

Mr. Erwin Serafica

Program Manager

Renewable Energy Association of the Philippines

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch and activities at the RE Exhibit

13:30 – 15:00 |

REIMAGINE: *What measurable actions should we do in the next three years to accelerate the Philippines' transition to 100% renewable energy?*

Lead Facilitators:

Ms. Rafaela Mae David

Executive Director

Center for Youth Advocacy and Networking

Mr. Alvin Quintans

Executive Director

Active Citizenship Foundation

Workshop

15:00 – 15:30

Break and activities at the RE Exhibit

15:30 – 16:30

Plenary: Reporting of outputs from the *REIMAGINE* Workshop

16:30 – 17:00

Closing Remarks

Hon. Sherwin Gatchalian

Chairman, Senate Committee on Energy

Senate of the Philippines

Atty. Cecilia Dalupan

President, The CentRE

– *End of Program* –