

CONCEPT NOTE

10th TOP LEADERS FORUM

“Transforming Victims to Victors:

A Multi-stakeholder Approach to Inclusive Resilience”

October 13, 2023 | Function Rooms 1&2, SMX Convention Center, Pasay City, Philippines

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

In 2012, SM Prime Holdings with the support of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) initiated the inaugural Top Leaders Forum under the theme "Building an Asian Private Partnership to Make Corporations Safer Against Disaster." This visionary event marked the commencement of a journey aimed at addressing the complex challenges of disaster risk reduction and resilience building. Subsequently, from 2013 to 2019, the UNISDR and eventually the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) with ARISE Philippines and SM Prime Holdings, continued to host the Top Leaders Forum, unwavering in its mission to engage top leaders across government, the private sector, and diverse stakeholders. The central objective remained clear: to collectively identify strategies for fostering resilience within society.

The driving force behind the identification of collaborative strategies has been the recognition of the dynamic and evolving landscape of disaster risk. This commitment aligns with the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, outlined by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). NEDA's strategic blueprint acknowledges the paramount importance of disaster resilience alongside economic growth, thereby aligning the nation's development goals with the imperative of building a more resilient society.

Moreover, the Philippines' status as the highest-ranking country in terms of disaster risk, as highlighted in the World Risk Index Report for 2022, underscores the urgency of ARISE Philippines' mission. This ranking reaffirms the nation's vulnerability to diverse hazards and emphasizes the pressing need for proactive measures to mitigate disaster impacts. It reinforces the important role of ARISE Philippines and its partners in comprehensively addressing these challenges.

Recognizing the multifaceted impacts of disasters, ARISE Philippines is deeply committed to addressing issues of food security, water security, and peace and justice security. As indicated in the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, the country's progress in attaining food security has been slow, with food inflation on the rise due to declines in local production of key food commodities. This situation underscores the need for resilience-building strategies that encompass food security, including disaster-resilient agriculture and supply chain management.

In the Philippines, the intricacies of the water-food-energy (WFE) nexus are deeply rooted in the global and local contexts, as highlighted by the "Policy and Ethical Implications of the Water-Food-Energy Nexus" report from the Philippine Institute of Development Studies. This report highlights that these three critical resources—water, food, and energy—are inextricably intertwined and are all subject to external factors. These factors include the challenges posed by rising demand due to high population growth, rapid urbanization, consumerism in newly affluent societies, and market volatility.

The rising demand for these resources, coupled with the looming threats of resource scarcity, has significant implications for our nation's development and resilience.

Projections by experts like Hoff (2011) indicate that **by 2050, there will be a 70 percent increase in the demand for food and a 40-percent increase in the demand for energy.** These demands entail the need for strategic planning and resource-efficient practices in our agricultural and energy sectors.

Likewise, **by 2030, it is anticipated that the Philippines will face a 40 percent shortage in water supply (Hoff 2011)**. This alarming statistic shows the urgency of sustainable water management practices and disaster preparedness in the face of changing climate patterns.

In light of these global and local challenges, through the Top Leaders Forum, we can harness the collective wisdom, expertise, and resources of top leaders from government, the private sector, and diverse stakeholders. This resonates with the Philippine Development Plan's vision, aligning disaster resilience with our nation's development goals.

The Top Leaders' Forum is part of a series of events that will be held throughout October for UN Month, which commemorates the founding anniversary of the United Nations and celebrates the collaborations between the UN and its partners in government, civil society, private sector, and the international community. With the theme "SDGs: A Race We Can Win," this UN Month also aims to inspire action for the Sustainable Development Goals. At this critical moment—the midpoint to our 2030 deadline to achieve the SDGs—UN Month serves as an opportunity to highlight the continuing importance and role of multilateralism and collective action to turn our vision for a better future for all into reality.

OBJECTIVES:

1. To establish and leverage resilience as the foundation for ESG2.
2. To explore the food-water-energy nexus as it relates to disaster resilience.
3. To reinforce the MSME resilience framework by mainstreaming diversity and inclusion in its agenda.
4. To strengthen synergy between the private sector and the government to build inclusive resilience.
5. To promote the adoption of innovative technologies in Disaster Resilience.

TIME	EVENT
12:30-12:50	Opening Ceremony
13:00-16:30	Top Leaders Forum Panel Discussion
16:30-17:40	WIN DRR Leadership Awards

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1. TOP LEADERS FORUM
(12:00PM - 16:30PM)

Opening Ceremony

To formally open the start of the activity, an opening ceremony will be held with the participation from the National and Local Government Agencies, UN Offices in the Philippines, Private Sector, MSMEs and Civil Society Organizations.

TOP LEADERS FORUM Function Room 1 / SMX Convention Center		
Time	Session	Speaker
12:00 - 12:30	Registration	
12:30 – 12:35	Preliminaries	Event Organizer
12:35 - 12:40	Welcome Message	Mr. Hans T. Sy Chairman of the Executive Committee

		SM Prime Holdings, Inc. Chairperson, ARISE-Philippines Co-Chairman, National Resilience Council
12:40 - 12:45	Messages	Hon. Loren B. Legarda Senator Republic of the Philippines
12:45 - 12:50	Keynote Message	Her Excellency Mami Mizutori Special Representative of the UN Secretary General (SRSG), and ARISE Co-Chair

Panel Discussion

There will be five (5) panel discussions that will focus in each of the above-mentioned objectives. Panelists would include experts on the identified topic for each session. This will include representatives from UNDRR, the government, private sector and MSMEs. Topic guide will be given to each panelist and they will be allowed to discuss the topic within 5 minutes. A five (5) minutes question and answer portion will be done to ensure audience participation. A moderator will lead the discussion and will provide the synthesis.

Sessions:

1. ESG and resilience
2. Food - water - energy nexus and disaster risk reduction
3. MSME Resilience Framework
4. Synergy for Inclusive Resilience
5. Innovative technologies and DRR

Program Flow:

Session I: ESG and Resilience <i>(Moderator: Prof. Colin Legarde Hubo, Executive Director, UA&P Center for Social Responsibility)</i>		
Time	Session	Panelist/Moderator
13:00 - 13:40	Incorporating the concept of ESG in the NDRRM Plan <i>Description: Integrating the ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) concept in achieving the outcome indicators of the four thematic pillars of DRMM.</i>	Usec. Ariel Nepomuceno <i>Undersecretary and Administrator Office of Civil Defense</i>
	Creating value and impact through strategic ESG+R' <i>Description: Building on action-oriented ESG efforts embedded in the business strategies and aligned with BPI's overall mission for social resilience/well-being. This may look at integrating strategies for supply chains, social engagements, environmental footprint and governance mechanisms as drivers for resilience. It also builds on co-creating solutions for collective impact to keep ahead of vulnerability via proactive mechanisms.</i>	Ms. Jo Ann Bueno-Eala <i>Vice President and Head of BPI's Sustainability Office Bank of the Philippine Islands (BPI)</i>

	<p>Impact Investing and ESG Integration in business resilience</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Describing the importance of environment, social and governance investing for business resilience. Exploring the role of the private sector and other stakeholders in investing for resilience.</p>	<p>Atty. Rachel Esther Guntang-Remalante <i>Director for Corporate Governance and Finance Department</i> Securities and Exchange Commission</p>
<p>Session 2: Food - Water - Energy Nexus and DRR <i>(Moderator: Ms. Ces Oreña-Drilon, Broadcast Journalist)</i></p>		
Time	Session	Panelist
13:40 - 14:20	<p>Integrating the nexus approach for food security</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Interaction between the energy, water and food security sectors as it relates to disaster resilience</p>	<p>Ms. Emilita Monville Oro <i>Country Director, Philippines</i> International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR)</p>
	<p>Incorporating the nexus approach into the Integrated Water Resources Master Plan</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Applying the nexus approach in identifying strategies in the development of Integrated Water Resources Master Plan.</p>	<p>Usec. Carlos Primo David <i>Undersecretary</i> Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p>
	<p>Renewable Energy as an Innovative Solutions for Sustainable Development.</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Discussion on the Innovative Solutions relative to Renewable energy with focus on food, water, and energy nexus as it relates to Disaster Resilience.</p>	<p>Engr. Ferdinand B. Binondo <i>Chief - Solar and Wind Energy Management Division</i> Department of Energy</p>
<p>Session 3: MSME Resilience Framework <i>(Moderator: Hon. Ma. Isabelle Climaco-Salazar, Former Mayor Zamboanga City)</i></p>		
Time	Session	Panelist
14:20 - 15:00	<p>Strengthening BCP to empower the MSME</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Defining and recognizing programs and initiatives relevant to Business Continuity Planning among MSMEs.</p>	<p>Ms. Teresita Ngan Tian <i>Area Vice President for National Capital Region (NCR)</i> Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCCI)</p>
	<p>Helping MSME Grow to obtain business resiliency</p> <p><i>Description:</i> Discussion of the different initiatives to assist MSME in becoming business resilient.</p>	<p>Mr. Benjie Yap <i>Chairman</i> Unilever Philippines</p>
	<p>Promoting Access to business resiliency tools.</p> <p><i>Description:</i></p>	<p>Mr. Rene "Butch" Meily <i>President</i></p>

	<i>Outlining different MSME business resiliency tools.</i>	Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF)
Session 4: Synergy for Inclusive Resilience <i>(Moderator: Usec. Marilou Erni, Undersecretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources)</i>		
Time	Session	Panelist
15:00 - 15:40	Strategic Approach to Inclusive Resilience <i>Description:</i> <i>Fostering partnership with the private sector on “Enhancing Resilient Communities” (ERC) Initiative that aims to leverage the extensive expertise of Filipino institutions and organizations in addressing the transformation of the humanitarian system in the Philippines. This presents an opportunity to bridge the gap between humanitarian and development sectors.</i>	Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez <i>UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator</i> United Nations Philippines
	Embracing Diversity: Synergy and Inclusive Resilience <i>Description:</i> <i>Discussion on how synergy among diverse perspectives and backgrounds contributes to a robust, inclusive, adaptive and resilient society.</i>	Mr. Joniro Fradejas <i>Executive Director</i> National Council for Disability Affairs
	Public-Private- People Partnerships: A Multi-stakeholder and Multi-level Co-creation Approach for Resilience <i>Description:</i> <i>A multi-sectoral structure and multi stakeholder approach facilitates the institutionalization of partnerships between and among sectors and stakeholders’ groups the government, private businesses, scientific organizations and academes, and civil society and non-government organizations.</i>	Mr. Silvestre Barrameda Jr. <i>Executive Director</i> National Resilience Council (NRC)
Session 5: Innovative Technologies and Resilience <i>(Moderator: Engr. Dexter Lo, Founding Director, Xavier University)</i>		
15:40 - 16:20	Transforming victims to victors through Science and Technology <i>Description:</i> <i>Explaining the Science and Technology tools and approaches in creating a disaster resilient society.</i>	Dr. Renato Solidum, Jr. <i>Secretary</i> Department of Science and Technology
	Application of Space Science in Disaster Resilience Technology and Innovations <i>Description: Providing knowledge on space technology's role in disaster resilience.</i>	Dr. Joel Joseph S. Marciano, Jr. <i>Director General</i> Philippine Space Agency (PhilSa)

	<p>Innovation and Resilience through Digital Transformation</p> <p><i>Description:</i> <i>Emphasizing the role of digitization in DRRM.</i></p>	<p>Ms. Maribeth Marasigan <i>President and COO</i> Aboitiz Foundation, Inc.</p>
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2. UNDRR WIN DRR Leadership Awards **(16:30 - 17:40PM)**

The WIN DRR Leadership Awards recognize women’s achievements in DRR across the Asia-Pacific region. The awards are part of UNDRR’s flagship women’s leadership initiative the Women’s International Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (WIN DRR) and is supported by the Australian Government and SM Prime.

The Leadership Awards has two categories: 1) The Rising Star Award and 2) The Excellence Award. Six finalists for each category and eventual winners will be announced on October 13, 2023.

16:30 – 17:30	WINDRR Awarding Program Proper	c/o UNDRR ROAP
17:30 – 17:40	Closing Message	Sec. Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga <i>Secretary</i> Department of Environment and Natural Resources

3. MARKET PLACE **(08:00 - 17:00)**

TIME	EVENT
08:15 - 08:45	Opening Ceremony/Ribbon Cutting/Exhibit Tour
09:00 - 17:00	DRR Booth Exhibit and Resilience Talks

1. Ribbon Cutting

Ribbon cutting will signal the commencement of the Market Place and the Ignite Stage.

2. DRR Tools and Technologies Exhibit

Participating entities will include the government, private sector, foreign embassies and international and local commercial establishments. Each participant will be given a booth where they can display their different technologies, tools, instruments, materials and other innovations on DRR. Mechanics on participation will be given to participating organizations to serve as their guide on display procedure and ignite session.

3. Resilience Talks

Selected participants will be given seven (7) minutes each to present their products and/or their initiatives in DRR. A five (5) minutes question and answer portion will follow after each group presentation. There will be three to four (3-4) agencies for every thirty (30) minutes ignite session. A moderator will facilitate the session. Sessions will be divided according to theme.

DRR EXHIBIT AND RESILIENCE TALKS PROGRAM			
Function Room 2 SMX Convention Center			
TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS/ REMARKS	
08:15 - 08:45	Ribbon Cutting then tour of exhibit	SRSG Mami Mizutori, DENR Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga, DND Secretary Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr., Mr. Hans T. Sy, UN Resident Coordinator Gustavo Gonzalez	
08:50	Start of Program		
08:50 - 08:55	Welcome Remarks	Atty. Pearly Joan Jayagan Turley Asst. Vice President – Corporate Compliance Group Founding Member - WINDRR Philippines	
08:55 - 09:00	Hosts spiel, introduction of the Program		
09:00 - 11:00	Fire Square Roadshow and showcase of new technologies in fire suppression	CSupt. Nahum Tarroza Regional Director Bureau of Fire Protection NCR	
11:10 - 12:00	Group 1: Global Resilience Initiatives: Efforts and Strategies for building resilience on a global scale.	United Nations Development Program (UNDP)	Linkages between Resilience and the Progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Maria Victoria de Guzman SHEILD Program Adviser
		International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Disasters and Population Displacement in the Philippines and beyond: Importance of Preparedness and Recovery Efforts Troy Dooley Head of Programs
		UNICEF	Effect of Disasters on Children Md Ziaul Hassan Emergency Specialist
		United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)	Post-disaster rebuilding of resilient communities Christopher Rollo Country Programme Manager
		International Finance Corporation	Building Resilience Index: Global Partnerships in Creating Resilient Built Environment Pearl Mars Technical Specialist
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH BREAK		
13:00 – 13:45	Group 2: The Power of Women in Resilience	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Women International Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (WIN DRR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abia Akram, Pakistan • Retno Rifa Atsari, Indonesia • Goma Karki, Nepal • Soosan Momeni Mokoe, Iran • Ankita Shah, Nepal

		2023 Rising Star Finalists	
13:45 – 14:30	Group 3: The Power of Women in Resilience	United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) Women International Network for Disaster Risk Reduction (WINDRR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaila Shahid, Bangladesh • Decibel V. Faustino-Eslava, Philippines • Tavida Kamolvej, Thailand • Krishna Karkee, Nepal • Flora Vano, Vanuatu
		2023 Excellence Awards Finalists	
14:30 - 15:00	Group 4: Local Moves, Local Action: LGU Resilience	Makati City	<p>Journey Towards Resilient Makati: Strengthening Makati DRRM Initiatives through UNDRR MCR 2030</p> <p>Lizavelle Ramos Makati DRRMO</p>
		Province of Bataan	<p>Partnership Outcomes of Bataan in Resilience Building in the LGU</p> <p>Gov. Jose Enrique “Joet” S. Garcia III Provincial Governor</p>
15:15-15:45	Group 5: Private Move, Private Action: Private Sector Initiatives to Resilience	SM Prime Holdings, Inc.	<p>ESG+R(esiliency): SM Prime’s Blueprint for Sustainability Leadership</p> <p>Janely Abigail (Abby) T. Bonita Assistant Vice President</p>
		Earthquakes and Megacities Initiatives (EMI)	<p>Building Urban Resilience for Accelerated Implementation of Global Agenda 2030</p> <p>Atty. Violeta Seva General Secretary</p>
		Asian Institute of Management (AIM)	<p>Education as Prime Mover of DRR</p> <p>Maurice Mauricio EMDRCM Education Advisor</p>
15:45-16:30	Group 6: Resilience 301: National Government Action to Resilience	Department of Public Works & Highways	<p>Resilient Infrastructure: Withstanding the Big One</p> <p>Dr. Maria Catalina Cabral, PhD Undersecretary</p>
		Climate Change Commission	<p>Importance of climate adaptation and resilience in vulnerable communities</p> <p>Atty. Rachel Anne Sibugan Herrera Commissioner</p>
		Bureau of Fire Protection	<p>Community Partnership in Promoting Resiliency</p> <p>Director Louie S. Puracan Fire Chief</p>
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Activities: Raffle, Mentimeter, Closing Remarks		