



## 6<sup>th</sup> ASEAN CHIEF JUSTICES' ROUNDTABLE ON ENVIRONMENT

Princesa Garden Island Resort, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

November 10-13, 2016

### INDICATIVE PROGRAM

**November 10 (Thursday)**

**Welcome Reception and Dinner**

*Smart Casual | Sala Restaurant, Princesa Garden Island Resort*

Whole day

Arrival and check-in

7:00 p.m.

Cocktails

7:30

Welcome Reception

*Hosted by the Philippine Supreme Court*

Welcome Message

***Hon. Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno***

*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines*

Message from the City Government

***Hon. Lucilo R. Bayron***

*Mayor, Puerto Princesa City*

Dinner

Special Performances

*Hon. Jenny Lind A. Delorino*

*Deputy Court Administrator*

*Office of the Court Administrator*

*Puerto Princesa City Chorale and the*

*Kawangis ng Tribu Band*

**November 11 (Friday)**

**Welcome Ceremonies**

*Business Attire | Hari Meeting Room 3, Prinsesa Garden Island Resort*

*Moderator: **Atty. Theodore O. Te***

*Assistant Court Administrator and Chief Public Information Officer*

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| 6:00-9:00 a.m. | Breakfast<br><i>Rice Restaurant</i>  |
| 9:00-9:05      | Opening Remarks<br><b>Hon. Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno</b><br><i>Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>        |
| 9:05-9:10      | Welcome Message<br><b>Ms. Deborah Stokes</b><br><i>Vice President for Administration and<br/>Corporate Management, ADB</i> |
| 9:10-9:30      | Official Photo   |
| 9:30-9:45      | Coffee Break   |

**November 11 (Friday)**

**Conference Proper**

*Business Attire | Hari Meeting Rooms 1 and 2, Prinsesa Garden Island Resort*

**PART I: PROGRESS OF THE ASEAN JUDICIARIES IN  
ADVANCING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

- 9:45 a.m. Call to Order  
***Hon. Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno***  
*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines*  
*Conference Chairperson*
- 9:45-10:00 Introduction of Delegates
- 10:00-10:10 Overview: The ADB Law, Policy and Reform Program, the Asian Judges' Network on Environment, and the ASEAN Chief Justices' Roundtable on Environment  
***Mr. Christopher H. Stephens***  
*General Counsel, Office of the General Counsel, ADB*
- 10:10-10:20 Introduction to the Jakarta Common Vision, the Hanoi Action Plan, and the Angkor Statement  
***Ms. Atsuko Hirose***  
*Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, ADB*
- 10:20-10:45 Report of the ASEAN Nations on their Progress on the Jakarta Common Vision, the Hanoi Action Plan, and the Angkor Statement-Part I (5-8 minutes each)  
The Philippines (Host Country)  
Brunei Darussalam  
Cambodia
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00 Report of the ASEAN Nations on their Progress on the Jakarta Common Vision, the Hanoi Action Plan, and the Angkor Statement-Part II (5-8 minutes each)  
Indonesia  
Lao People's Democratic Republic  
Malaysia  
Myanmar

Singapore  
Thailand  
Viet Nam

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch

## **PART II: EMERGING ENVIRONMENTAL LEGAL AND JUDICIAL CHALLENGES**

1:00-1:30 p.m.      The Climate Change Regime and Its Implications for ASEAN  
Judiciaries  
*Overview: Discussion will focus on salient points of the climate change treaties governing the Southeast Asian region and the implications of the new Paris Agreement on their environmental and climate litigation landscape.*

*Resource Persons:*

**Justice Rachel Pepper**, Judge, New South Wales Land and Environment Court, Australia | **Prof. Dr. Diane A. Desierto**, Associate Professor of Law and Michael J. Marks Distinguished Professor in Business Law, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, and Co-Director, ASEAN Law & Integration Center.

1:30-2:00            Discussion

2:00-2:30            The Role of Judicial Networks in Promoting Mutual Assistance  
*Overview: Discussion will focus on the role played by judicial and other networks in addressing environmental issues and the factors that influenced their success.*

*Resource Persons:*

**Justice Rachel Pepper**, Judge, New South Wales Land and Environment Court, Australia | **Mr. Matthew Baird**, Consultant, PACT's Mekong Partnership for the Environment Project and Vermont Law School's U.S.-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law

2:30-3:00            Discussion

3:00-3:15            Synthesis  
**Atty. Brenda Jay C. Angeles-Mendoza**  
*Chief, Philippine Mediation Center Office  
Philippine Supreme Court Representative*

- 3:15-3:30 Coffee Break / Free Time
- 3:30-7:00 Puerto Princesa City Tour  
*[Occidental Mindoro, Oriental Mindoro, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan (MIMAROPA) Trade Fair, Immaculate Concepcion Church, Plaza Cuartel, MIMAROPA Parade]*  
*(Please see Tour Arrangements for detailed itinerary)*
- 7:00-9:00 Dinner  
*Rice Restaurant*

**November 12 (Saturday)**

**Conference Proper**

*Business Attire | Hari Meeting Rooms 1 and 2, Prinsesa Garden Island Resort*

**PART III: FORGING THE ROAD AHEAD FOR  
ASEAN JUDICIAL COOPERATION ON ENVIRONMENT**

- 6:00-9:00 a.m.      Breakfast  
*Rice Restaurant*
- 9:00                      Call to Order  
***Hon. Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno***  
*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines*  
*Conference Chairperson*
- 9:00-10:00              Deliverable 1: Discussion on the Proposed Joint Judicial Training  
on Environment  
*Sub-topics:*
- Updates on Domestic and Transboundary Environmental Issues
  - Relevant Laws and Judicial Rules of Procedure on Environmental Protection
  - Assessment of Evidence on Environmental Damage, and Initiatives on Cleanup and Restoration
  - Best Practices in Adjudication of Environmental Cases
- Action Items:*
- Commitment from ASEAN Judiciaries as Hosts*
  - Identification of Experts*
- Resource Persons:*  
***Justice Rachel Pepper***, *Judge, New South Wales Land and Environment Court, Australia* | ***Prof. Dr. Diane A. Desierto***, *Associate Professor of Law and Michael J. Marks Distinguished Professor in Business Law, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, and Co-Director, ASEAN Law & Integration Center* | ***Mr. Matthew Baird***, *Consultant, PACT's Mekong Partnership for the Environment Project and Vermont Law School's U.S.-Asia Partnerships for Environmental Law*

10:00-10:45 Deliverable 2: Discussion on the Proposed Information-Sharing Mechanism on Global Legal Jurisprudence and ASEAN Judicial Processes on Environment

*Action Items:*

- Approval of mechanism on information-sharing*
- Identification of Experts*

*Resource Persons:*

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10:45-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:45 Deliverable 3: Discussion on the Proposed Organizational Structure for a Technical Working Group on Environment

*Sub-topics:*

- Formation of a Technical Working Group on Environment under the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices
- Environment Secretariat

*Action Items:*

- Approval of the formation of the TWG*
- Identification of Members of the TWG*
- Hosting of the Secretariat*

11:45-11:50 Synthesis of Action Items  
**Atty. Brenda Jay C. Angeles-Mendoza**  
*Chief, Philippine Mediation Center Office*  
*Philippine Supreme Court Representative*

11:50-11:55 Concluding Message  
**Ms. Deborah Stokes**  
*Vice President for Administration and Corporate Management, ADB*

11:55-12:00      Closing Remarks  
***Hon. Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno***  
*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines*

12:00-onwards      Lunch / Free Time  
*Rice Restaurant*



**November 12 (Saturday)**

**Culmination Night**

*Filipiniana/National Costume/Smart Casual |  
Provincial Capitol Grounds, Puerto Princesa City*

6:00 p.m.-onwards

Culmination Night  
Hosted by the Province of Palawan

Welcome Remarks  
***Hon. Jose Ch. Alvarez***  
*Governor, Province of Palawan*

Dinner  
*With Special Performances*

Presentation of Tokens to the ASEAN Judiciaries

Messages from the ASEAN Judiciaries  
*Heads of Delegations*

Closing Remarks  
***Hon. Maria Lourdes P. A. Sereno***  
*Chief Justice, Supreme Court of the Philippines*

Official Photo

**November 13 (Sunday)**  
**Check-out / Hosted Underground River Tour**

*For those not availing of the Hosted Underground River Tour*

5:30 a.m.      Breakfast  
                    *Rice Restaurant*

9:00-12:00    Free Time

12:00            Check-out

*For those availing of the Hosted Underground River Tour*  
*(Please see Tour Arrangements for detailed itinerary)*

5:00 a.m.      Breakfast  
                    *Rice Restaurant*

5:30             Departure from the Hotel Lobby to Brgy. Sabang  
                    Tour Proper

11:00            Arrival at hotel  
                    Check-out