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PROFILE OF RESOURCE PERSONS



ARSENIO M. BALISACAN obtained his Ph.D. (Economics) from University of Hawaii in 1985. He was Director of the Southeast Asian Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture (SEARCA) from 2003 to 2009. He served as Undersecretary for Policy and Planning of the Department of Agriculture from 2000 to 2001. Mr. Balisacan is currently a member of the Technical Advisory Council of the Philippine Congress Commission on Science and Technology and Engineering. He is also the Chair of the Task Force on Climate Change at the National Academy of Science and Technology.



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