



## PANEL DISCUSSION

*(Joint event between ADB Gender Equity Thematic Group, Health Sector Group and WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific)*

### **A World She Deserves: Choice, Human Rights and Reproductive Health**

4 March 2016, 2:00-3:30 pm • Auditorium A-B



#### **Klaus Beck**

Country Representative  
United Nations Population Fund – Philippines

Mr. Beck, a Danish national, officially took up his position as Country Representative for the United Nations Population Fund in the Philippines in March 2014. Prior to taking up his position as Country Representative, over the previous decade he held various positions at UNFPA's Headquarters in New York, including having served in an advisory capacity to the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors for more than six years in UNFPA's Office of the Executive Director. He is not new to the Philippines as he started his career as Programme Officer for UNFPA Philippines from 1997 to 2000.

During the time that he was not with UNFPA, Mr. Beck also did short-term consulting work in the health sector in almost 20 countries across three continents for a range of clients including Danida, the World Bank, and the Danish Red Cross. Mr. Beck has a Master's Degree in Economics specializing in development economics and demography. He has also obtained several leadership and business process management certificates.



#### **Howard Sobel**

Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health Programme Coordinator  
World Health Organization – Western Pacific Regional Office

Howard L Sobel, MD, MPH, PHD, is an Internist, Pediatrician and Preventive Medicine Physician and Coordinator for the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Adolescent Health at the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific. He is a member of the Editorial Review Board of the Journal of Human Lactation and reviews manuscripts for many journals. Dr. Sobel gained his undergraduate degree from Virginia Tech, Medical Doctorate at Medical College of Virginia, Master's of Public Health at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health where he was Chief Resident and instructor, and Doctorate at Ghent University, Belgium. He has worked in WHO Headquarters (Geneva, HIV), Guyana (Expanded Program on Immunization), Ghana (immunization consultant), Taiwan (SARS), Philippines, Cambodia (Maternal and Child Health Team Leader) and most recently as WHO regional office coordinator. He has additionally worked in Uganda (refugee health) and China (researcher). He focuses on operationalizing evidence-based programs that save maternal, newborn and child lives in developing countries. Current topics of work include: strengthening health worker intra-partum and newborn care practices; infant and young child feeding; improving health worker diagnostic capacity, care and counseling for the sick newborn and young infants with respiratory illness; improving quality and usage of Maternal Death Audits; evidence-based policy and standards development; addressing unmet needs for family planning in low and middle income countries.



**Juan Antonio Alvarado “Jeepy” Perez, III**

Executive Director  
Philippine Commission on Population

He has had over 27 years of experience in public and private sector health programs in the Philippines. He has managed substantial programs for the Philippines Department of Health, USAID, the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank. Since September 2013, he assumed the position of Executive Director of the Commission on Population of the Philippines.

His most recent previous assignment was as the OIC Director IV of the Bureau of Local Health Development from June 2011 to October 2012. From January 2011 to June 2011, he was the Head Executive Assistant of the Secretary of Health.

From 1992 to 1999 he was the senior manager in the Department of Health who managed issues related to the devolution of health services under the Local Government Code and the modification of the health information system used by all local health units under the decentralized health system. He has extensive experience in the assessment and analysis of the provision of public health services and the measurement of both operational and programmatic activities to ensure results. He has established a reputation as both a manager and technical director. He is a former director of the Philippine Population Association (PPA) and helped found the Reproductive Health Action Network (RHAN) in 2001-2002.



**Rosebelle Azcuna**

Health Monitoring and Evaluation Expert and ADB Consultant

Rosebelle May Azcuna, MSc, PhD (cand) is a health information specialist who mainly works in the area of monitoring health system performance and tracking country progress towards global targets. She has been contributing towards improving access to quality data through the application of global data and indicator standards and use of data analytics and visualization. Part of her former work at the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific was the development of the Health Information and Intelligence Platform (HIIP), a web-based integrated resource of country health information for the region.

In the more recent years, Ms Azcuna worked with WHO and ADB on transition monitoring efforts from the MDGs to the sustainable development agenda. Through these efforts, a set of Universal Health Care (UHC) monitoring tools has been developed, including a UHC monitoring framework, core indicator set and a customizable UHC dashboard for the Western Pacific. She has also been extending support for countries to adapt these tools – including in Cambodia, Laos and the Philippines – to promote data-informed decision-making and accountability.

Ms Azcuna also works in the areas of monitoring and evaluation, civil registration and vital statistics systems strengthening, and service availability and readiness assessment and has provided technical support to Laos, Myanmar, Philippines and Viet Nam. Prior to her consulting work, she was a researcher at the Philippine National Institutes of Health. She was also an Assistant Professor at the University of the Philippines at the College of Public Health where she obtained her bachelor's and master's degrees. Currently, she is a registered doctoral student at the School of Health Sciences, University of Tampere in Finland. She is working on her dissertation aside from her consulting work.



**Jamela Alindogan**

Correspondent  
Philippines Bureau  
Al Jazeera

Ms. Jamela Alindogan is an award-winning correspondent for Al Jazeera English. She has been with Al Jazeera for the last eight years, and covers the Philippines and most of South East Asia. She has reported on elections in Indonesia and Malaysia, protests in Vietnam and Cambodia and has reported exclusively in many conflict areas most specially in the troubled region of Mindanao in the southern Philippines. On October 2013, she was the first international journalist to report on the hostage siege in Zamboanga in Mindanao. She was also one of the very first journalists to report on the ground after having survived the onslaught when typhoon Haiyan struck central Philippines last November 8, 2013.

Before joining Al Jazeera, Ms. Alindogan held a variety of positions in several broadcasters in the Philippines. She was a field reporter and weekend news anchor for the 24-hr English news channel ANC in the Philippines. Between 2001 and 2003, she was the network's sports correspondent for its channel ABS-CBN Sports. At the same time, she was also a sports reporter for a sports show in RPN-9 channel.



**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY BREAKFAST EVENT**  
***Hi 5 for SDG 5: Gender parity in decision-making by 2030***

**Gender Equality and Your Unique Contribution**

*8 March 2016, 8:30–10:00 am • Executive Dining Room*



**Rhodora Palomar-Fresnedi**

Executive Director of Unilab Foundation  
Business Head of Unilab International

Rhodora Palomar-Fresnedi is the Executive Director of Unilab Foundation and Business Head of Unilab International. She is co-founder of Except One, Pte. Ltd, a Singapore-based management consultancy firm.

Rhodora is globally known as an expert in diversity and inclusion, large scale business transformation, innovative intervention and executive coaching. She has held senior global executive roles and had been an adviser to Fortune 500 and FTSE 100 CEOs and businesses.

She is a Senior Fellow of Human Capital at The Conference Board, and has held senior advisor positions to different international organizations. She is the first Global Vice President for Diversity in Unilever, and the first and only Filipina to be recognized as one of the Asian Women of Achievement in the UK in 2005.

She is widely cited in pioneering international books such as *Why Women Mean Business*, and *On Ramps and Off Ramps: Keeping Talented Women on the Road to Success* of the Harvard Business Review Press.

She considers her life an improbable journey, coming from a small town and a big family, to making an impact on global business. Her achievements are noteworthy, but her passion remains deeply rooted in changing the world from wherever she is at the moment. She would like to help build a world where every person, no matter what gender, race, creed, religion, sexual orientation, ability, disability or any other uniqueness will be able to say: "I am valued. I belong. I make a difference."



## DISTINGUISHED GENDER MONTH SPEAKER

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### **Unlocking Gender-Based Violence: *Scope, magnitude and economic impact in the Pacific region***

*18 March 2016, 2:00-3:30 pm • Auditorium D*

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#### **Dame Meg Taylor**

Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat  
Pacific Ocean Commissioner  
Member, UN Every Woman Every Child High Level Advisory Group

Dame Meg Taylor is Secretary General of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat and the current Pacific Ocean Commissioner. She has recently been appointed by the UN Secretary General to the UN Every Woman Every Child High Level Advisory Group.

She was appointed to the post of Vice President and Compliance Advisor Ombudsman (CAO) of the World Bank Group in 1999 following a selection process led by civil society, industry, and academia. Having set up CAO, which is a key part of the governance structure of the World Bank Group, Meg Taylor led the office for 15 years and established a rich body of work. CAO provides independent accountability and recourse for communities impacted by projects supported by the private sector arms of the World Bank Group - the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA). Through her leadership, CAO has become internationally recognized for its cutting edge work in addressing corporate-community conflict around the globe, with a model that has been replicated by other multilateral institutions. Meg Taylor concluded her term at CAO in August 2014.

She was Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to the United States, Mexico and Canada in Washington, DC from 1989-1994. In 2002, she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire.

Meg Taylor has served on the board of the Bank of Papua New Guinea and on the boards of a number of companies in Papua New Guinea in the natural resources, financial, and agricultural sectors, as well as on the boards of companies listed on the Australian Securities Exchange. She has also served on the boards of international conservation and research organizations.

She began her professional life as Private Secretary to Chief Minister Michael Somare during self-government of Papua New Guinea, and then during his tenure as Prime Minister at the independence of Papua New Guinea. She practiced law with the Office of the Public Solicitor and in the private sector, and served as a member of the Law Reform Commission.

Dame Meg Taylor is a national of Papua New Guinea. She studied at the University of Papua New Guinea, and received her LL. B from Melbourne University, Australia and her LL.M from Harvard University, USA.



## ART EXHIBIT

### Hi 5 for SDG 5

1–31 March 2016 • Cafeteria Hallway



#### **Ambie Abano**

Filipino artist

In her 30-year practice as a visual artist, her shift from painting to printmaking brought her to a passionate encounter with the medium which she continuously explores creating portraits, figures and various imagery in mixed media print works, sculptures, and installations, always originating from traditional printmaking techniques. An active visual artist, she has exhibited extensively in the Philippines and abroad since 1986.

She won the Grand Prize in the Painting Category of the Art Association of the Philippines Open Art Competition in 1987, and the Grand Prize in the Philippine Art Awards in 2006. She is the first recipient of the Alliance Française de Manille Philippine Artist Residency Program which brought her to Cité Internationale des Art in Paris for a three-month artist residency and further training in various intaglio techniques at La Taille Douce in 2011. She is a 2012 grantee of the Asian Cultural Council for a six-month artist residency at the International Studio and Curatorial Program (ISCP) and the Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop (RBPMW) in New York for training in lithography. She was the Philippine representative to Speaking House Art Camp in Kerala, India (2012); in the 27th Asian International Artists Exhibition Art Camp in Krabi, Thailand (2013); the Visual Art for ASEAN in Nan Province, Thailand (2015); and Barehands Asian Artist Residency Project (2015). She was featured in the Asia Art News in the November to December 2014 Issue, Hong Kong. After serving as President of the Philippine Association of Printmakers (PAP) from 2007–2012, she is now a member of the Board and continues to actively participate in the PAP projects. She has given numerous lectures and workshops in printmaking all over the Philippines. Abaño has a Masters in Fine Arts Degree from the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts where she is currently a Professor. She served as Chair in the Department of Studio Arts from 2012–2014. Concurrently as an art educator, she continues to devote her time in her art practice and involves herself in various art related projects.



#### **Nadia Kondratiev**

French artist, illustrator and cartoonist (multimedia)

Nadia Kondratiev is a French national who was born and grew up in NYC, attending the Lycée Français de New York. Later she studied Illustration and Printmaking at the Art Students' League of New York. She also has an MBA from Herriot Watt University.

Drawing has always been a means of expression, second nature, in the Kondratiev family. Surrounded by siblings and parents who painted and drew, it has always been a normal means of communication and commenting on life, society, its justices and injustices, happiness and sadness.

Nadia has participated in various group shows in New York and in Manila. She just recently had a solo show in France. She has illustrated a children's book and had her cartoons published in New York and in Scotland. She designed and produced posters of which an advertisement for Amstel beer. She is also the author of many logos for companies and individuals. Nadia has worked extensively in radio and television, has done some photography and has designed costumes. She worked for ADB's IED doing multimedia in 2012 - 2013.