



AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF THE PHILIPPINES (AMCHAM)
ENVIRONMENT AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

CONCEPT NOTE:

AMCHAM SUSTAINABILITY SUMMIT:
"Promoting Circular Economy towards a World without Waste"

29 August 2019 | 8:30am to 11:30am

The passage of RA 9003 or "The Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000" has been a milestone for Philippine legislature. RA 9003 is recognized all over the world as one of the most comprehensive and systematic environmental laws that would combat looming problems on waste management. Moreover, it illustrates the potentials and benefits of recycling not only in addressing waste management problems but also in alleviating poverty.

Despite that, the Philippines is still considered as one of the top contributors of plastic waste in the world. In 2016 alone, the country has produced over 14 million metric tons of waste. In that number, only 26% has been recycled, while the rest end up to dumpsites or even worse, to the ocean.

The private sector through the **American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippines (AMCHAM)** recognizes the importance of environmental sustainability in achieving inclusive growth. The chamber also sustains its support to effective policies and government initiatives that would induce collaborative efforts and promote sustainable and ecological alternatives to the population.

In line with this, the Environment and Urban Development Committee is organizing a **Sustainability Summit** with the theme **"Promoting Circular Economy towards a World without Waste"** on **29 August 2019** at the **Legaspi Ballroom 2, Makati Diamond Residences, Makati City**.

The Forum provides a platform for both public and private, business groups, civil society groups and the academe to dialogue and discuss the existing challenges, issues and developments in the country's waste management and material recycling efforts. Moreover, it intends to build partnerships among key stakeholders in enhancing existing and future frameworks.

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EVENT PROGRAM

8:00-8:30AM	REGISTRATION	
8:30-8:45AM	Welcome Remarks	Ebb Hinchliffe Executive Director AMCHAM Philippines
8:45-8:50AM	Introduction of Keynote Speakers	Arch. Felino Jun Palafox Committee Chairman, Environment and Urban Development Committee
8:50- 9:10AM	Keynote 1: Government Projects and Programs to Promoting a Circular Economy in the Philippines	Mr. Benny Antiporda Undersecretary Department of Environment and Natural Resources
9:10-9:30AM	Keynote 2: Private Sector Initiatives to achieving a World without Waste	Mr. Winn Everhart President and General Manager, Coca-Cola Philippines
9:30-10:30AM	<p align="center">Panel Discussion MODERATOR: Ms. Jonnah de Lumen- Pernia <i>Committee Chairman, AmCham Environment and Urban Development Committee</i></p>	
	Solutions and Frameworks on Land and Marine Litter to Foster a Circular Economy	Mr. Bonar Laureto (confirmed) Executive Director, Philippine Business for the Environment
	Working towards a Zero Waste Philippines Campaign	Ms. Sonia Mendoza (confirmed) Chairman, Mother Earth Foundation
	Best Practice: Waste Management in Barangays and Cities	Mr. Isabelo Mojica (confirmed) Assistant Department Head, City Environment and Natural Resources Office, City of Paranaque
10:30-11:00AM	OPEN FORUM	
11:00-11:10AM	Closing Message: Legislative Agendas and Priorities to Ensuring Environmental Sustainability	Sen. Cynthia Villar Represented by: _____ Chairman, Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
11:10-11:30AM	Recycling and Material Sustainability: A Call to Action	Mr. Crispian Lao Founding President PARMS