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Ms. Grace Yeneza, Filipina. Over 25 years experience in corporate planning, policy formulation, project development, and program management, 20 years of which, was focused on the energy sector, particularly electrification and renewable energy. Ms. Yeneza is a Founding member and Managing Director of Preferred Energy Inc. (PEI), a Philippine NGO that initiates and supports sustainable development efforts and investments in renewable energy and other clean development projects in the country. She led PEI's Climate Change initiatives involving CDM capacity building and co-authored the CDM Country Guide for the Philippines. As, Former Corporate Planning Director of the National Electrification Administration (1989-1995), she worked with rural electric cooperatives, and was instrumental in securing some US\$163 Million of funding with leading multi-lateral agencies. She is considered as one of the pioneers and advocate of clean energy in the Philippines having worked on PV rural electrification and mini-hydro development with the Phil-German Special Energy Programme that helped to mainstream PV technology in the government's rural electrification program. As a noted renewable energy practitioner, Ms Yeneza has been tapped to speak on renewable energy project development and financing as well as rural electrification issues in local and international forums and conferences.

Ms. Yeneza was also Technical Advisor to the Committee on Energy of the Philippines' House of Representatives involved in the drafting of various bills (among which is the first draft of the Renewable Energy Bill). She also served as consultant to rural electrification initiatives of multi-lateral agencies, such as the World Bank and International Finance Corporation. As Program Manager of Winrock International's USAID-funded Renewable Energy Financing and Technical Assistance (REFTA) Project (1995-97), Ms. Yeneza promoted private sector development of renewable energy projects through the provision of technical and financing assistance. She managed the Project's Capital Investment Fund that catalyzed over \$ 10 Million of investments by the private sector, resulting in the implementation of a wide range of renewable energy projects and the establishment of at least 2 development companies. One of these companies is a pioneer of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project development in the country. She also managed Winrock's Renewable Energy Project Support Office (REPSO-Philippines), one of the international network of REPSOs that operated in Asia, South America and Africa. REPSO-Philippines conceptualized and led the development of the Wind Energy Atlas of the Philippines in collaboration with the US National Renewable Energy Laboratory.