

## SPEAKERS



**DR. RAUL V. FABELLA** is Dean of the School of Economics of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Dean Fabella is Academician of the National Academy of Science and Technology since 1995. He was conferred this most prestigious title of elite academicians “in recognition of his pioneering works on novel analytic constructs which turn out to be useful for problems in economics.” In 1993, he was honoured with the National Social Science Award by the Philippine Social Science Council. Dean Fabella has written several books, monographs, and journal articles on various economic topics, e.g., international trade, economic crisis, debt management, labor and employment, etc. He obtained his Ph.D. in Economics from Yale University in 1982.



**DR. MANUEL F. MONTES** joined the UNDP Regional Centre in Colombo in March 2005. Dr. Montes’ previous posts were: Programme Officer for International Economic Policy at the Ford Foundation in New York, Senior Fellow and Coordinator for Economics Studies at the East-West Centre in Honolulu, and Associate Professor of Economics at the University of the Philippines-School of Economics. He has been a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for Developing Economies in Tokyo, at the United Nations University/World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU/IWDER) in Helsinki, and at the Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) in Singapore in 1997–98. Apart from journal articles, his most recent publication is *Poverty and Well-Being in Asia during the Transition* (Palgrave-Macmillan, 2003). He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from Stanford University.



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**PROF. LEONOR M. BRIONES** teaches at the National College of Public Administration and Governance of the University of the Philippines-Diliman (U.P.-NCPAG). Prof. Briones was National Treasurer of the Philippines and concurrent Presidential Adviser for Social Development during the Estrada Administration; former Vice President for Finance and Administration of the University of the Philippines System; Secretary to the Commission on Audit; and President of the Freedom from Debt Coalition. She has received numerous awards like the *Presidential Lingkod Bayan Award* by the Civil Service Commission for her exemplary work performance, *Outstanding Professional Award in Public Administration* from the U.P. Alumni Association, and *Alumni Achievement Award for Government Service* from U.P.-NCPAG. An expert on public fiscal administration, she is a well-sought speaker in the Philippines and abroad. In 2005, Prof. Briones made the country proud when she was chosen by the United Nations General Assembly to represent civil society, and speak at the *2005 Millennium Plus Five Summit* in September 2005. As Co-Convenor of Social Watch-Philippines, a network that monitors the implementation of government commitments to social development, she has been actively involved in UN-sponsored national, regional, and international discussions on the Millennium Development Goals in the country. She is also Co-Coordinator of the Global Call for Action against Poverty, and member of the Executive Committee of the GOP-UNDP Country Programme Action Plan 2005-2009 as civil society representative.



**PROF. JOSEFA FRANCISCO** is a full-time faculty member of the International Studies Department of Mirriam College, and Executive Director of its Women and Gender Institute. Aside from teaching, Prof. Francisco busies herself with her NGO commitments. At present, she is Asia Coordinator of the International Gender & Trade Network; and Southeast Asia Coordinator of the Development Alternatives with Women for the New Era. A prolific researcher, Prof. Francisco has authored several women and gender-related articles or books, the most recent of which are: *South East Asian Women in Politics and Decision-Making: Ten Years After Beijing* (2005), *Literacy Packet on Trade Intensification in Asia: What it means to women's work* (2001), and *Political Re-structuring and Social Transformation: Feminist Critical Essays in Southeast Asia* (2001).



**DR. RENE E. OFRENEO** is Executive Director of the Fair Trade Alliance (FTA), one of the co-organizers of the launch and roundtable discussion. Dr. Ofreneo first introduced the Fair Trade Alliance (FTA), and was organized as a response to the devastation that has visited the Philippine industry and agriculture as a result of the country's "one-sided" liberalization program. He also teaches at the School of Labor and Industrial Relations of the University of the Philippines-Diliman (U.P.-SOLAIR), and Director of its Center for Labor Justice. He was Dean of U.P.-SOLAIR for several terms. He has authored several books dealing with labor issues, among others.

## SPEAKERS FOR THE BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### MANUFACTURING SECTOR



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**DEAN JORGE V. SIBAL** teaches at the School of Labor and Industrial Relations of the University of the Philippines-Diliman. Dean Sibal has rendered technical assistance to international organizations on labor issues. He was National Expert of the Tokyo-based Asian Productivity Organization (2002-2003 and 2005-2006); Contract Researcher of the Geneva-based International Labor Organization (ILO) (2005-2006); and Social Compliance Associate of the Employers' Confederation of the Philippines, ILO and Verite (2003). At present, he is President of the mother chapter of Pilipino Muna Movement, Inc.



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### AGRICULTURE SECTOR



**ATTY. GIL DE LOS REYES** served as the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning, and Legal Affairs of the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR). Prior to his government service, he was engaged in private law practice for ten years. He is the principal in the law firm of De Los Reyes and Associates. His field of expertise is corporate law, land use law, intellectual property law, and international trade law. Atty. de los Reyes serves as a consultant to various government agencies, multilateral organizations, and non-government organizations. He is a graduate of the University of the Philippines, where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (1983) and a Bachelor of Laws (1990). In 2003, he was awarded a US State Department Humphrey Fellowship with residence at the University of Minnesota. His field of study was international trade law and human rights.



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