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TRACK 1.5 DIALOGUE ON PHILIPPINES-CANADA RELATIONS

TOWARDS A STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP



Building Bridges
Celebrating Connections



AGENDA

Opening Session and Launch of the 75 Faces of Migration

9:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.

WELCOME REMARKS:



Her Excellency Maria Andrelita S. Austria

Ambassador of the Philippines to Canada



Mr. Jeff Nankivell

President and CEO, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



The Honourable Rob Oliphant

Member of Parliament, Canada's Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Member of Parliament

Session 1

9:30 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Political and Security Relations

A. Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea

MODERATOR:



Mr. Jonathan Berkshire Miller

*Director of Foreign Affairs, National Security, National Defence,
Macdonald-Laurier Institute*

PANELLISTS:

PHILIPPINES GOVERNMENT:



Mr. Angelito De Leon

Undersecretary, Department of National Defense



Commodore Jay Tarriela

Spokesperson, Philippine Coast Guard

CANADIAN GOVERNMENT:



Mr. Scott Millar

*Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy), Department of National
Defence*



Mr. Brent Napier

*Director, Enforcement Policy & Programs, Fisheries and Oceans
Canada*

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Dr. Aaron Jed Rabena

Assistant Professor, Asian Center, University of the Philippines

CANADIAN
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Mr. David Perry

President, Canadian Global Affairs Institute

COFFEE BREAK / HEALTH BREAK (15 MINUTES)

11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.

B. Cybersecurity and AI: Enhancing Digital Co-operation

MODERATOR:



Ms. Vina Nadjibulla

Vice-President Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

PANELLISTS:

PHILIPPINES
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Mr. Jose Carlos Reyes

Cyber Security Bureau Director, Department of Information and Communications Technology

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Mr. Sami Khoury

Government of Canada Senior Official for Cyber Security

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Mr. Greg Bunghardt

Director of Cyber Security Policy, Department of Public Safety Canada

CANADIAN
THINK-TANK:



Prof. Wesley Wark

Centre for International Governance Innovation

Signing of the Donation Agreement between the Philippine Embassy and McGill University on a Philippine Studies Program

12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

LUNCHEON

Role of Parliamentarians in Strengthening Canada-Philippines Relations



The Honourable Marco Mendicino

Member of Parliament, Member of the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights



The Honourable Dan Mazier

Member of Parliament, Member of the Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development

NETWORKING

Session 2

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Economic and Development Co-operation: Seizing Momentum in Canada-Philippines Relations

MODERATOR:



Dr. Kai Ostwald

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia

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Assistant Deputy Minister, International Assistance Partnerships and Programming Branch, Global Affairs Canada



Ms. Mary-Catherine Speirs

Director-General for Trade Negotiations, Global Affairs Canada

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Policy Analyst and Author; Distinguished Fellow, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

CANADIAN
PRIVATE SECTOR:



Ms. Motria Savaryn-Roy

Director of Geopolitical Economics, Sun Life

COFFEE BREAK / HEALTH BREAK (15 MINUTES)

Session 3

3:45 P.M. – 5:45 P.M.

Labour and Migration and Launch of the 75 Faces of Migration Exhibit

MODERATOR:



Dr. Erik Kuhonta

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, McGill University; APF Canada John H. McArthur Research Fellow

PANELLISTS:

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Ms. Carmelita Nuqui

President, Philippines Migrants Rights Watch

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Dr. Philip Kelly

Associate Dean for Research and Professor, Department of Environment and Urban Change, York University



Dr. Dominique Caouette

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Montreal

5:45 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

Closing Session

SUMMARY AND CONCLUDING REMARKS:



Vina Nadjibulla

Vice-President Research & Strategy, Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada

6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Cocktail Reception

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SPEAKERS



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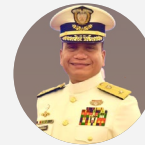
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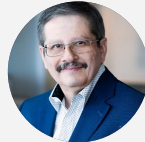
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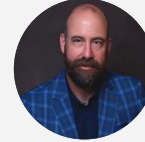
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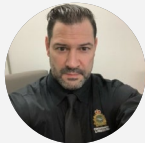
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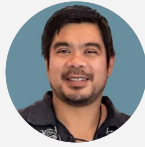
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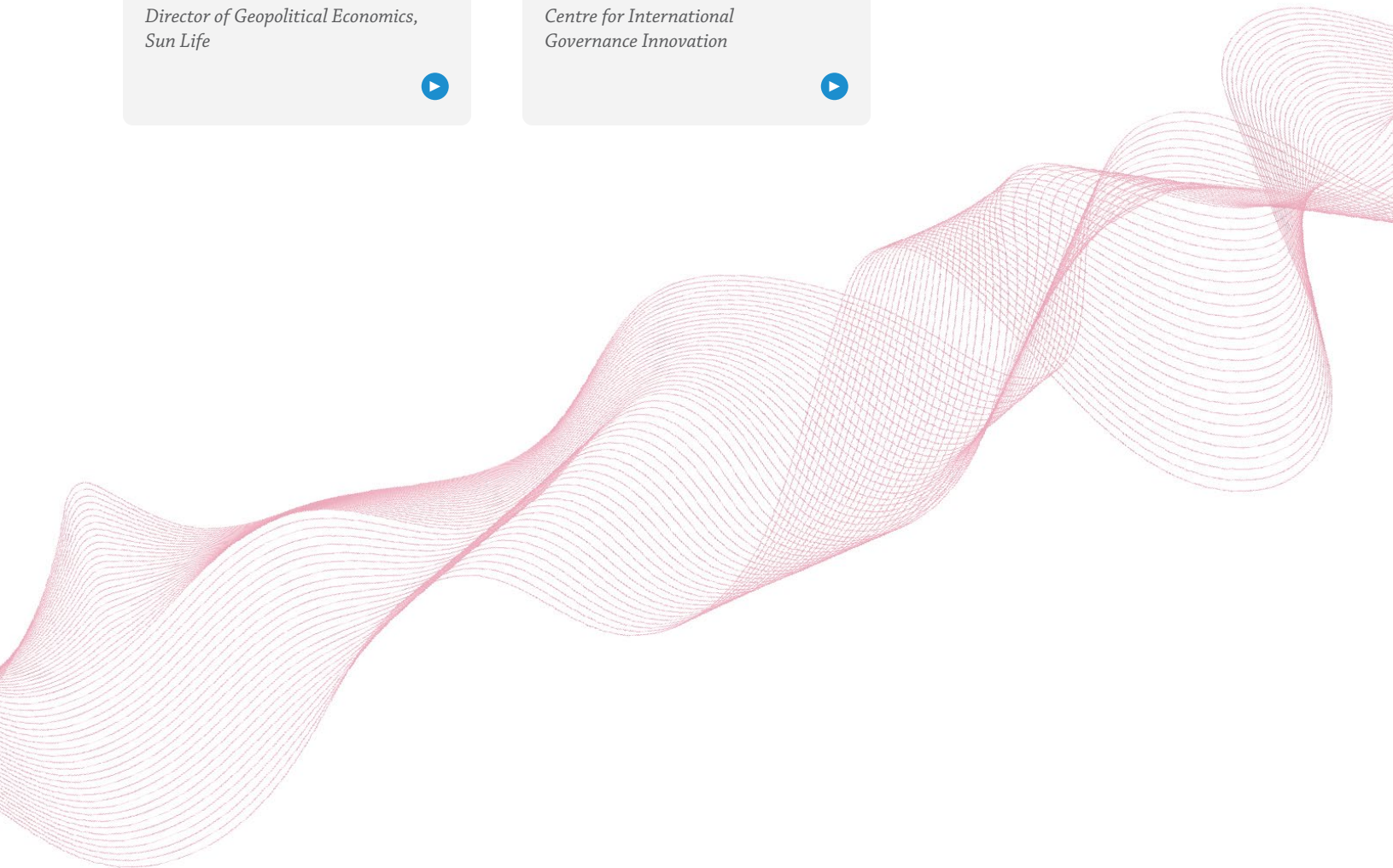
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