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ALFREDO C. ANTONIO

Member of the Monetary Board of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), the Central Bank of the Philippines.

Mr. Antonio’s banking and financial career spanned two and a half decades until his appointment as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) in 1994.

He was Chairman of the Board of at least 10 different corporations, among which are Mindanao Development Bank, Philippine Savings Bank, DBP Daiwa Securities (Philippines), Inc., Philippine Strategic Investment Holdings, Ltd., Philippine Growth Fund, LGU Guarantee Corporation and Guarantee Fund for Small and Medium Enterprises.

He served as a member of the Advisory Board of the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company (PLDT), a telecommunication company listed in both local and foreign stock exchanges. He was elected as a member of the Board of Directors of First Philippine Holdings, Inc., Bankers Association of the Philippines, Luzon Development Bank, and the Philippine Export & Foreign Loan Guarantee Corporation, to mention a few.

BEN RIDLEY

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Ben Ridley is Regional Head of Sustainability Affairs for the Asia Pacific region at Credit Suisse. He is responsible for managing sustainability issues in the region, including strategy development, risk assessment, managing stakeholder relationships, and raising awareness of the benefits to business of good corporate citizenship. Prior to joining Credit Suisse in 2008, Ben spent over 15 years in the environmental consultancy profession in Hong Kong, with his last five years spent as Director of Sustainability Services at BMT Group Limited.
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Tutor for UNEP FI's Environmental and Social Risk Analysis (ESRA) E-learning programme.

Melissa Makwarimba is an independent consultant based in Zimbabwe. She has over 15 years experience advising and building the capacity of public and private sector organizations, primarily in the financial, infrastructure, extractives and housing sectors, to integrate sustainable development principles into policy, strategy and management activity.

Recently Melissa has been involved in three long term management support programmes, one assisting a leading global financial institution to rollout their environmental programme. She has also undertaken due diligence assignments for financial consortia, portfolio assessments, developed social and environmental risk management training programmes for financial institutions and provided advisory services to clients of DFIs, both Financial Intermediaries and investee companies.

In 2007 Melissa was appointed as a core tutor for UNEP FI's Environmental and Social Risk (ESRA) e-learning programme.

Melissa holds a BA Hons in Pure & Applied Biology and an MBA. She is a registered Environmental Auditor with the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA) and was trained by the IFC to deliver training on their Performance Standards on Social and Environmental Sustainability.

Prior to going independent Melissa headed up the Resource Consulting business unit of Scott Wilson, Africa and worked as an environmental advisor for a textile company.