

2020 European-Philippine Business Summit
Accelerating Recovery, Building Resilience

The Philippine economy is now in the midst of an unprecedented crisis as the ongoing coronavirus pandemic paralyzed economic activities, disrupted supply chains, and led to a sharp rise in unemployment. Investor confidence among the European-Philippine business community remains dampened due to the uncertain business landscape in the country.¹ In response, the government eased lockdown measures and introduced economic reforms to put the economy back on track. As such, the ECCP aims to play an active role in working with the government and other stakeholders in restoring business confidence and building upon the achievements of the past years in making the Philippines a more attractive and desirable destination for trade and investments from Europe.

As such, the **2020 European-Philippine Business Summit (EPBS)**, now in its seventh year, will bring together a community of stakeholders across the government, private sector, academe, and development partners keen on strengthening the European-Philippine economic relations. This year's EPBS will feature sessions on the future of trade and investments, a high-level dialogue on post-pandemic economic recovery, as well as emerging challenges and opportunities in doing business and global competitiveness.

PROGRAM	
Time	Activity
Trade and Investments: Past, Present, and Future	
This high-level keynote panel will provide a snapshot of the country's economic landscape as it enters a new decade on the backdrop of a global health crisis. While trade and investments between the Philippines and Europe have seen steady growth in recent years, the pandemic presents new challenges and risks to bilateral economic relations and the way we do business.	
2:30 PM to 2:35 PM	Opening Remarks Mr. Nabil Francis [confirmed] President, ECCP
2:35 PM to 2:40 PM	Opening Message from the European Commission Dr. Ursula von der Leyen President, European Commission
2:40 PM to 2:50 PM	Keynote Message Thomas Wiersing [confirmed] Chargé d'Affaires, Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines
2:50 PM to 3:05 PM	Keynote Message Hon. Ramon Lopez Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry

¹ ECCP. (August 2020). *Study on the Impact of COVID-19 on European Businesses in the Philippines*. Retrieved from <https://bit.ly/353t4Qi>

3:05 PM to 4:00 PM **Panel Discussion and Open Forum**

- Thomas Wiersing, Chargé d'Affaires, Delegation of the European Union to the Philippines
- Hon. Ramon Lopez, Secretary, Department of Trade and Industry
- Ms. Stephanie Venuti, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development **[confirmed]**

4:00 PM to 4:10 PM **Session Break**

Special Segment on Financial Inclusion and Economic Recovery

Digital transactions in the Philippines saw a significant push following COVID-19 developments and the reduced use of physical payment methods during the lockdown. Now, policymakers are banking in this shift in consumer behavior to continue consumption and boost economic growth. In this special session, Event Partner Globe Fintech Innovations, Inc. (Mynt) will make a case on how digital financial solutions will not only foster financial inclusion but also serve as a tool for acceleration post-pandemic economic recovery.

4:10 PM to 4:25 PM **Leveraging Financial Inclusion as a Tool for Economic Growth**

Reyner Villasenor Vice President and Chief Corporate Communications Officer, Globe Fintech Innovations, Inc. (Mynt)

Building Back Better

Governments across the world, including the Philippines, are introducing economic and social rehabilitation programs aimed at putting their economies back on track. This special panel discussion will take a closer look on how policymakers in the Philippines respond to accelerate economic recovery and resilience, further ease doing business, and improve competitiveness in the new normal.

4:25 PM to 4:40 PM **Structural Reforms**

Rep. Sharon Garin
Chairperson, House Committee on Economic Affairs

4:40 PM to 4:55PM **Fiscal Measures**

Hon. Wendel Avisado
Secretary, Department of Budget and Management

4:55 PM to 5:10 PM **Monetary Measures**

Hon. Francisco Dakila Jr.
Monetary and Economics Sector Deputy Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas **[confirmed]**

5:10 PM to 5:25 PM **Ease of Doing Business**

Hon. Jeremiah Belgica **[confirmed]**
Director-General, Anti-Red Tape Authority

5:25 PM to 6:30 PM **Panel Discussion and Open Forum**

- Rep. Sharon Garin, Chairperson, House Committee on Economic Affairs
- Hon. Wendel Avisado, Secretary, Department of Budget and Management

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- Hon. Francisco Dakila Jr., Deputy Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
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- Hon. Jeremiah Belgica, Director-General, Anti-Red Tape Authority
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- Chris Humphrey, Executive Director, EU-ASEAN Business Council
[confirmed]
- Dr. Amal Makhoulfi, General Manager for Pharmaceuticals, Sanofi Philippines

End of Program

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