

2026 MCPI Annual Conference

From Recovery to Resilience: Shaping the Next Chapter of Philippine Microfinance

August 12-13, 2026 | Century Park Hotel, Manila

Session Tracks:

Financial Health and Resilience

Digitalization

MFI Exchange

Pre-Conference Events: 11 August 2026, Tuesday

[9 a.m. – 4 p.m.]	Housing Microfinance Forum: Expanding Affordable Housing and Sustainable Settlements in the Philippines <i>In partnership with Habitat for Humanity International (Open for all)</i>
[1 p.m. – 4 p.m.]	MCPI Annual General Meeting of Members <i>(For MCPI Members only, lunch to be served at 12 noon)</i>

Day 1: 12 August 2026, Wednesday

[8 a.m. – 9 a.m.]	Registration
[9 a.m. – 10 a.m.]	Opening Plenary <i>National Anthem</i> <i>Invocation</i> <i>Welcome Remarks</i> Eduardo C. Jimenez President, Kabalikat para sa Maunlad na Buhay, Inc. Chairperson, Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. <i>Keynote Message</i> Dr. Eli M. Remolona, Jr. Governor, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas <i>Oath-taking of the MCPI Board of Trustees, 2026-2027</i>
[10 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.]	Coffee Break
[10.30 a.m. – 12 p.m.]	Plenary Session 1: Recover, Adapt, and Thrive – Lessons from the Field Dr. Jaime Aristotle Alip, Founder and Chairman Emeritus, CARD MRI Jonar Dorado, Chief Operating Officer, RAFI Microfinance, Inc. Mercedes Faustino, President and CEO, Kasanyangan Microfinance Foundation, Inc. Rafael Lopa, President and CEO, ASA Philippines Foundation, Inc. Facilitator: Pia Roman Tayag, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas

[12 p.m. – 1 p.m.]	Lunch Break
[1 p.m. – 1.45 p.m.]	Ugnayan Session Justin Arcenas, President and CEO, CashKo Insurance Brokerage Corporation Globe Business Paolo Napoco, Key Accounts Manager, Palawan Group of Companies
[1.45 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.]	Plenary Session 2: Building Financial Health and Resilience in Philippine Microfinance – Insights from Key Stakeholders Bernadette Romulo-Puyat, Deputy Governor, Regional Operations and Advocacy Sector, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Atty. Charina De Vera-Yap, Managing Director, Financial Inclusion and Consumer Empowerment Sub-Sector, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Securities and Exchange Commission * Small Business Corporation * Facilitator: Eduardo Jimenez, Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc.
[3.00 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.]	Coffee Break
[3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.]	Breakout Sessions <i>Sustainable Risk Management Solutions for Financial Institutions</i> Ellen Joyce Suficiencia, Director, Strategy, Innovation and Sustainability, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Dominic Fajardo, Chief Risk Officer, CreditAccess Philippines Financing Company Gerard Timbol, Internal Audit Manager, Kasagana-ka Credit and Savings Cooperative Facilitator: Lalaine Joyas, Consultant <i>Strengthening Cybersecurity and Digital Resilience in Financial Institutions</i> Bianca Isabelle Asuncion, Vice-President, Cyber Governance and Assurance Head, UnionDigital Bank Alden Arban, Assistant Vice-President for Information Security, CARD MRI Information Technology, Inc. Facilitator: Patricia Calilong, Rafael B. Buenaventura Microfinance Foundation <i>Designing Integrated Solutions for Recovery and Growth</i> MFI Exchange – Facilitated discussion and sharing on financial and non-financial services designed for recovery and growth Shiela Guanzon, General Manager for Operations, Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. Maros Apostol, Executive Director, Community Economic Ventures, Inc. Facilitator: Marilyn Manila, CARD MRI

Day 2: 13 August 2026, Thursday

[9.00 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.]	Plenary Session 3: The Future of Microfinance – What Will Thriving Financial Institutions Look Like in 10 Years? Bernardo Contri, Financial Institutions Group Advisory Country Anchor-Philippines, International Finance Corporation Anshukant Taneja, Program Lead-Microfinance Program, Asian Development Bank Justin Arcenas, President and CEO, CashKo Insurance Brokerage Corporation Facilitator: Dr. Ma. Piedad Geron, Consultant
[10.30 a.m. – 10.50 a.m.]	Ugnayan Session Sander van der Heijden, CEO and Co-Founder, Musoni James To, Chief Commercial Officer, Nextbank
[10.50 a.m. – 11 a.m.]	Coffee Break
[11 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.]	Breakout Sessions <i>Enhancing Client Protection through Use of Credit Information</i> Atty. Ben Baltazar, President and CEO, Credit Information Corporation Marvin Lorilla, Senior Manager, Regional Sales, CRIF Corporation Lorna Delgado, President, Microfinance Information Data Sharing, Inc. Facilitator: Peter Montalban, Taytay Sa Kauswagan, Inc. <i>Inclusive Digital Transformation</i> Dennis Peña, CEO, Traxion Pay, Inc. Rajarshi Dutta Barua, Associate Partner, MicroSave Consulting Divina Gracia Santos, VP for Shared Services/Operation, ASKI Management Group Facilitator: Allan Sicat, Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. <i>Balancing Responsible Growth and Financial Sustainability</i> MFI Exchange – Facilitated discussion and sharing on balancing portfolio growth, client protection and social performance, operational efficiency, and long-term financial viability Marilou Dimayuga, Finance Manager, Ahon Sa Hirap, Inc. Ailyne Lim, Vice-President for Operations, RAFI Microfinance, Inc. Facilitator: Jane Manucdoc, ASKI Microfinance
[12.30 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.]	Lunch Break
[1.30 p.m. – 3 p.m.]	Breakout Sessions <i>Building Resilient Leadership Models – Co-organized by BagoSphere</i> Ellwyn Tan, Head of Business Development and Co-founder, BagoSphere Raymond Serios, Director for Strategic Projects and Administration, Negros Women for Tomorrow Foundation, Inc. Joseph Quililan, Training Manager, SEDP-Simbag sa Pag-asenso, Inc. Facilitator: BagoSphere

Unlocking the Potential of Artificial Intelligence

Jed Adao, Program Manager, TechSoup Asia-Pacific

Arjay Paul Dequito, AI Enterprise Knowledge Specialist/AI Project Manager,
CARD MRI

Facilitator: Jun Jay Perez, Microinsurance MBA Association of the
Philippines, Inc.

Empowering Communities through Clean Energy Solutions

Jaime Ayala, Founder and CEO, Hybrid Social Solutions, Inc.

Reynaldo David, Business Development Operations and Strategic
Partnerships Head, Pascal Resources Energy, Inc.

Facilitator: Jesila Ledesma, Consultant

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[3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m.]	Closing Plenary <i>Closing Message</i> Fr. Rex Paul Arjona President and CEO, SEDP-Simbag sa Pag-asenso, Inc. Trustee, Microfinance Council of the Philippines, Inc. <i>Raffle</i>
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