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Mr. Alexander Ablaza
Founding Convenor and Co-Chair
Asia-Pacific ESCO Industry Alliance

Over half of Alex Ablaza's 36-year professional career has been dedicated to growing energy efficiency (EE) markets. He led the identification, structuring and due diligence in support of financial close of over \$3 billion in EE investments and EE policy and market interventions in a growing list of countries which includes Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Kyrgyz Republic, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam. After his Asia-wide clean energy and climate finance anchor stints with IFC and ADB, he currently provides technical and investment expertise to accelerate these EE markets.

Wearing his non-profit hats, Alex founded and chairs the Asia-Pacific ESCO Industry Alliance and the Philippine Energy Efficiency Alliance.

He likewise serves as CEO of Climargy, an equity vehicle for cross-border investments in ESCO project portfolios in Asian growth markets.

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Ms. Melanie Slade
Senior Programme Manager,
Energy Efficiency in
Emerging Economies Programme
International Energy Agency (IEA)

Mel Slade has spent thirty years in energy efficiency policy development and implementation in many parts of the world. She started out working in the UK Government on industrial and appliance energy efficiency and has worked with many other governments to establish similar programmes, perhaps most notably, the Government of China since the 1990s. In 2007 Mel became the Chair of Australia and New Zealand's Equipment Energy Efficiency programme and where she led the phase-out of inefficient lighting. Mel moved to the International Energy Agency in February 2014 to manage the Energy Efficiency in Emerging Economies Programme. Mel and her team work with policy makers in Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Mexico, South Africa and Thailand to develop more effective energy efficiency policy, track its progress and assess its potential.

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Ms. Do Ngoc Diep
Green Building Program Lead,
International Finance Corporation (IFC)
of the World Bank Group

Diep Do, based in Vietnam, is the local green building program lead for IFC, a member of the World Bank Group that focuses on private sector development. She is responsible for the promotion of green buildings and EDGE certification across Southeast Asia countries. Prior to her current appointment, Diep had experience advising on sustainability strategies for property development projects in Vietnam, Thailand, China, and Cambodia including development of energy efficiency codes.

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Mr. Mason Wallick
CEO of Clime Capital and
Member of SEACEF Investment Committee

Mason has over 20 years' experience supporting the energy sector across projects and portfolios of investments through the development life cycle. Over this period, he has supported over US\$70 billion dollars of successful debt and equity transactions.

Mason previously founded Infunde Development and led the company as Chief Executive Officer. During this period, Infunde Development was awarded an exclusive development services agreement by InfraCo Asia to provide development services across Southeast Asia (excluding Myanmar), resulting in a portfolio of over 1GW of renewable capacity under development. Prior to Infunde Development, Mason founded Infunde Capital. Infunde Capital has provided due diligence and advisory support for over US\$15 billion of successful energy and infrastructure developments in Asia Pacific on behalf of utility investors, lenders, and financial investors.

Mason held positions of increasing responsibility and leadership at recognized consulting firms, a hedge fund, and an investment bank before founding Infunde Capital and Infunde Development. Mason holds a Master's of Science in Mineral Economics as well as a Bachelor's of Science in Chemical Engineering, both from the Colorado School of Mines.