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Mr Lambino serves as Assistant Secretary in the Strategy, Economics, and Results Group of the Department of Finance, Republic of the Philippines, where he provides strategic advice on stakeholder engagement initiatives in support of the Comprehensive Tax Reform Program. Previously, he was Head of Public Policy at Ayala Corporation where he worked on strengthening the contribution of private enterprise to national development. As Head of Communication at the International Rice Research Institute in Los Baños, he led efforts in communicating the contributions of agricultural research to reducing hunger in the world’s poorest areas. At the World Bank in Washington, D.C., he was Governance Specialist, helping reformers in Asia, Africa, and Europe enhance their effectiveness as change agents. He also anchored research efforts on the communication dimensions of anti-corruption, accountability, and citizen participation. Mr Lambino holds graduate degrees in Political Communication from the University of Pennsylvania and Public Policy from Harvard University.

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Rachel Nugent, PhD, has more than 30 years of experience in global development as a researcher, practitioner, and policy advisor to governments. She leads a team charged with providing policy analysis, implementation, and evaluation of cost-effective strategies to prevent and control global noncommunicable diseases (NCDs). Dr Nugent is a member of the WHO’s advisory committee on management of noncommunicable diseases, the global Commission on Food System Economics, UNICEF’s expert advisory committee on chronic lifelong care, and The Lancet’s Commissions on NCDs and Injuries of the Poorest and on Women and Cancer.

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