



# Prospects for a Philippines - United States Free Trade Agreement



**November 9,10 and 12, 2004**  
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**NEDA Makati Building, Makati City**



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Garments and Textile  
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Department of Trade  
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## November 9

8:00-8:30	Registration
8:30-8:45	Welcome Remarks by Dr. Mario B. Lamberte, President, PIDS
8:45 - 9:00	Opening Remarks by Usec. Thomas G. Aquino, Undersecretary, DTI
9:00- 9:20	Overview and Framework of the RP-US Free Trade Agreement Research Project by Dr. Erlinda Medalla, PIDS
9:20-9:50	The Politico-Strategic Dimension of the RP-US ' Proposal for an FTA by Dr. Renato de Castro and Ms. Maria Castañón
9:50-10:10	Discussant - Dr. Alfredo Robles, UAP
10:10-10:25	Coffee Break
10:25-10:55	RP-US FTA: A CGE Analysis by Dr. Cesar Cororaton
10:55-11:15	Discussant - Mr. U-Primo Rodriguez - UPLB
11:15-12:00	Open Forum
12:00-1:00	Lunch Break
1:00-1:30	Assessment of the Readiness and Logistics Infrastructure of the Philippine Garments Industry by Dr. Emilio Antonio and Ms. Cherry Lyn Rodolfo
1:30-1:45	Discussant, Dir. Serafin Juliano, Executive Director, GTEB
1:45-2:15	Expanding and Sustaining RP-US Linkages in BPO by Mr. Ceferino Rodolfo
2:15-2:30	Discussant - Mr. Rainer Borja, Contact Center Association of the Phils.
2:30-3:00	Open Forum

## November 10

8:30-9:00 am	Registration
9:00-9:10	Opening Remarks by Dr. Erlinda Medalla, Project Director, PASCN
9:10-9:30	Issues and Prospects of the Movement of Natural Persons in the Philippine American Economic Relations by Dr. Tereso S. Tullao
9:30-9:45	Discussant -Atty. Teresita R. Manzala Bureau of Working Conditions, DOLE
9:45-10:15	Implications of an RP-US FTA in the Philippine Financial Services Industry By Dr. Leila Calderon-Kabigting
10:15-10:30	Discussant - Dr. Villamor Vital - De La Salle University
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-11:15	Talking Points on Intellectual Property Rights Protection for the RP-US FTA Negotiation Atty. Delia Tantuico
11:15-11:30	Discussant - Deputy Director General Pacifico A. Avenido Jr. Intellectual Property Office
11:30-12:00	Open Forum
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30pm	Agricultural Trade Between the Philippines and the US: Status, Issues and Prospects by Dr. Liborio Cabanilla
1:30-2:00	Discussant - Assist. Secretary Segfredo Serrano - DA
2:00-2:30	Impact of a RP-US FTA: The Case of the Philippine Agriculture by U-Primo Rodriguez
2:30-3:00	Discussant - Dr. Cielito Habito - Ateneo de Manila
3:00-3:30	Open Forum

## November 12

8:30-9:00 am	Registration
9:00- 9:10	Opening Remarks Thomas G. Aquino. Undersecretary , DTI
9:10-9:30	Enhancing and Deepening the Competitiveness of the Philippine Electronics Industry under a Bilateral Setting by Dr. Myrna Austria
9:30-10:00	Discussant - Mr. Ernesto Santiago, Semiconductors and Electronics Industries in the Philippines Inc.
10:00-10:30	WTO Related Concerns: Government Procurement, Competition Policy and Trade Remedies by Atty. Jeremy Gatdula
10:30-11:00	Discussant - Dr. Vida Gruet, UA&P
11:00-12:00	Open Forum
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:30pm	An Analysis of Existing and Potential US FTAs and Defining the Philippine Strategy for Negotiation by Atty. Sedfrey Candelaria and Atty. Anthony Abad
1:30-2:00	Discussant - Atty. Jose Victor Chan- Gonzaga, DFA
2:00-2:30	Specific Legal Issue on the Proposed Philippine Strategy for Negotiation by Atty. Sedfrey Candelaria and Dr. Victor Venida
2:30-3:00	Discussant - Mr. John Lawrence Avila- UA&P
3:00-3:30	Open Forum