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Provisional program of 8 July

## **SocDem Asia Pacific - Progressive Alliance Joint Conference Working for New Progressive Era**

**30 – 31 July 2024, Manila, Philippines**

### **Program Schedule**

#### **July 29, 2024, Monday**

*Arrivals of SocDem Asia Pacific Steering Committee Members and Delegations and Welcome Dinner at the Hotel at 19:00 hrs at The Manila Hotel, 1 Rizal Park, Ermita, Manila*

#### **July 30, 2024, Tuesday**

12:00 hrs                      Lunch  
Venue: Café Ilang Ilang, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of The Manila Hotel

13:00 – 17:00 hrs        Steering Committee Meeting of SocDem Asia Pacific

#### **14:00 hrs onwards – Arrivals and Billeting of Progressive Alliance delegations**

18:30 hrs                      Meet Up at The Manila Hotel Lobby: Travel to Dinner Reception

19:00 hrs                      Fellowship Dinner

Venue: Punta Real Gardens, Intramuros Old Town, Manila  
Attire: Semi-formal

**July 31, 2024, Wednesday**

Conference Venue:  
Room Salon at the ground floor of The Manila Hotel

9:00 hrs **Asia in Focus: Democracy Caravan**

*Meet and discuss with representatives of sister parties in Asia on key democratic challenges and sharing of learnings from the ground.*

Indian National Congress  
Shan Nationalities League for Democracy  
Move Forward Party Thailand  
Democratic Action Party  
Nasdem Party Indonesia  
Mongolian People's Party

10:30 hrs Break

11:00 hrs **Leaders Panel 1: Responding to Crises with International Solidarity**

*How can political parties leverage international solidarity networks to address domestic crises such as natural disasters, political instability, and socioeconomic challenges? What role can progressive political parties play in fostering solidarity and cooperation among nations to address global challenges such as democratic erosion, climate change, migration, and public health crises?*

*In what ways can progressive actors contribute to multilateral efforts to strengthen global governance mechanisms and promote equitable access to resources and opportunities in times of crisis?*

*What can concretely demonstrate solidarity and international cooperation in these times of persistent problems at different levels? How do we form a strengthened network to face these challenges?*

**Upendra Yadav**  
Deputy Prime Minister of Nepal  
People's Socialist Party

**Josh Osih**

Chairman, Social Democratic Front of Cameroon

**Esteban Paulon**

Secretary General, Socialist Party of Argentina

**Lasse Ryberg**

Secretary General, Social Democratic Party of Denmark

**Risa Hontiveros**

Senator of the Republic of the Philippines

Akbayan Citizens Action Party

Moderator: **Jaye Bekema**

Member of the Executive Committee

Akbayan Citizens' Action Party Philippines

13:00 hrs

Family Photo and Lunch

14:00 hrs

**Leaders Panel 2: Transforming the New Era for Democracy and Social Justice**

*How can political parties and progressive movements leverage international solidarity networks to address existing crises and build resilience in communities globally (i.e. concrete strategies for fostering collaboration and cooperation among political parties, civil society organizations, and grassroots movements to respond effectively to crises such as wars and humanitarian emergencies, climate change, pandemics, and inequalities)?*

*What are top policy reforms and social justice measures can political parties advocate for to address systemic inequalities and promote inclusive governance in the midst of ongoing crises?*

*How can political parties and progressive movements articulate a vision for a new era of social democracy that resonates with the realities and aspirations of diverse communities, while acknowledging the complexities of global challenges (i.e. vision for a new era of social democracy and social justice that is rooted in the lived experiences of people affected by crises and informed by the principles of solidarity, inclusion, and human rights)?*



**Salman Kurshid**

Former Foreign Minister of India  
Indian National Congress

**Reiner Hoffmann**

Vice President  
Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung

**Anthony Loke**

Party Leader  
Democratic Action Party Malaysia

**Giacomo Filibeck**

Secretary General  
Party of European Socialists

**Pita Limjaroenrat**

Party Leader  
Move Forward Party

**Rafaela David**

President  
Akbayan Citizens' Action Party Philippines

**Moderator:** Sondang Tampubolon  
Regional Coordinator  
Network for Social Democracy in Asia

16:00 hrs-

**Closing**

**Machris Cabrerros**

Coordinator, Progressive Alliance

**Gio Tingson**

Chairperson  
Akbayan Citizens Action Party

18:30 hrs

Transportation to Dinner

19:00 hrs

Fellowship Dinner hosted by Akbayan Citizens' Action Party Philippines

Venue: Skydeck Bayleaf, 465 Muralla St. Intramuros, Manila



**August 1, 2024, Thursday**

9:30 hrs                      Invitation to Observe the Congress Opening of  
Akabay Citizens Action Party

*Transportation will be at the hotel entrance at 9:30 hrs for those who would like to attend the Congress Ceremonies. Ushers and translators will be present.*

12:00 hrs                      Check out and Departures