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## Top Skills

Strategic Planning and Partnerships

Environmental Economics

Rapid Rural Assessments

## Languages

French (Limited Working)

Spanish (Limited Working)

Filipino (Native or Bilingual)

English (Native or Bilingual)

## Publications

Handbook for the Establishment and Management of Integrated Protected Area Sub-Funds

[http://www.iapad.org/publications/v4n1\\_the\\_cost\\_of\\_managing\\_protected\\_areas.pdf](http://www.iapad.org/publications/v4n1_the_cost_of_managing_protected_areas.pdf)

# Imelda (Dada) Bacudo

Climate Policy and Finance / Land Use and Climate-Smart Agriculture / Knowledge Platforms and advocacy

Jakarta

## Summary

Imelda Bacudo is an independent consultant that provides technical advice to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its ten Member States for strengthened regional and international policies to gain wider access to climate finance. She has been instrumental in guiding the ASEAN Climate Resilience Network--- a platform for knowledge exchange and support--to push the agriculture sector into engagement with the UNFCCC. Under her leadership, the ASEAN CRN's efforts through G77 and China, have contributed to the Koronivia Joint Work Action Plan, a landmark decision for agriculture of the UNFCCC. She has recently worked as Principal Advisor of the Forest and Climate Change Project under the ASEAN-German Programme on Response to Climate Change (GAP-CC) programme implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. Currently, she remains the guiding technical expert for the newly established ASEAN Negotiation Group for Agriculture (ANGA) which is pushing the agriculture sector of ASEAN to jointly shape climate policies of the UNFCCC that equips the region to better face impacts of climate change. She is on various assignments which includes the UN-Food Agriculture Office (FAO) to support ASEAN on tasks as described above. She is also the international coordinator for the UN Environment Programme's Climate and Clean Air Coalition (CCAC) programme in Vietnam assisting the Ministry of Agriculture in ensuring several low-emissions agriculture practices contribute to its Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs); and also as a regional climate change expert for E-READI an EU-ASEAN dialogue programme. Recent past assignments include the EU-supported Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), exploring how agriculture can contribute to Samoa and other Pacific Island's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement; the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) supporting an evaluation of the effectivity of ASEAN climate-smart land use guidelines; the Southeast Asia Research Center for Agriculture

(SEARCA) supporting jurisdictional approach in forest climate finance.

She has over 20 years' experience in the areas of biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, and conservation finance in the Philippines, Latin America, Uganda and Southeast Asia, working with NGOs, national governments, and international development agencies. She acquired her Master's Degree in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Science under a Fulbright Scholarship.

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## Experience

International Development Agencies - GIZ, UN FAO, EU, SEI, UNEP  
Senior Consultant and Expert on Climate Smart Agriculture, Land Use Policy, and Climate Finance

March 2018 - Present (4 years 3 months)

Worldwide

Commissioned by several international development agencies, I continue to provide strategic advice and implement projects that build capacities of the ASEAN and its member states to seek greater support to scale up innovative, resilient and low-emissions land use strategies for food security. I do this through collaborative work with the scientific community and bridging innovation to the policymakers. I am currently coordinating the leading knowledge exchange platform on climate resilient and low emissions agriculture in Southeast Asia, the ASEAN Climate Resilience Network. I am also developing multi-countries, sector-specific proposal targetting climate finance; and working with teams in several countries to explore solutions such as jurisdictional sustainability approach for landscapes. I also remain the guiding advisor of the ASEAN Negotiating Group for Agriculture as they engage with UNFCCC, and yields concrete policy results.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)  
GmbH

Principal Advisor of the Forest and Climate Change (FORCC) Project  
September 2012 - March 2018 (5 years 7 months)

Greater Jakarta Area, Indonesia

I provide technical advice, project management and communication services to support ASEAN to promote resiliency in agriculture for food security. I play a

key role in fostering partnerships among stakeholders. Before being principal advisor, I functioned as Deputy Head of the Forest and Climate Change (FOR-CC) project, and as team leader of the climate smart value chains. I engage governments and development partners to strengthen policy support and access to climate finance for scaling-up climate smart agriculture practices.

## UNEP

Natural Resource Management Expert / Climate Policy Specialist  
April 2012 - August 2013 (1 year 5 months)

Laos People's Democratic Republic

Reviewed policies, compliance strategies and assessed capacities of the Government of Laos to implement 3 Rio Conventions: Climate Change (UNFCCC), Land Degradation (UNCCCD) and Biodiversity; (UNCBD) Conceptualized proposals and identified funders for pilot projects that showcase stronger commitments to the 3 Rio Conventions

## Mazars Starling Resources

Associate

August 2011 - February 2012 (7 months)

Denpasar Area, Bali, Indonesia

Led Philippine component of the Sulu Suluwesi Seascape MPA Financial Analysis commissioned by World Wild Fund for Nature

## Uganda Wildlife Authority

Conservation Finance Technical Advisor

March 2008 - December 2010 (2 years 10 months)

Kampala, Uganda

-Provided technical assistance and spearheaded the financial sustainability plans of Uganda's protected areas including Payments for Ecosystem Services (PES), climate change projects, and biodiversity offsets

-Developed project idea notes, wrote project proposals, and successfully co-procured funding of a \$3.8 million GEF grant with Uganda's Ministry of Environment

-Conducted research and wrote relevant reports concerning economic valuation and payments for ecosystem services

-Built capacities of local staff through assistance in partnership coordination

-Spearheaded the establishment of a private trust fund for PA management through multi-stakeholder engagements and business plans, and successfully procured \$50,000 grant from USAID for this endeavor

-Coordinated and managed an entire unit for an innovative fundraising scheme for gorilla conservation, and successfully raised funds of over \$1 Million in cash and kind ([www.friendagorilla.org](http://www.friendagorilla.org))

## UNDP

Project Formulation Specialist, Short term consultancy

February 2010 - April 2010 (3 months)

Multi-countries: Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia

Short consultancy to develop and write a proposal submitted to the EU on a proposed project in 3 Southeast Asian countries on financial incentives for sustainable agriculture for protected area management

Department for International Development

Research Associate, Short term consultancy

February 2007 - October 2007 (9 months)

Homebased

Short term consultancy to assess and review current environmental management policies, guidelines, toolkits and case studies of humanitarian relief agencies as part of a three-person short-term consultancy team with report published by DFID

Department of Tourism

Ecotourism Specialist, short term consultancy

January 2004 - April 2004 (4 months)

Philippines

Coordinated and drafted an ecotourism plan, and launched a national advocacy campaign for conservation of Biak na Bato National Park

Protected Areas Wildlife Bureau, Department of Environment

Protected Area Finance Specialist

May 1998 - April 2001 (3 years)

Philippines

-Coordinated the establishment of the Integrated Protected Area Fund (a pioneering resource user fee system of environmental markets in 8 protected areas through research, pilot testing, and implementation of various user fees; fundraising; research and organizing of multi-stakeholders)

-Facilitated knowledge trainings and capacity building

-Conducted participatory research involving fisherfolks, farmers and forest dwellers, indigenous people, women and tourism sector

-Contributed to the composition of protected area management plans

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## Education

### Yale University

Master of Environmental Science, Fulbright Scholar, Conservation Finance,  
Protected Areas and Parks Planning, Ecological Anthropology · (2004 - 2006)

### University of the Philippines

BA Communications, Communication, Journalism, and Related  
Programs · (1987 - 1991)