CEIA PHILIPPINES: SUPPORTING UTILITIES AND ENGAGING CITIES TO MOBILIZE INVESTMENT AND DEPLOY CLEAN ENERGY SOLUTIONS

The Clean Energy Investment Accelerator (CEIA) is a public-private partnership initiative supported by the U.S. and German governments and other donors to drive deployment of clean energy solutions for large energy buyers in key markets. In the Philippines, CEIA is building capacity of private distribution utilities to implement renewable energy targets, while also supporting key municipalities to mobilize private sector clean energy investments in high-growth regions of the country. CEIA is co-led by Allotrope Partners, the World Resources Institute, and the U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

ONGOING ENGAGEMENT:
In the Philippines, CEIA is bringing together private and public sector stakeholders along two tracks to facilitate dialogue, advance municipal-level action, and accelerate renewable power generation and distribution:

● **Supporting Utilities:** CEIA is helping private distribution utilities and electric cooperatives navigate new Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) mandates and building capacity to enable utilities to meet and exceed their targets.

● **Engaging Cities:** With a focus on rapidly industrializing municipalities, CEIA is working in partnership with city governments to convene local businesses, raise awareness of new, cost-saving renewable energy procurement options, and accelerate the scaling of renewable energy solutions among commercial and industrial energy users.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

● In partnership with the Philippine Rural Electric Cooperative Association (PHILRECA), CEIA has addressed all 121 electric cooperatives in the Philippines, including 1,600 utility executives, and shared technical tools like the CEIA-developed RPS Calculator, to help utilities map their targets over the coming years and make energy planning decisions to exceed their RPS mandates.

● CEIA has jointly led a series of public-private dialogues with the City of Santa Rosa and its largest businesses to share viable renewable energy procurement pathways and develop a core group of large energy users to move forward with innovative renewable energy procurement approaches.

● CEIA launched a first-in-kind Clean Energy Procurement Guidebook for the Philippines, which consolidates market insights into a one-stop reference tool to help corporate energy buyers in the Philippines navigate evolving renewable energy purchasing options.

● CEIA conducted the first public consultation on the Green Energy Option Program (GEOP), through a webinar with the Philippines Department of Energy and key market stakeholders. CEIA has been active in subsequent consultations to encourage effective implementation of this new procurement option that will enable large energy users with demand over 100 kilowatts to purchase renewable electricity from off-site sources.

● CEIA has supported focus groups, public consultations, and direct engagement with government and market participants to communicate challenges the private sector has faced in implementing net metering. These efforts informed new revised rules that are expected to unlock new on-site generation and investment at scale.

FORGING AHEAD:

● CEIA is deepening and expanding support to distribution utilities and electric cooperatives as well as municipal stakeholders and businesses.

● CEIA will build upon our successful collaboration with cities like Santa Rosa to engage new commercial and industrial energy users in key target geographies and unlock demand aggregation models that can reach scale.

● CEIA will continue to support the strengthening of Philippines’ renewable energy policies by providing inputs into national planning conversations and consultations on the GEOP, RPS, Net Metering program, and Energy Storage Systems program.

● To amplify the impact of our work in the Philippines, CEIA will document and share lessons learned across distribution utilities, cities, and key market stakeholders to spur replication of proven models.

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