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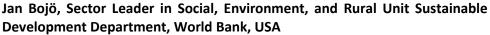
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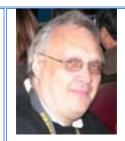
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Joey Salceda, Governor, Albay Province, Philippines

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Under Ali Tauquer Sheikh's stewardship, LEAD, an organisation developing networks of young leaders in various areas of sustainable development has grown to a network of hundreds of people and institutions taking practical initiatives to promote economically sound, environmentally responsible and socially equitable change. In March 2010, LEAD forged a partnership with the UK Department for International Development [DFID] and launched the Climate & Development Knowledge Network. Tauqueer Sheikh has served as advisor/consultant to numerous international organizations and is a member of the Taskforce on Climate Change and the Core Group charged to advise the Government of Pakistan on climate negotiation.



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