

CHARINA AMUNATEGUI RECOGNIZED MOST INFLUENTIAL FILIPINA WOMAN IN THE WORLD

**Gala Awards Ceremony at 19th Filipina Leadership Global Summit 29 Oct – 02 Nov 2023 at the Lobkowitz Palace in Prague, Czech Republic.
Filipina Summit's 2023 theme is "Intersectionality: Filipina Women Changemakers."**

New York City, October 10, 2023: Charina Amunategui, Executive Director, MUFG Investor Services to receive the prestigious "Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World" award from the Foundation for Filipina Women's Network. She will receive her award at a Gala Dinner Ceremony at the Lobkowitz Palace, a 16th-century palace, one of the most significant cultural sites in the Czech Republic in the Prague Castle complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The Foundation for Filipina Women's Network recognizes women of Philippine ancestry who are changing the face of leadership in the global workplace. They have reached outstanding work in their respective fields and are acknowledged for their contributions to society, femtorship, and legacy. Amunategui was selected from an outstanding field of nominees from 10 countries this year.

Builders have demonstrated exceptional organizational impact in a large workplace environment, displaying a deep passion for a cause through collaborative initiatives or alliances with institutions, corporations, or nonprofit organizations on behalf of her own company. Builders demonstrate high potential and skill with measurable results at government agencies, higher education institutions, nonprofits, or corporations in the public and private sectors. "Buildership" is about developing better organizations, leading broken organizations to adjust, repair, and re-align, including journalistic views redefining traditional methods.

FWN launched the Most Influential Filipina Woman in the World Award (Global FWN100™) in 2006 in the United States and expanded its search globally in 2013. Awardees have reached the pinnacle of their careers, breaking "glass ceilings" in the public and private sectors:

- First Filipino appointed by Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau to his cabinet, MP Rechie Valdez
- Former California Chief Justice, Tani Gorre Cantil-Sakaue
- First Filipino to become CEO of a Fortune100 company, HealthNet, Cora Manase Tellez
- Charles Schwab Investments CEO and now Commonwealth Club Board Chair, Evelyn Dilsaver
- Mayor Bill de Blasio appointed Minerva Tantoco as New York City's first Chief Technology Officer
- Philippines former Vice President, Leni Robredo
- First Filipina woman elected Mayor of Manila, Dr. Honey Lacuna-Pangan
- Cebu Governor and former Philippines House of Representatives Deputy Speaker, Gwen Garcia
- Utah Valley University, President Astrid S. Tuminez
- Former Undersecretary of the Philippines Department of Trade, Nora Terrado
- Millennial CEO and co-founder of MFT Group, a private equity firm, Mica F. Tan
- First Filipina elected President of the Oakland, California Board of Supervisors, Nikki Fortunato Bas
- Teresita Batayola, Commissioner appointed by President Joe Biden to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI)

“The Global FWN100™ awardees are innovators and thought leaders, dynamic entrepreneurs, practitioners, and public service advocates, who have moved through the ranks in the public and private sectors. They are magnificent women doing extraordinary work trailblazing for the next generation leaders,” said Marily Mondejar, Founder and CEO of the Foundation for Filipina Women’s Network.

“Each nominee goes through a rigorous multi-stage vetting process by the Global FWN100™ Awards Selection Committee composed of global awardees,” explained Teresita Batayola, appointed by President Joe Biden to the White House Initiative on Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (WHIAANHPI), a selection committee member. The awardees are selected based on the size and scope of their influence in their industries, communities, board affiliations, and other leadership roles.”

The Global FWN100™ Award is a “working award” with a meaningful purpose: A Filipina woman leader in every sector of the global economy. The awardees re-invent themselves, pay forward, and develop their global imprint with their Global Pitch. This two-year short-term project benefits Filipina women where they live. They “pay forward” by femtoring (female mentoring) next-generation leaders and women re-entering the global workplace and sponsoring their attendance at the Filipina Summit.

"Being honored by the Foundation for Filipina Women’s Network represents a significant milestone in my journey towards empowerment and reflects my unwavering dedication to inspiring future generations with the values of strength, excellence, and resiliency. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to FWN for uniting Filipina women worldwide to shape the future of our community and nurture the next generation of leaders," says Charina Amunategui.

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About Foundation for Filipina Women’s Network (FWN)

FWN is a non-partisan, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to advancing women of Philippine heritage and representation at all levels in the political process, from community service to elected office. It is the organization for Filipina women leaders in the public and private sectors in 34 countries selected every year by their peers from a worldwide search for Filipina women with a track record of accomplishments with a lasting global imprint through their work in their professional fields, industry sectors, and local communities. FWN seeks to increase the influence of Filipina women as leaders and policymakers to increase the odds that more Filipina women advance to the C-suite influential positions in the private and public sectors. More at: www.FilipinaWomensNetwork.org

About the Filipina Leadership Global Summit

The Filipina Leadership Global Summit convenes a select group of Filipina women global leaders, influencers, and public figures from the 34 FWN member countries to participate in business meetings, educational sessions, and learning journeys with corporate and community leaders, elected and appointed officials. The Filipina Leadership Global Summit brings together the top and most influential Filipina women business owners and professionals to create a networking pipeline thru reciprocal relationships. The speakers chosen for the summit are at the top of their game sharing their experiences and insights on how they turned their success into significant work and philanthropy and what it means to be an influential woman in the post-pandemic business world. More at www.FilipinaSummit.org