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Previous to his appointment in NEDA in April 2014, Assistant Secretary Abad Santos has had 25 year experience in the area of rural development in both public and private sector. He was Executive Director and Senior Research Fellow of the Asia-Pacific Policy Center (APPC) from 2005 to 2013, where he spearheaded or collaborated on studies relating to poverty, agribusiness development, local governance and agrarian reform. He likewise worked as independent consultant for several institutions including the Asian Development Bank, the World Bank, Southeast Asian Regional Centre for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture, and Save the Children Federation, Inc.

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