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A very engaged public sociologist, she has led the following sociological formations: President, Philippine Sociological Society (1999-2001), Editor, Philippine Sociological Review (2002-2004), President, Governing Council of the Philippine Social Science Council (2006-2008) and the Technical Panel for Sociology in the Commission for Higher Education (1997-2007). She has received a number of fellowships abroad, the most recent, the Harvard Ash Institute Fellowship on Innovations in Public Leadership and Governance. Her books/publications include *Urban Governance and Poverty Alleviation in Southeast Asia*, *Pathways to Decentralization*, *Partnership with the Poor*, *Urban Transition and Development in the Philippines*, among others.

During the last 5 years, Dr. Porio has focused her teaching, research, and advocacy on issues related to the urbanization and growth of third world cities and its relationship to environmental transitional issues like climate change vulnerability, adaptation and resilience. Her works on climate change and adaptation was awarded “Outstanding Scholarly Work with Most Social Impact” by the Ateneo de Manila University in 2012. In part because of these engagements, she was named *Science Research Fellow* by the Manila Observatory.

Owing to her research/publications on climate vulnerability among marginal populations in the Philippines and Asia, she has been named by the Urban Climate Change Research Network led by Cynthia Rosenweig of the Earth Institute, Columbia University as the lead coordinating author of Chapter 12 (housing and informal settlements) in the Second Assessment Report of the Urban Climate Change, due for publication in 2016 by Cambridge University.

Because of her extensive research background, she is often tapped by government agencies like the Commission on Higher Education, Department of Social Welfare and Development,

Department of Science and Technology (DOST) among others to conduct training of trainors (TOT) workshops in areas like climate change adaptation and resilience, environmental governance, community-based resource management and development.

She has served as consultant-adviser to multi-lateral development agencies like the World Bank, International Development and Research Centre (IDRC), Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC), UNICEF, ILO and the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Most recently, she has been one of the experts tapped by the UN Economic and Social Commission of the Asia Pacific for the planning of the 2016 Habitat III Forum in Quito, Peru.