



## **WHAT HAPPENED IN THE PHILIPPINE ELECTIONS? Learning from the findings of election observer groups**

*A Global Hybrid Event by  
International IDEA and the University of the Philippines Department of Political Science,  
Dusit Thani Hotel Makati, 11 May 2022, 16.00 – 18.00 Philippine Standard Time*

### **Background**

The Philippine elections are closely watched by both the Philippine people and news-watchers worldwide. A democratic wave resonated throughout the world when the Ferdinand Marcos Senior's regime was overthrown by people power in 1986. The shockwave had multiplying effects that hit autocratic regimes globally for decades to come. Now, after a controversial 6 years in power, President Rodrigo Duterte is constitutionally obliged to step down and give way to a new president. After a failed attempt to become Vice-President in 2016, Ferdinand Marcos Junior is leading his closest contender, sitting Vice President Leni Robredo, in the most prestigious presidential race. All eyes are on this epic election.

### **Objective**

This 2-hour event is intended to provide accounts for both the Philippine and the global audiences on how the 9 May elections were conducted from the watchful eyes of accredited election observers on the ground. The event will also provide a rare opportunity for the domestic and international observer groups to discuss with one another their observation and findings. Participants from all over the world will be provided the opportunity ask questions to the observer groups' representatives as time allows.

### **The Panellists and the Audience**

One representative from the invited Comelec-accredited observer groups shall be invited to take part as a panellist. The observer groups that have confirmed their participation are (in alphabetical order): the Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL), the Carter Center, Kontra Daya, the Legal Network For Truthful Elections (LENTE) and the National Citizens' Movement for Free Elections (NAMFREL). Anyone may register as part of the audience, however, specific invitations shall be sent to journalists and media organisations.

### **The Proceedings**

The event will be conducted in a hybrid fashion with up to 100 participants attending in person with others joining online via Zoom, YouTube and Facebook. The entire event will therefore be recorded. It will be run in a talk show format anchored by the experienced Philippine journalist, Christian V. Esguerra. Panellists are therefore not expected to prepare a presentation, but their respective observer group's written statements/press releases shall be distributed among participants ahead of time. The discussions will be divided into three segments with a short break in between each segment. At the end, each panellist will be given the opportunity to make a one-minute closing statement.

