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## SPIK NEWSLETTER

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### ReCAP 2025: Advancing Responsible Care Practices in the Philippine Chemical Industry



The Responsible Care Awareness in the Philippines (ReCAP) program, a partnership between the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) and the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers (PIChE) conducted another successful session on May 27, 2025, at the PTTC in Pasay City. This was a work to develop environmental, health, and safety awareness of the chemical industry

The training session was opened with a thought-provoking opening message from Dr. Nathaniel Dugos, PIChE's National President and highlighted that the call to promote environmental and human welfare should be addressed at all operational levels.



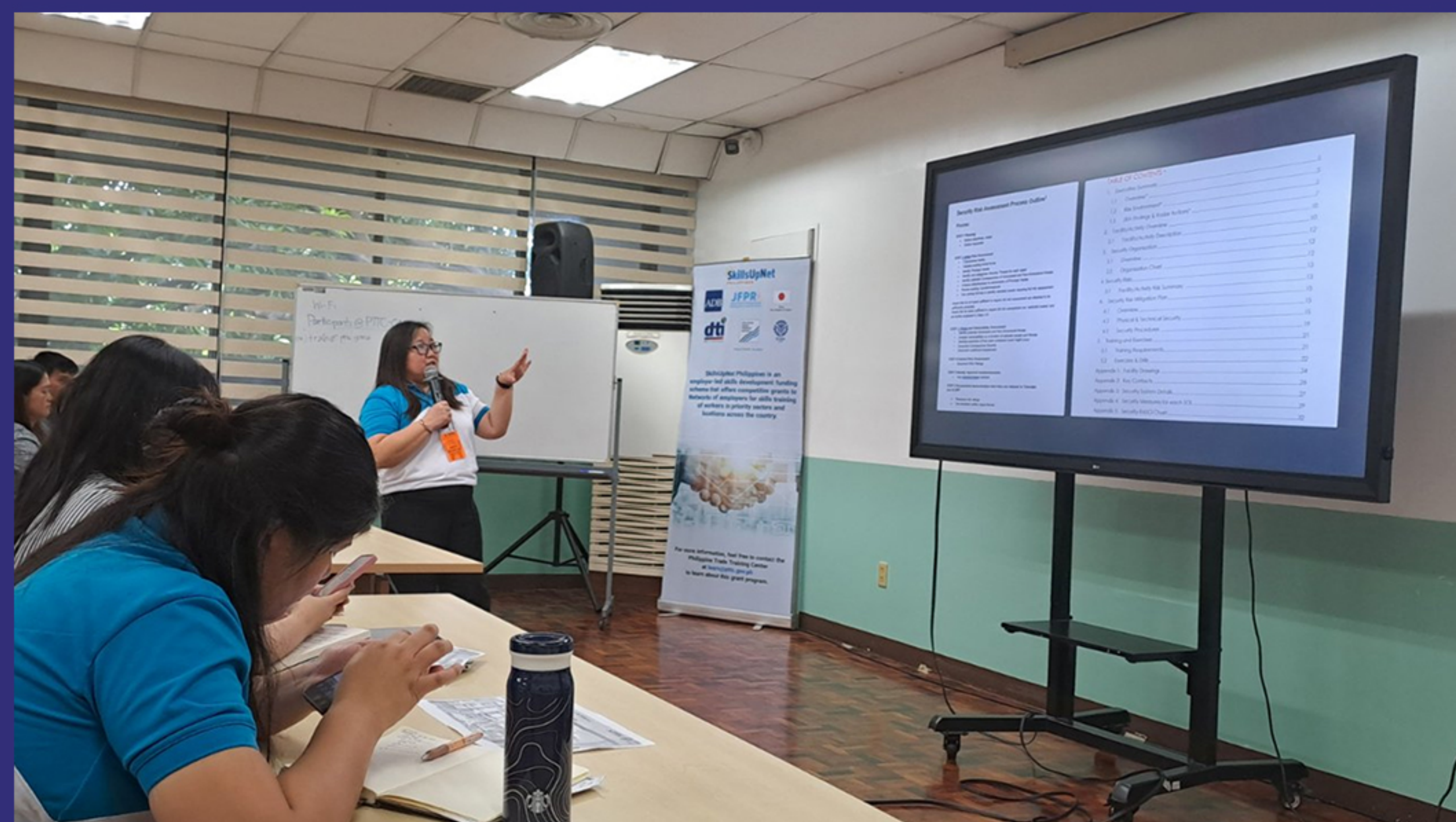
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In her presentation, **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle**, SPIK President, provided a comprehensive overview of the Responsible Care program. She elaborated on the Pollution Prevention and Distribution Codes of Management Practices, stressing the need for rigorous pollution control measures and an efficient supply chain that enhances safety and security. She highlighted the significance of a proactive approach to environmental



**Ms Janet Marcella**, Technical Manager of Shell Pilipinas Corporation, presented the Security Code, which was essential adding complete security measures against theft and sabotage. She addressed the importance of risk assessments and the need for good procedures in managing sensitive materials.



Process Safety and Employee Health and Safety Codes, presented by **Mr. Lian Derick Layog**, Country Health, Safety, Security, Sustainability and Environment Manager of DKSH Philippines, Inc., focused on the regular upgrading of workplace environment and practices. He said that to prevent accidents, regular audits and training of staff was required along with conformity with the international standards.



The Product Stewardship Code was presented by **Ms. Joy Pena**, Senior Product Regulatory Specialist of Dow Chemical Philippines. She spoke on the need for responsible product design, manufacture and disposal to avoid damaging people and the environment. She also emphasized the importance of openness in revealing materials and of early involvement with stakeholders in a product's life-cycle.



**Engr. Albert Samuela's**, Marketing Director of Nalco Philippines-an Ecolab Company, take on the Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER) Code echoed the need for planning and working with local populations to best handle a crisis. He pushed for communicating and sharing in emergencies.



The 15 participants found the training session to be timely and relevant from various sectors, manufacturing, warehousing, trading and logistics providers. The detailed preparations of the SPIK-PIChE Technical Working Group, consisting of Dr. Josephine Borja, Dr. Vergel Bungay, Engr. Elen Perlado of PIChE, and Engr. Arnold Benitez, Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle, Engr. Reinier Bagabay, and Ms. Antonette Fallarme of SPIK ensured a seamless and informative experience for all participants.





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The training session served as a platform to highlight its united effort on the fact that responsible practices and sharing of knowledge is key to all. Through the sharing of best practices and lessons learned, the Philippine chemical industry is looking to reinforce its dedication to environmental conservation and safety, and to a more sustainable Filipino future..



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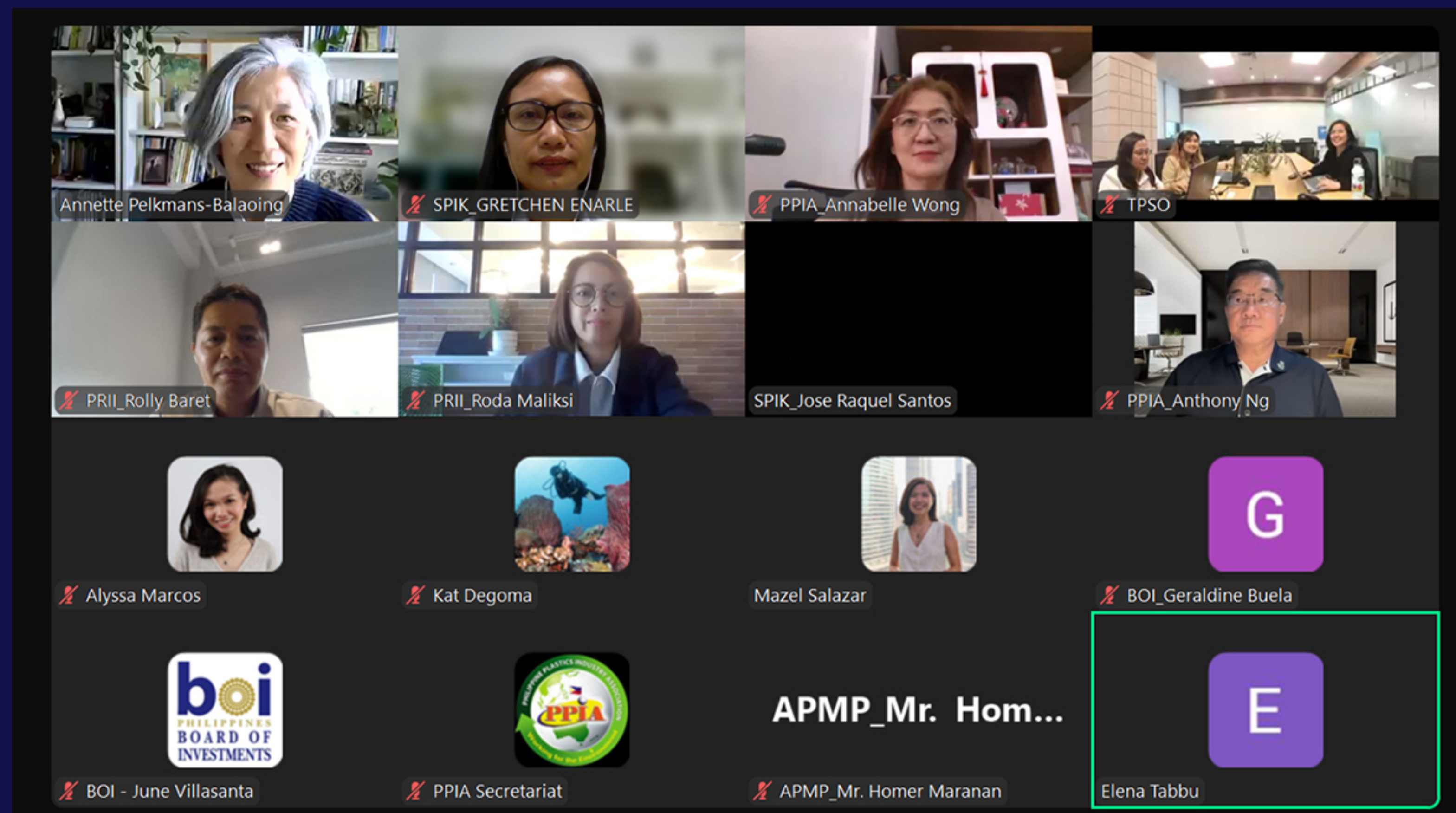
## SPIK Engages in DTI-Led FGD to Fortify Tatak Pinoy Strategies

The local chemical industry, through the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK), actively took part in a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on May 5, 2025. It was a partnership that sought to draw up industry profile and product strategies to push through with the Tatak Pinoy initiative, a law signed to strengthen the competitiveness of local industries.



Mr. Karl Lyndon B. Pacolor, Officer-in-Charge Assistant Director of the Bureau of Policy Research and Innovation of the DTI, opened the session emphasizing the need for actual business data for improving the country's industrial policy. Dr. Annette Pelkmans-Balaoing facilitated the discussions across five key themes: competitive despite cost disadvantages, driving innovation and technological innovation, building strong

local sourcing and value networks, forming strong partnerships and strategic alliances, and securing government support and policy recommendations. Based on the combined experiences of the petrochemical, plastic and chemical industries, the participants involved towards a more open exchange on issues and best practices, and the later could provide important insights into the definition of future policy interventions.

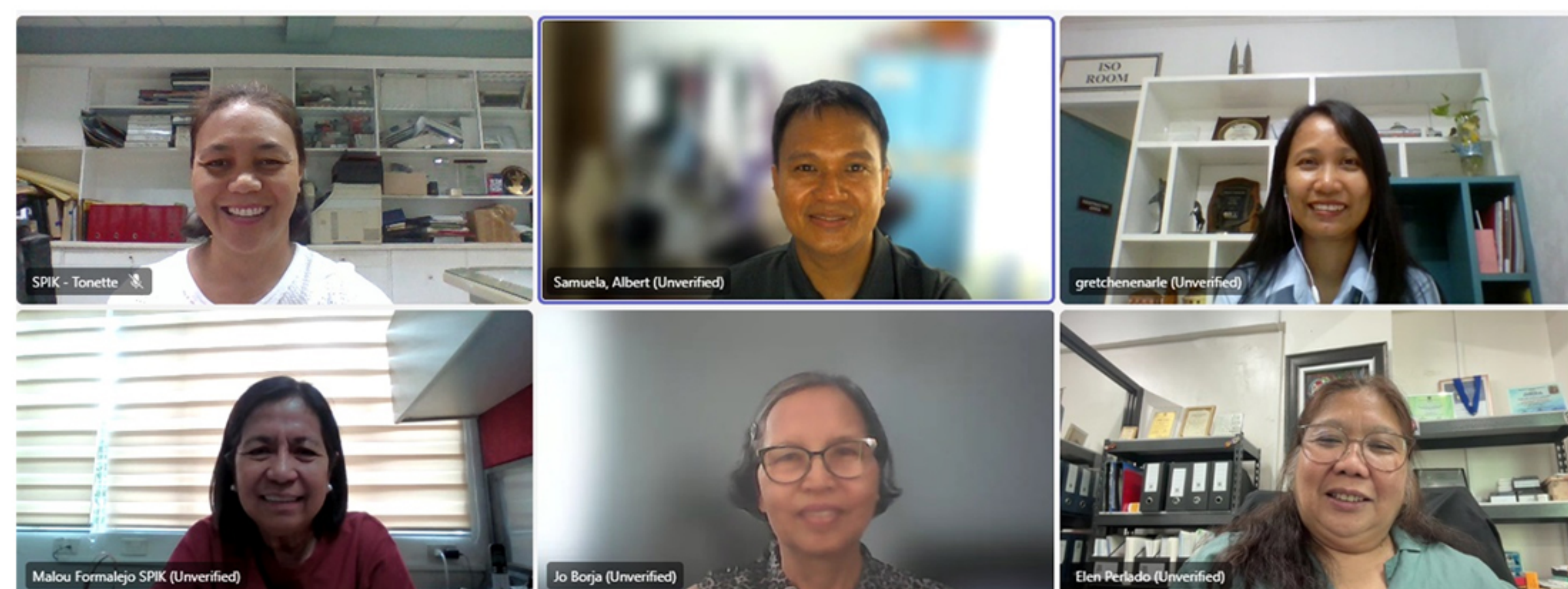


The Tatak Pinoy (Proudly Filipino) Act, as embodied in Republic Act 11981 enacted on February 26, 2024, is not only a catalyst to advance locally-made products, but also to build the country's industrial base. Through this collaborative effort, SPIK, BOI and DTI are working hard to keep the chemical industry and its operation inherently strong and globally competitive.

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## ReCAP Seminar Finalization Discussed in SPIK-PIChE Working Group Meeting

The joint Working Group of the Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) and the Philippine Institute of Chemical Engineers (PIChE) had its meeting last May 6, 2025. The general agenda was to arrange the final details for the upcoming seminar entitled "Responsible Care Awareness in the Philippines"(ReCAP). The purpose of this event is to provide knowledge, and commitment to environmental responsibility and safety in the chemical industry.



The seminar is also likely to be attended by all stakeholders including the government officials, industry leaders and academia. Discussions during the meeting encompassed finalizing and confirming venue arrangements and reviewing the program. Together, the efforts of the group should make the seminar a success and contribute to a more responsible, and informed, chemical sector in the country.



# SPIK Shares Insights on Chemical Industry Growth and Importation Regulations at SEIPI Purchasing Managers' GMM



SPIK was invited to be a Resource Speaker at the Association of SEIPI Purchasing Managers' (ASPM) Q2 General Membership Meeting (GMM). Held on 13 May 2025 at Gruppo EMS, Inc. in Laguna Technopark, Philippines, the session featured discussion on the availability and production capacities of the chemical local market; and the trade regulatory issues on importation; and how trade wars affected the supply chain.

In her presentation, **Engr. SPIK President Gretchen F. Enarle** spoke about the state of the chemical industry today and the problems and potential solutions for electronics and semiconductor firms trying to comply with regulations. She added: "It's also essential to keep abreast of the latest importation rules to ensure you stay ahead of the game."



GMM also had **Mr. Charlie Villaseñor**, Chairman of the Procurement and Supply Institute of Asia (PASIA) discussing supply chain management in the age of trade wars and AI, and **Engr. Jomar R. Montalvo**, Country Sales Manager of Ellsworth Adhesives Philippines Inc., who discussed their complete end-to-end chemical importation, warehousing, and distribution solutions offered at Ellsworth. Mr. Raymund Chua, Chairperson of ASPM, presented the status of their projects and priorities.



Following the informative sessions, attendees had the opportunity to explore the latest products and electronic accessories through a plant tour and supplier showcase. The event aimed to foster collaboration and knowledge-sharing within the industry, ultimately supporting its continued growth and innovation.



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# SPIK-Bureau of Customs Enforcement Group Meeting: Building Partnerships for Trade Compliance



The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) met Atty. Teddy Sandy S. Raval, the Deputy Commissioner of the Enforcement Group at the Bureau of Customs on May 21, 2025. The purpose of the visit was mainly to invite Atty. Raval to the next General

Membership Meeting scheduled on June 18, 2025. It is essential to note that the meeting took place in a peaceful and consultative environment, making it possible to identify a number of topics potentially suitable for cooperation and discussion. The meeting also highlighted the role of enforcement relevant for the chemical industry.

The SPIK delegation recognized the experience and achievements of Atty. Raval with customs law enforcement and expressed hope to meet him during the upcoming gathering. The message conveyed a sense of respect cultivated during the meeting and shared dedication to making customs work better for the country's trade and security interests. The need for better cooperation was also apparent, showcasing the importance of building strong relationships with relevant government bodies for a more transparent functioning of customs.

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# Strengthening Chemical Security in Indonesian Industry: SPIK Shares Insights

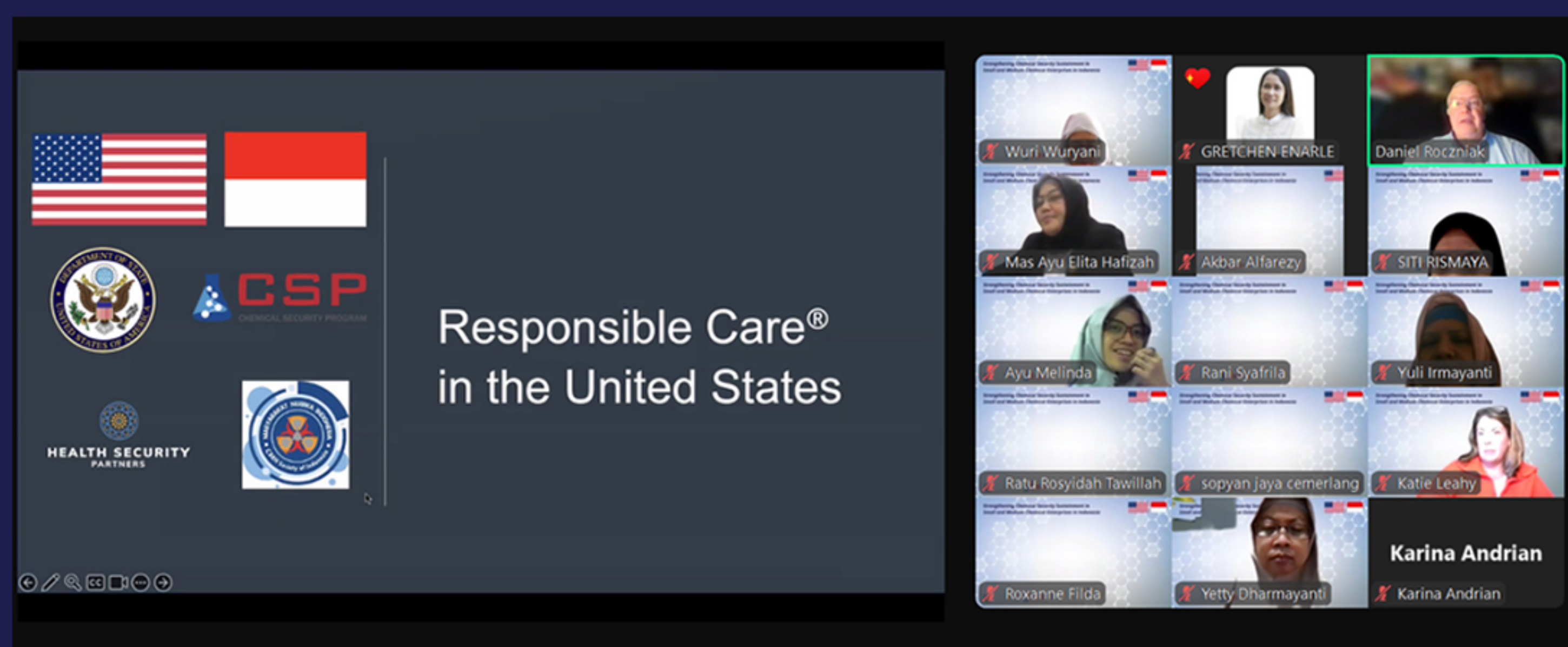


The Samahan sa Pilipinas ng Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) was one of the resource speakers in the Webinar on Strengthening Chemical Security Sustainment in Small and Medium Scale Chemical Companies in Indonesia on 22 May 2025. About 30 participants joined the event, which was hosted by U.S. Chemical Security Program and Health Security Partners, and learned about the important role proactive stakeholders can play in creating a secure environment in the regional chemical industry.

The presentation, titled "Responsible Care: Catalyzing Sustainable Growth in the Philippines' Chemical Industry," presented by **Engr. Gretchen F. Enarle**, SPIK President, highlighted the importance of implementing security measures and fostering a culture of safety.

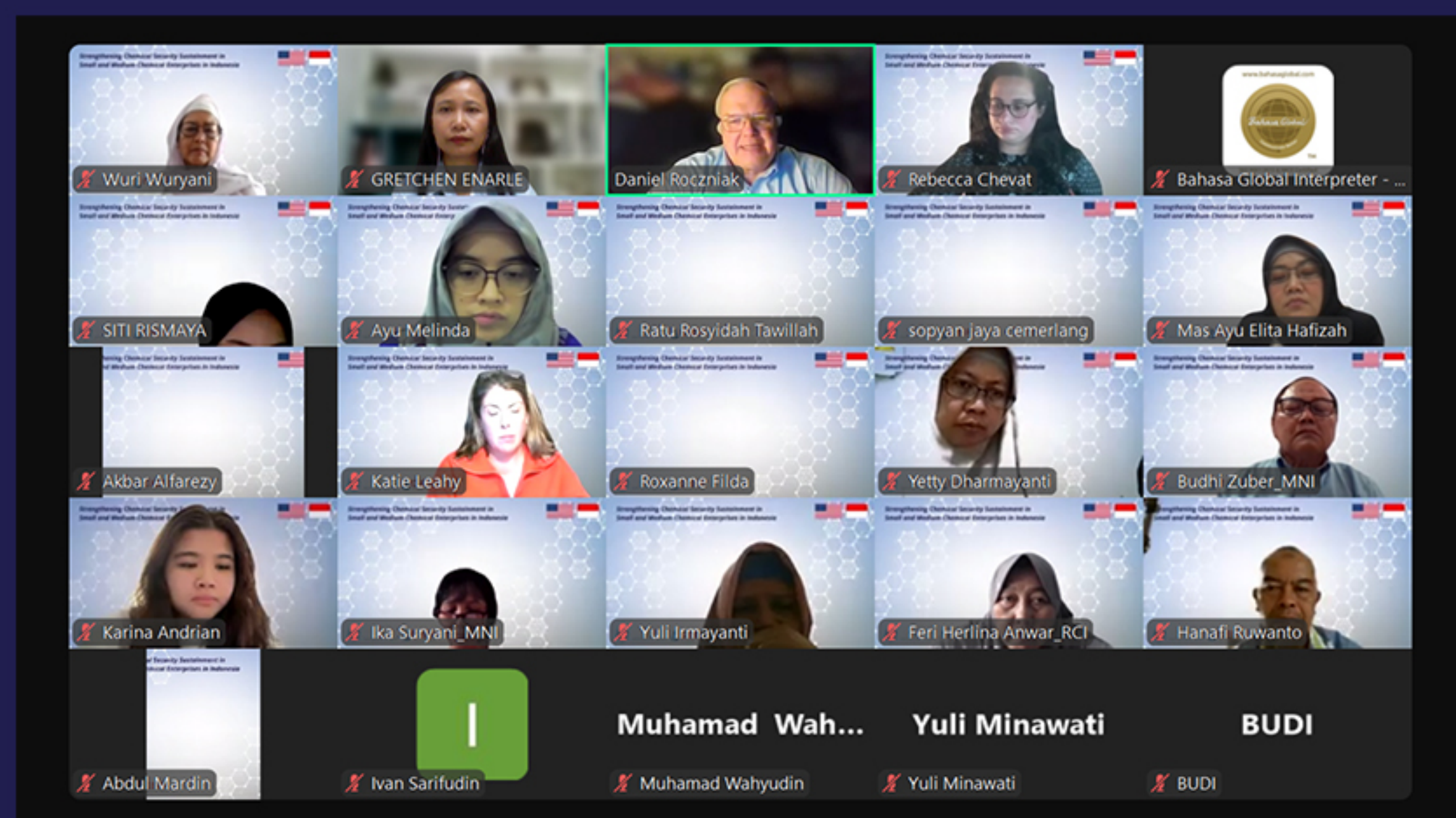


Mr. Daniel Rocznik of the American Chemistry Council (ACC) also graced the event, sharing insights on the successful integration of Responsible Care in the U.S.





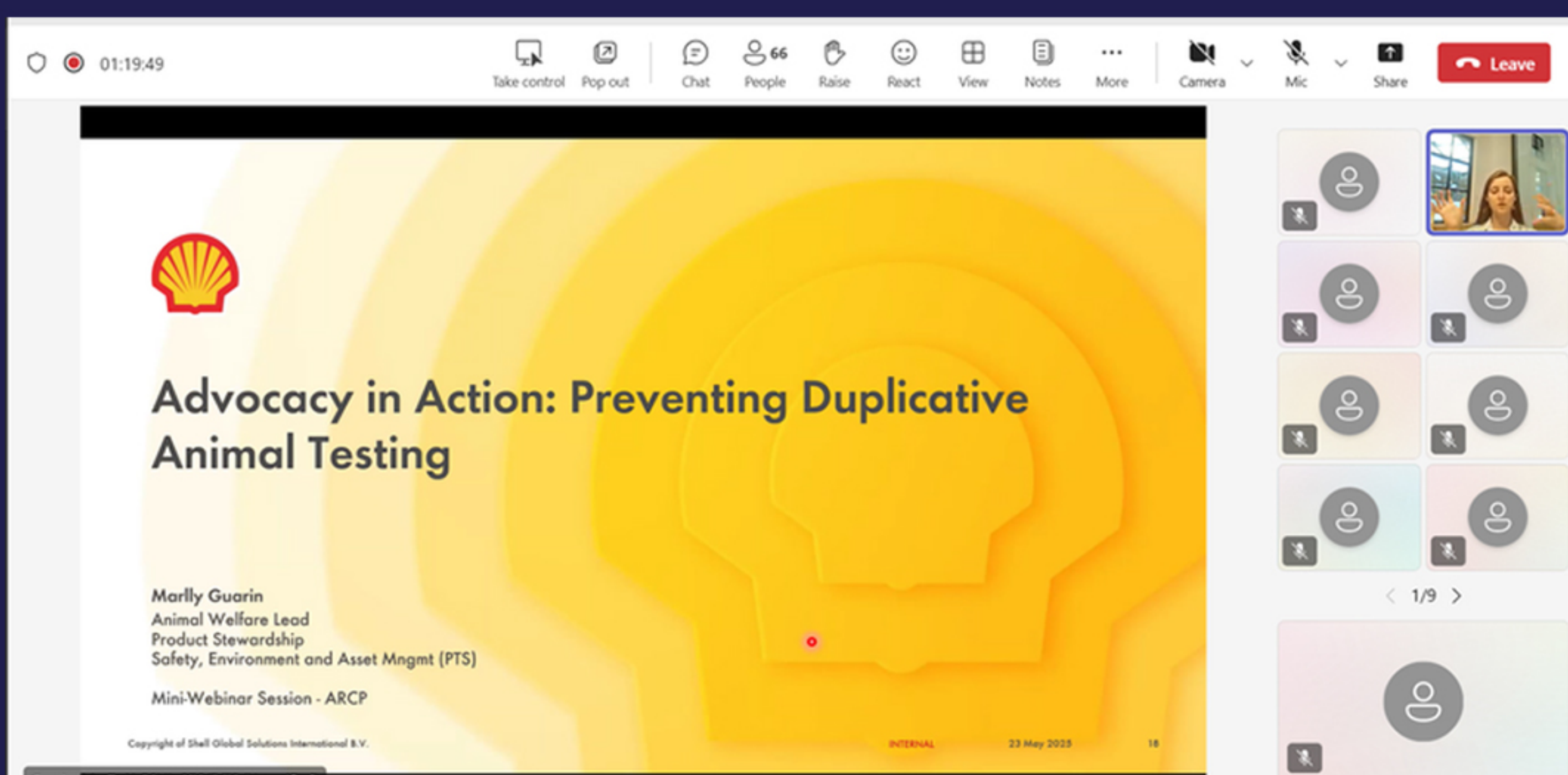
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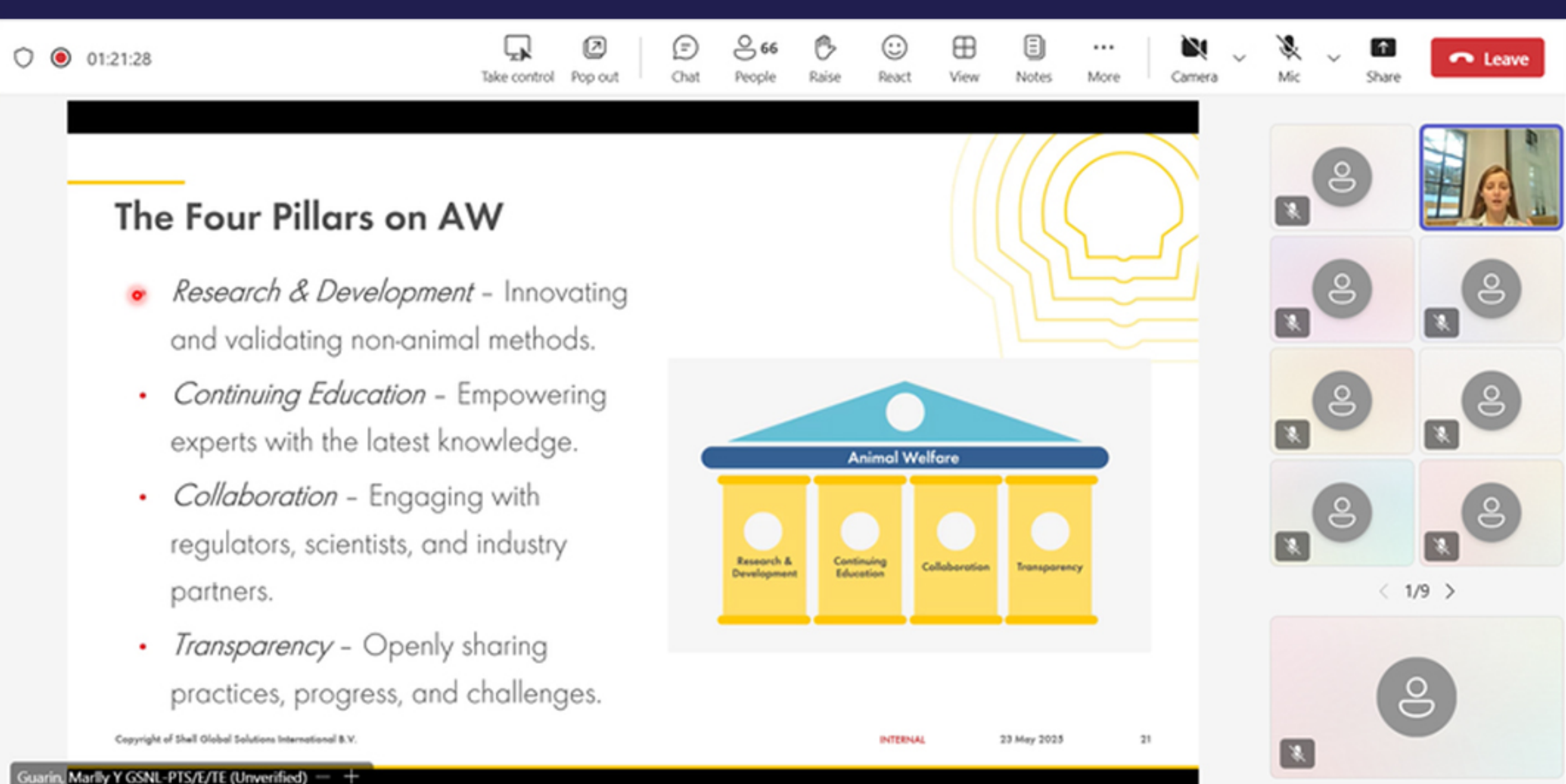
The session ended with an interactive “Q&A and open forum” allowing for rich conversation and sharing of best practices. This joint venture reflects an international commitment to improve chemical security and advance sustainable industrial development.”

# MAY 23 ASEAN Regulatory Cooperation Platform (ARCP) Conducts Successful Mini Webinars on Chemical Management in 2025

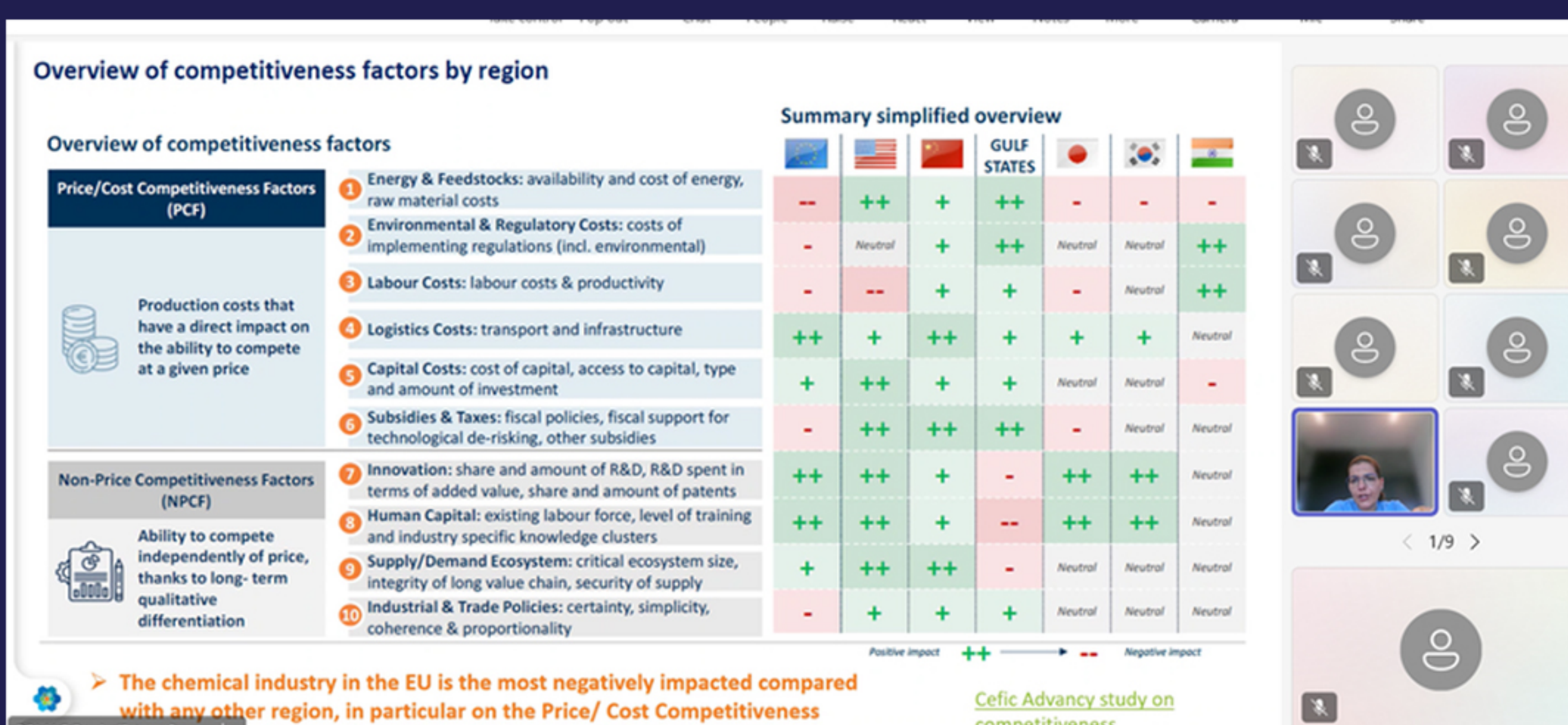
The ASEAN Regulatory Cooperation Platform (ARCP) organized a series of very interesting mini webinars on 23 May 2025 to improve awareness and promote best practices in the chemical sector. Attended by around 70 participants representing various sectors from industry and government, the event concentrated on key areas including animal welfare and cessation of redundant animal testing.



**Dr. Marlly Guarin**, Animal Welfare Lead, Shell Global Solutions International BV, gave a talk on “Advancing Responsible Practices: Commitment on Animal Testing & Welfare Standards” and “Advocacy in Action: Avoiding Duplicative Testing.”



In this context, also Dunja Drmač, senior manager at the European Chemical Industry Council, offered insights on “Simplification of REACH- perspectives from the chemical industry”.



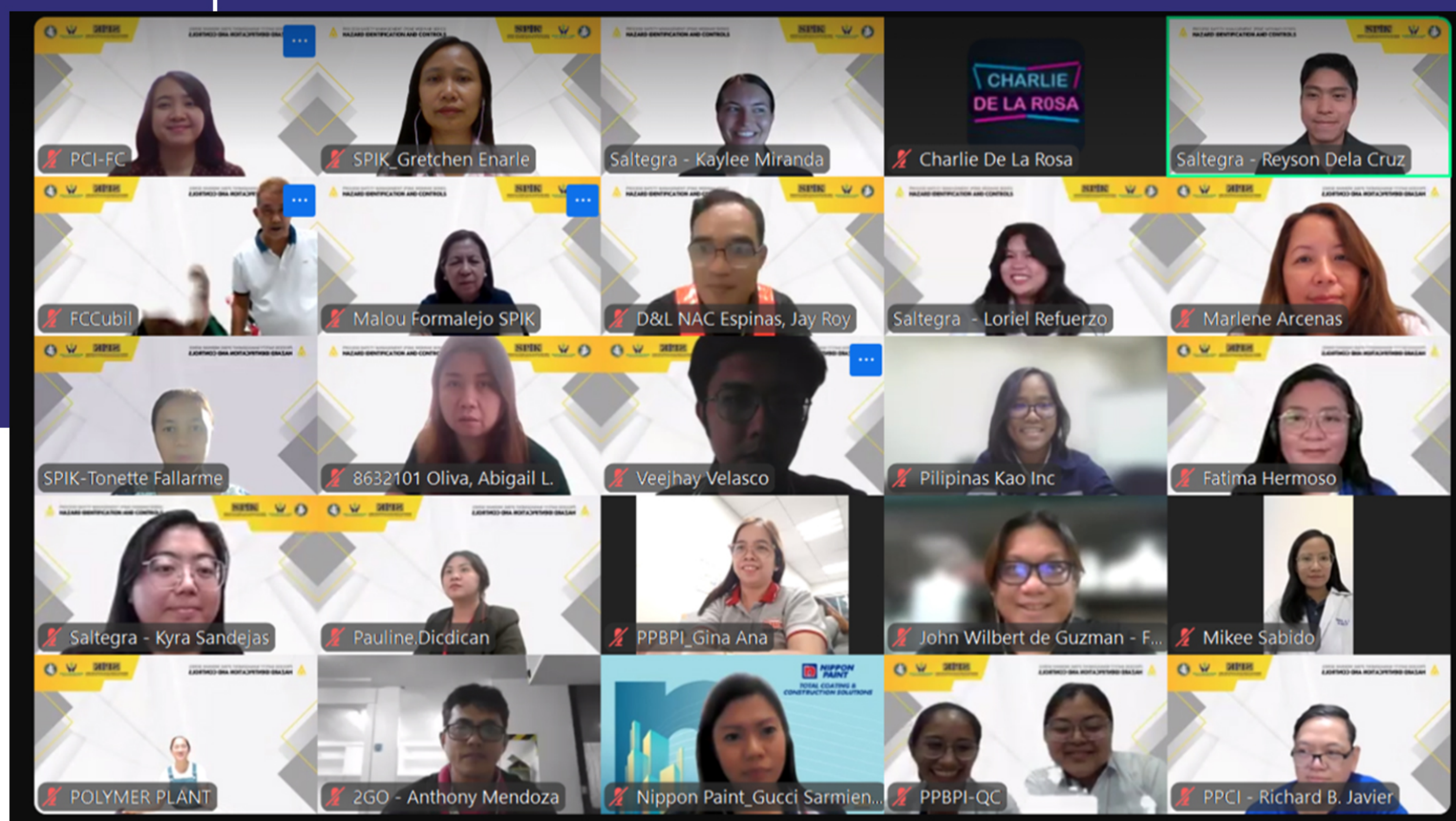
**Ms. Cissie Yeung** and **Mr. Fabien Henry** were hosts of the event and both are Co-Chairperson of the ARCP. These interactive sessions aimed to provide a deeper understanding and facilitate the adoption of innovative approaches to animal testing within the ASEAN community, thereby aligning with global ethical and environmental standards.



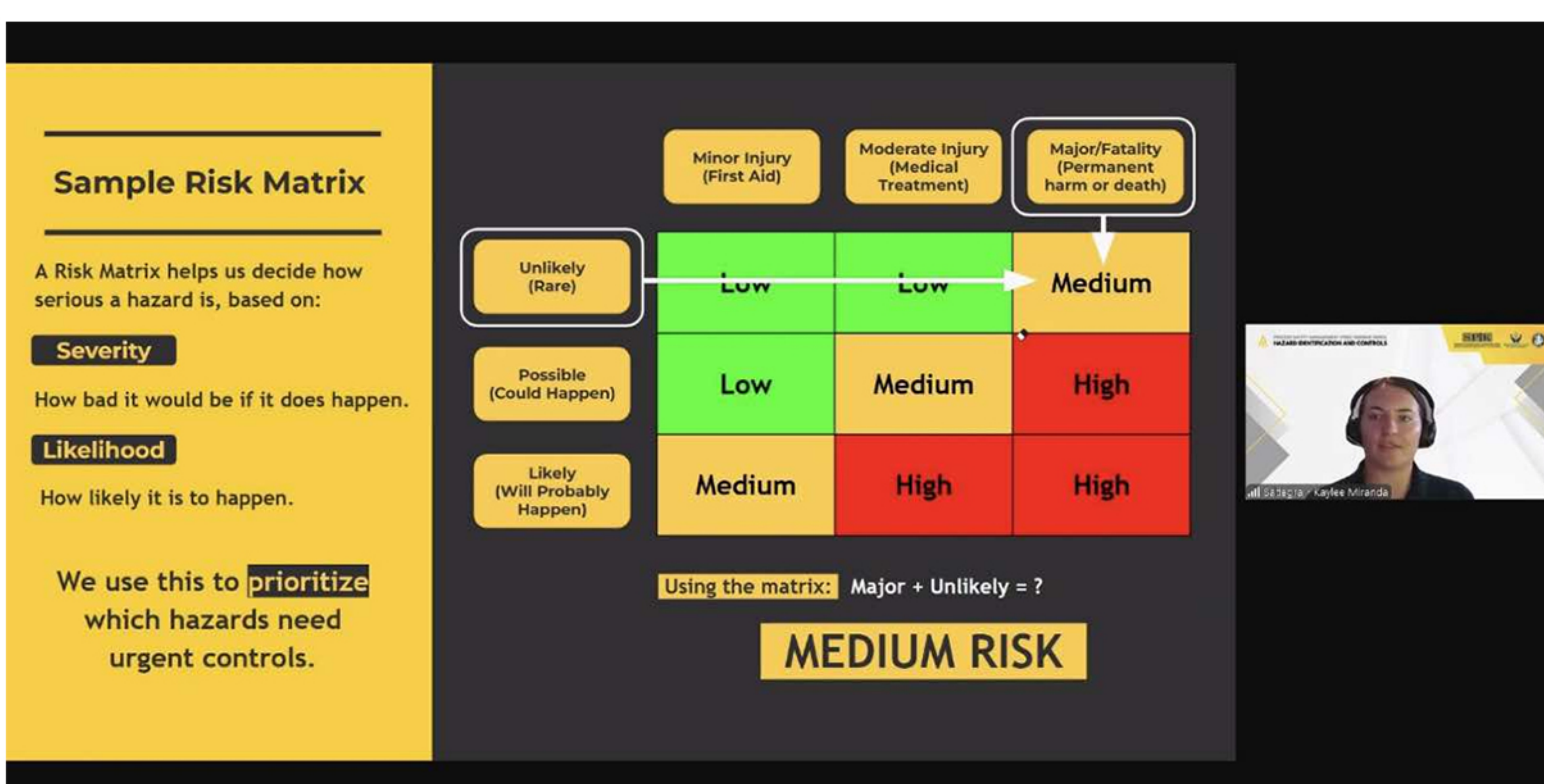
# Hazard Identification and Controls Webinar: Enhancing Process Safety in the Chemical Industry

On 28th May 2025, Samahan sa Pilipinas ng mga Industriyang Kimika (SPIK) partnered with Saltegra Consulting LLC for the second edition of the Process Safety Management (PSM) webinar series. The webinar was on "Hazard Identification and Controls" and is a part of a project to improve safety in the chemical

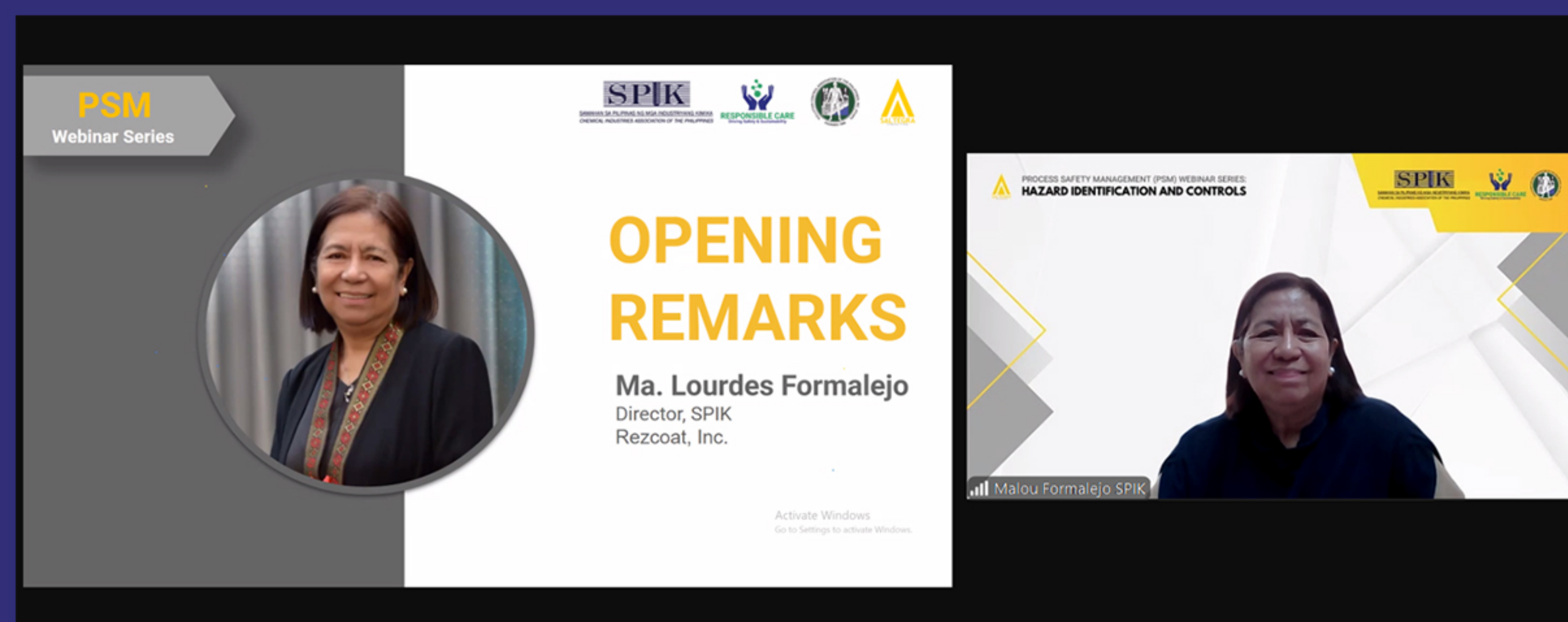
The interactive discussion was facilitated by Process Safety and Risk Management Engineer, Kaylee Miranda, FSP and an expert in HAZOP and LOPA. The webinar's agenda comprised critical topics such as the importance of mechanical integrity, management of change, Process Hazard Analysis (PHA) and Pre-Startup Safety Review (PSSR).



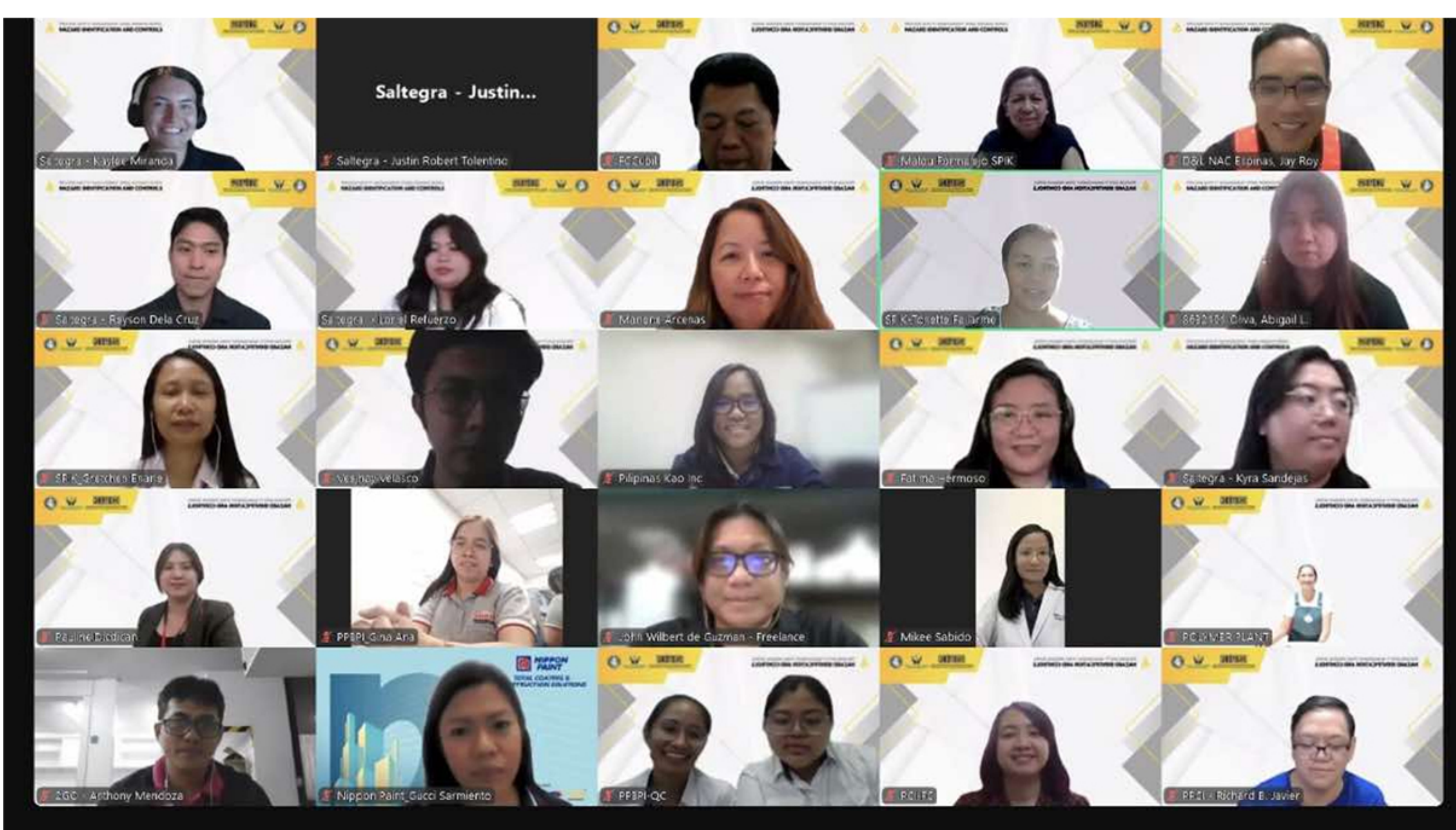
With over 70 enthusiastic participants, the virtual conference was a testament to the growing concern for safety in chemical operations. The informative discussions were complemented by an interactive open forum and Q&A session, expertly moderated by Saltegra's Operations Manager, **Engr. Reyson Dela Cruz**. Additional support was provided by **Ms. Loriel Refuerzo** of Saltegra and **Ms. Antonette Fallarme** of SPIK.



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The webinar opened with an inspiring message from SPIK Director, **Ms. Maria Lourdes Formalejo** highlighting the necessity of recognizing and addressing hazards in business operations. With the launch of this joint effort, both organizations have pledged to continue to foster awareness & adherence to proper process safety management practices that will lead to a thriving chemical industry.







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# SPIK 177th General Membership Meeting

Theme: Fueling Progress  
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