

## Philippines Aboitiz data innovation and Mila join forces to combat climate change with AI

30 June 2023 | News

**Aims to leverage responsible AI to support decarbonisation initiatives in the Philippines and beyond.**



**Aims to leverage responsible AI to support decarbonisation initiatives in the Philippines and beyond.**

Aboitiz Data Innovation (ADI) and Mila – Quebec AI Institute, a research community headquartered in Montreal, Canada and founded by ACM A.M. Turing Award recipient Prof. Yoshua Bengio, recently signed a partnership agreement to leverage responsible AI to support decarbonisation initiatives in the Philippines and beyond.

“As an organisation, few areas get us as excited as advancing Science that impacts our resilience facing climate change. The focus in doing so via a decarbonised future is very high on that list. The partnership formalised between Aboitiz Data Innovation and Mila will be focused on providing a more climate-resilient energy system for the Philippines and its people. We look forward to the impacts this partnership will have,” said Prof. Bengio.

The partnership was sealed at a signing ceremony during the inaugural AI Summit in the Philippines (AI Summit PH 2023) held from 10 to 11 May at the Marriott Grand Ballroom, Pasay, Philippines. ADI was represented by its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr. David R. Hardoon while Frederic Laurin represented Mila as its Senior Director for Partnerships. The signing was witnessed by Luis F. Gonzalez, ADI Chief Operating Officer for Power.

Gonzalez emphasised, “The Philippines encompasses a unique combination of challenges prevalent in the energy industry, including significant climate change impact, ambitious decarbonization goals, rapid GDP growth, and naturally distributed power grids. These factors present an ideal opportunity and breeding ground for developing solutions tailored to the Philippines and have the potential for global scalability. Our partnership with Mila is the beginning to invite the world’s best minds to incubate solutions with ADI for real-world impact.”

Together with Mila, ADI aims to use their AI/ML capabilities and exceptional talent pool to advance research and develop innovative solutions that can tackle globally impactful climate concerns like decarbonization in a responsible manner. Looking forward, both parties hope to help the Philippines reach net zero and to implement more AI-backed climate change solutions in the Asia Pacific region.