IMPLEMENTING WASTE-TO-ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES IN THE PHILIPPINES USING ANALYTIC HIERARCHY PROCESS

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  - College of Computer Studies (CCS)
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  - College of Liberal Arts (CLA)
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  - School of Economics
  - Gokongwei College of Engineering (GCOE)
The World is...
About Manila and DLSU
Research motivation

Philippines’ generated waste in tons/day

Source: National Solid Waste Management Commission (NSWMC), 2017
Facts and Figures

- **323** local government units of **1634** (LGUs) have accessed to a total of **135** sanitary landfills
- Only **10,052** Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs) out of the **42,035** total barangays in the Philippines (2018)
- **423** illegal dumpsites (closure)
Ecological Solid Waste Management Act (RA9003)

- From Open dump site to Sanitary Landfill.
- Material Recovery Facility (MRF) for every Barangay.
- **Ban Incineration** (Article 1, Section 2)

"Ensure the proper segregation, collection, transport, storage, treatment and disposal of solid waste through the formulation and adoption of the best environmental practice in ecological waste management excluding incineration;"
Research Question

What are the critical barriers in implementing waste-to-energy such as incineration projects in the country?
Methodological framework

• Analytic Hierarchy Process
• Key Informant Interview
  - Government Sector
  - Technical Experts
  - Civil Society
Main Issues

- Financial Affordability
- Implementability
- Social Acceptability
- Environmental Effectiveness
### Criteria and Aggregated Weights from AHP

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<td>Financial Affordability (FA)</td>
<td>0.096 (4)</td>
<td>High capital costs</td>
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<td>High costs involved in the purchase and installation of monitoring equipment of the government</td>
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<td>Implementability (IM)</td>
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<td>Undefined and/or overlapping role of key persons/ agencies/ stakeholders involved</td>
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<td>Lack of policy to support the implementation of incineration</td>
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<td>Variation in the amount of generated waste and high fraction of food and organic waste</td>
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<td>Absence of monitoring mechanism</td>
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<td>Lack of experts for planning, operation and monitoring of incineration plants</td>
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<td>Social Acceptability (SA)</td>
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<td>Lack of knowledge or information on incineration</td>
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<td>Perceived threat or danger</td>
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<td>Lack of public participation in decision-making process</td>
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<td>Environmental Effectiveness (EE)</td>
<td>0.320 (2)</td>
<td>Large amount of heavy metals and dioxin/furans</td>
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<td>Contribution to climate change</td>
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CONCLUSION

• **Implementability** or the technical and administrative feasibility of Waste-to-Energy is the most critical issue.

• **The lack of policy support and concerns on the large amount of emitted heavy metals and their on dioxins/furans** are the most critical barriers to the implementation of Waste-to-Energy projects such as projects.
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Thank you for listening!

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