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Art Medina appointed Director for Global Diaspora Forum 2015

Manila, Philippines – 6 February 2015 -- Global Diaspora Network (GDN) today announced that its Executive Committee has appointed Mr. Art Medina as director of the Global Diaspora Forum (GDF) 2015, effective immediately.

“Art was at Lausanne III in Cape Town, South Africa in 2010, and knows how the Global Diaspora Network was born”, recounts Dr. Sadiri Joy Tira, the Lausanne Movement’s Senior Associate for Diaspora, and the GDN chair.

Asked why he accepted the appointment, Mr. Medina said, “So, given... powerful encouragements from GDN leadership, friends, wife, and our Big Boss, I have no answer except, I'm in and let's do it together now until the completion of this GDF 2015 according to our Father God's Will!”

Mr. Medina, succeeds Marcos Sosmeña, who resigned as GDF 2015 Director on January 8, 2015, and had been a member of GDN since 2010. Sadiri Joy Tira, the Senior Associate for Diasporas of the Lausanne Movement and Chair of GDN appointed Sosmeña to the GDN Executive Committee and the GDF 2015 planning committee, and his terms would have ended in March 2015. His input and service with GDN will be missed.

The GDF 2015 is a gathering of invited participants from across the globe representing organizations at the forefront of Diaspora Missiology. GDF 2015 will be held in Manila, Philippines from March 24-27, 2015, and will be hosted by the Greenhills Christian Fellowship in Ortigas Center, Pasig City, Philippines. The forum's goals are to produce a compendium as a new resource to accelerate the study of Diaspora Missiology in theological institutions globally; to explore initiatives to mobilize the Diaspora Church towards Diaspora Missiology; and to create synergistic networks of ministries across local churches and institutions.

About Mr. Art Medina

Arthur Medina is an active Christian Entrepreneur, and business as mission practitioner. He is currently CEO of Quantum Tech Multi-Fab Trading and Services and Health Excel Marketing Corporation. Art also serves as member of the Board of Trustees for the Global Diaspora Network, Philippines.

Art is a Human Resource and Organizational Development Training Specialist and has done extensive external consultancy and training projects with Coca-Cola Philippines, Globe Telecoms, DILG Local Government Academy and other Multinational Companies in Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Jakarta, and Bangkok since 1995.

Happily married since July 20, 1991 to Marlene Rellosa- Medina, they have three children (Jireh Karise with sons Daniel Skye, Keren Lois, Daveric Art), and live in Valenzuela City, 13 kilometers north of Manila.

About GDN

GDN is a catalytic movement that motivates and mobilizes Diaspora Christians to fulfill God's missional purpose for the people on the move. It operates under the Lausanne Movement and embraces its philosophy of ministry: "Together we seek to bear witness to Jesus Christ and all his teachings, in every part of the world—not only geographically, but in every sphere of society and in the realm of ideas".

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