



## JANETTE GARIN

FORMER MINISTER OF HEALTH, SENIOR DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER

Philippine Congress

Dr. Janette Loreto-Garin blends the sharp and fierce passion of empowerment and equitable access to public health. She is an advocate of universal health coverage, quality healthcare services, and access to safe, effective, and affordable essential medicines and vaccines for all.

As a legislator, she championed the passage of the Cheaper Medicines Law, Sin Taxes, Magna Carta for Women, and the Reproductive Health Law, among many others.

As former Minister of Health, Dr. Janette Garin introduced systems and innovative programs that were seen to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), curb fraud in the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) and most importantly, bridged public health to how it will impact every Filipino family.

Her exemplary performance allowed her to be chosen in 2011 as one of the *Top 100 Inspiring People of the World* by Women Deliver, a New York-based organization. In June 2016, she was conferred with the *Order of Lakandula*, the highest honors given by the Philippine Republic, citing the important contributions she has made to Public Health. She firmly holds on the belief that infections know no borders, and that public health means a global nation fighting as one, protecting the future of the world: *our children*. Believing in health equity, she fought hard in making vaccination a government's obligation. Her mantra: *Vaccines for the rich should be the same vaccines for the poor*.

With nine (9) years of experience in State Legislation, nine (9) years in National Legislation and three (3) years in the Executive serving as Deputy Minister and Minister of Health, her thrust for accountability and wise government spending, never wanes. Her more than two-decade of government service has made her a pillar of health justice in the Philippines.

A scholar, physician, public health champion – Dr. Janette Garin is a feisty and genuine fiscalizer that personifies what true public service should be. With her comeback to Philippine Congress, she brings with her the fight that fake news is a new virus infecting health.

### 📅 SESSIONS



» VACCINE HESITANCY – IDEAS TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES