Conference Presentation:
Engaging the Listener in Your Talk

**Objective**
To learn how to effectively communicate the importance of the work and the core message in the talk.

**Description**
The seminar provides participants the opportunity to perfect their public-speaking skills. The workshop offers practical strategies and criteria to check the effectiveness of the presentation.
Participants will be required to prepare a 3 to 5 minute pitch or overview of their work incorporating also the use of a slide. This will provide a basis for applying the practical aims of the workshop.
Throughout the two-day workshop, participants will be guided through interactive exercises to improve non-verbal communication, to improve the ability to listen and react generously, and to integrate focusing techniques which empower the speaker. Attention will be given to breath and speech patterns, to strengthen both the ease and clarity of the speaker. Repetition is a key aspect of the training so that participants can strengthen the narrative, the emotional tone and the physicality of the talk in order to define and support the speaker’s own dynamic style.

**Methodology**
- Activity based workshop
- Videotaping
- Group Discussion

**Organizational Information**

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**Trainer**
Ric Oquita
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- Specialised in interpersonal communication skills
- B.A. and M.A. in Theater Arts, University of Southern California and Cornell University
- Several administrative positions as a project leader, associate producer and education director