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Leah Cuyno was born on December 7, 1969 in Pangasinan, Philippines. She grew up in Los Banos, Laguna where her father worked as a professor in the University of the Philippines (UPLB) and her mother worked as a Food and Housing Supervisor in the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). She received her Bachelor's degree in 1990 in Agricultural Economics from UPLB where she wrote a thesis about the market potentials of non-traditional coconut by-products. After college, she worked as a science research specialist for the Technology Application and Promotion Institute of the Department of Science and Technology. Two years later, she decided to pursue a Master's degree in Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University. Her master's thesis is entitled "Targeting Areas as a Cost-Effective Method of Agricultural Nonpoint Source Pollution Control".

She is looking forward to rejoining her family in the Philippines and doing research on environmental and international development issues.