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What is the Future of Philippine Democracy and the Prospects for the CSO Sector?

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CODE-NGO Holds Summit to Pave Path Forward for Civil Society Organizations

Last November 24-25, 2017, the **Caucus of Development NGO-Networks (CODE-NGO)** held its **6th Congress and Social Development Celebration (SocDev) 2017**, with the theme “What is the Future of Philippine Democracy and the Prospects for the CSO Sector?” The theme arose as civil society organizations across the nation grapple with government’s controversial policies regarding human rights, extra-judicial killings, and the war on drugs.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/12/code-ngo-holds-summit-pave-path-forward-civil-society-organizations/>

YouTalk: Democracy in Red Alert?

Gathering more than 400 youth and other CSO leaders all over the country, 3 learning sessions entitled, “YouTalk: Democracy in Red Alert?”, were conducted in [Quezon City](#), [Cebu City](#) and [Davao City](#) last November 7, 10 and 17, respectively. These sessions provided a platform to bring together various youth groups and the CSO sector in the hope to increase awareness and gather perspectives on key issues concerning democracy, development and human rights. These were co-organized with Coalition for Bicol Development (CBD) for Luzon-NCR, Central Visayas Network of NGOs (CENVISNET), UP Visayas Student Council and other Cebu-based youth groups for Visayas, and Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks (MINCODE) and Ateneo de Davao University, through its University Community Engagement and Advocacy Council for Mindanao.

View the highlights here:

<https://vimeo.com/244588423>

Plenary Session on Open Government Partnership (OGP)

As part of the Social Development Celebration 2017 and 6th National Congress, CODE-NGO organized a plenary session on Open Government Partnership (OGP) as CODE-NGO reaffirms its commitment to OGP in ensuring transparent, accountable and participatory governance last November 24 at the Great Eastern Hotel, Quezon City. The session highlighted the importance of co-creation spaces for OGP and prospects for civil society delivered by Hon. Lilia C. Guillermo, Undersecretary of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Information and Communications Group. Then, the session featured 3 key OGP commitments such as Assistance to the Disadvantaged Municipalities (ADM) and Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya, Mamamayang Ayaw sa Ilegal na Droga (MASA MASID) programs of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Citizen Participatory Audit of Commission on Audit (COA), and Shelter Development for Informal Settler thru Community Organizing and Development of Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP).

Download the presentation decks here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_9FjvsHW05lr2Yh-bJVQTPaCnMcDYIKz

Perception Survey on Government and Civil Society 2017

After the session on Open Government Partnership (OGP), CODE-NGO KDM Officer, Celia de Jesus, presented the topline results of the Perception Survey on Government and Civil Society 2017 to the plenary. Now on its 4th year, the objective of the study is to gauge the satisfaction ratings of civil society leaders across the Philippines on the performance of the government and the CSO sector. It also looks into the trust levels of CSO leaders on different government positions and various civil society organizations. Running from October 13 to November 17, 2017, the survey got 172 returns from 13 regions in the Philippines.

Download the topline results here:

http://code-ngo.org/dev/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/CSO-Perception-Survey-2017_Topline-Results.pdf

SocDev2017 Simultaneous Learning Sessions

To further explore the future of Democracy and the role of civil society, the Social Development Celebration 2017 (SocDev2017) and 6th Congress held five simultaneous learning sessions in conjunction with its keynote activities. The line-up proved to be relevant and of interest to everyone, covering topics on [Millennials utilizing #techfordevelopment](#), [coordination hubs for disaster response](#), [Federalism and Charter Change](#), [conversations on the Bansamoro Basic Law](#) and the [aspirations of the Meranaws for Marawi](#). The sessions provided new ideas for CSOs and several contexts where they could build on their next plans of action.

Download the presentation decks here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fwwqRyUywr6VlBn6r_eMkLAjztDxSIHv

Chairperson's Report for FY2016-17

This fiscal year, covering the period of August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017, marked the last year of implementation of the CODE-NGO Strategic Plan 2012-2017. The year ushered in a newly-elected President and the need to build a stronger CSO-led multi-sectoral alliance for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which significantly influenced the work of CODE-NGO. We also jumpstarted our fiscal year with a strategic assessment of our past 5 years to create a roadmap for CODE-NGO's strategic directions from 2017 to 2022.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2018/01/chairpersons-report-fy2016-17/>

Most Active Network Awards (MANA) 2017

During the General Assembly, Membership Officer, Ivy Panganiban, explained the criteria and indicators for Membership, Advocacy, Knowledge Development and Management and Financial Reporting (25% each) for the Most Active Network Awards (MANA) 2017. She proceeded to announce the winners for FY2016-17:

2nd Runner Up: CBD

1st Runner Up: CENVISNET

Most Active Network Award: AF

26th General Assembly Resolutions

During the 26th General Assembly of CODE-NGO, the following resolutions were put forward on the floor:

- 1) Resolution calling CODE-NGO and its member networks (MNs) to facilitate a series of public discussions on the proposed change of the 1987 Philippine Constitution (Sponsored by CENVISNET)
- 2) Resolution urging CODE-NGO and its MNs to intensify the conduct of learning sessions on Federalism and facilitate the distribution of popularized materials down to the community level (Sponsored by CBD)
- 3) Resolution opposing any change in the 1987 Constitution through Constitutional Assembly (ConAss) and reaffirming our support for a participatory and consultative manner to amend the constitution through Constitutional Convention (Con-con) (Sponsored by CBD)
- 4) Resolution opposing the Government's Plan to declare revolutionary form of government (Sponsored by EVNET)
- 5) Resolution calling for CODE-NGO, its MNs and member base organizations (MBOs) to join the Peace and Order Councils and to build CSO capacities to promote peace and multiculturalism (Sponsored by MINCODE)
- 6) Resolution calling the MNs to develop plans and programs on maximizing technology and cascade this to their provincial networks (Sponsored by WEVNET)
- 7) Resolution calling for Task Force Bangon Marawi for a more inclusive planning, implementation and other processes for rehabilitation to involve the affected communities in Marawi and neighboring areas and to view it from a transitional justice perspective (Sponsored by MINCODE)
- 8) Resolution urging for the immediate passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) (Sponsored by MINCODE)

Read the full resolution on opposing the Government's Plan to declare revolutionary form of government here:

<http://code-ngo.org/2017/11/code-ngo-no-revolutionary-government-yes-democracy/>

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We are interested to hear about social development initiatives of non-profit organizations from all over the Philippines. If you are willing to share your news or resources through the CODE-NGO e-News, we invite you to submit your contributions to caucus@code-ngo.org. Materials should not be more than 1MB and can be in Open Office, MS Word or PDF format. To subscribe or unsubscribe to the CODE-NGO e-News, or for any comments, e-mail us at caucus@code-ngo.org.