

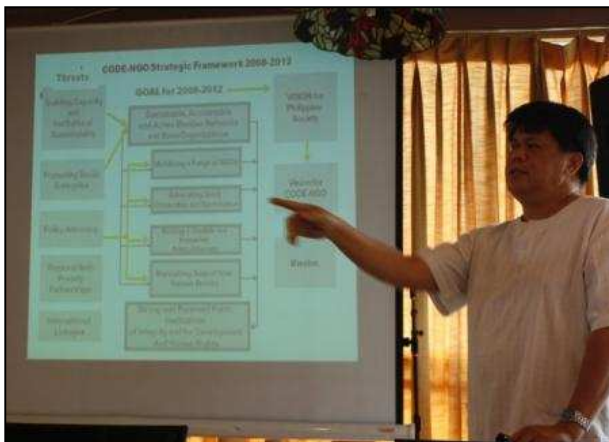
Laying the Groundwork for the Next 5 Years

In preparing for its 2013-17 Strategic Plan, the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO) embarked on a 12-month planning process that started with the assessment of its 2007-11 accomplishments last October 2011, followed by a stakeholders survey from November 2011 to February 2012. This planning process will culminate at the presentation of the 5-year Strategic Plan (2013-17) during its 5th National Congress in November 2012.

The second phase of the planning process was a workshop of the Board of Trustees and Member Network Coordinators and Executive Directors conducted last February 22-23, 2012 in Baguio City. Facilitated by Carn Abella of the Ramon Magsaysay Awards Foundation and the Association of Foundations, the workshop was intended to validate the assessment of CODE-NGO's current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; to determine its direction, thrusts, and goals for the next 5 years; and to agree on major strategies to effectively pursue its 2013-17 Strategic Plan.



We started with writing down our Whats and Hows --- questions that we want answered in the workshop. *Photo shows (L-R): Joy Banares of CBD, Rafael Gayoso of PhilDHRRA, Olie Lucas of NCSA, Sandra Camesa of NCSA, and Agustin Docena of EVNet*



After organizing our questions into internal and external concerns, we revisited our 2007-12 Strategic Plan.

Photo shows Sixto Donato Macasaet, CODE-NGO Executive Director, illustrating the link of the thrusts and the goals for 2007-12.



We have accomplished numerous things in the past 5 years but there are some that we are most proud of and a few that we could have done better.

Photo shows Jing Lopez of PhilDRRA writing down her Prouds and Sorries



We recognize that several national and global trends will affect the work that we will be doing in the next 5 years. There are some trends that we want to exploit, some we want to adapt to, and some that we want to restrain or minimize impact on CODE-NGO.

Photo above shows (L-R): Pat Sarenas of MINCODE and Chairperson of CODE-NGO, Louise Lampon of MINCODE, Jing Lopez of PhilDHRRRA, and Rene Fortuno of PBSP discussing the trends.



We discussed national trends like the willingness of the current government to involve civil society organizations in the bottom-up budget process to global trends like climate change and the emerging economies outside of Europe and the United States.

Photo shows Anton Dignadice of CenVISNET writing down "trends to restrain" that their breakout group has identified. Other members of the group (not shown in the photo) are Oman Jiao of AF, Jinggoy Candelaria of the CODE-NGO Secretariat, Fely Rixhon of AF and Emy Santos of NATCCO.



Seeing that the contexts we were considering 5 years ago were already different from the current situation, we re-examined our purpose of coming together 20 years ago in order to revitalize our mission and to help us re-establish our envisioned future and our goals. We mapped and analyzed stakeholders who will benefit and influence our success.

Photo above shows (L-R): Dodo Macasaet of the CODE-NGO Secretariat, Fely Rixhon of AF, Agustin Docena of EVNet, and Jing Lopez of PhilDHRRRA discussing priority areas for Member Networks and the Donors group.



Photo shows (clockwise): Rene Fortuno of PBSP, Mayett Paragas of CORDNET, Emy Santos of NATCCO, Anton Dignadice of CenVISNET, and Jet Pacapac of the CODE-NGO Secretariat discussing priority areas for Member Networks and the Local Government Units stakeholders group.



Photo shows (L-R): Dick Balderama of Philssa, Boyet Areno of WevNet, Joy Banares of CBD, and Roselle Rasay of the CODE-NGO Secretariat discussing priority areas for Member Networks and the National Government Agencies group.

As a way to validate the output of the other breakout groups, we employed the democratic process of voting for the most important area to address in each of the stakeholders group in our own judgment.



Photo shows (left) Jinggoy Candelaria of the CODE-NGO Secretariat and (middle) Joy Banares of CBD casting their vote for priority areas to address in Member Networks Needs while (right) Pat Sarenas of MINCODE examines the output of the other groups.



Photo shows (from left, counter clockwise): Oman Jiao of AF, Dick Balderama of Philssa, Olie Lucas of NCSA, and Emy Santos of NATCCO casting their vote for priority areas to address in Member Networks Needs output of the other breakout groups.



Photo shows Fely Rixhon of AF casting her vote for priority areas to address in Member Networks as a way to validate the output of the other breakout groups while Joy Banares of CBD checks out the number of votes for financial sustainability of Member Networks



Photo shows Anton Dignadice of CenVISNET casting his vote for priority areas to address in the National Government Agencies stakeholder group while Mona Diones of WevNet and Jet Pacapac of the CODE-NGO Secretariat contemplate their pick for the most important area to address.



Photo shows Olie Lucas of NCS D voting for priority areas in the Donors stakeholders group with Oman Jiao of AF (partly concealed) casting his vote in the same stakeholders group.

In the next eight months, we will conduct rounds of consultation meetings with our member networks and other stakeholder groups to validate our Key Result Areas, Goals and Strategies that stemmed from the workshop of the Board of Trustees and Member Network Coordinators and Executive Directors.