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PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE

CODE-NGO Condemns the Supreme Court's Grant of Quo Warranto Petition

We, the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO), the largest coalition of civil society organizations in the country, condemns the Supreme Court's granting of the quo warranto petition filed by Solicitor General Jose Calida to oust Chief Justice Maria Lourdes Sereno.

A quo warranto proceeding – Latin for "by what authority" – is a legal remedy designed to resolve a dispute over whether a specific person has the legal right to hold the public office that s/he occupies. It is used to test a person's legal right to hold an office, not to evaluate the person's performance in the office.

Read more:
http://code-ngo.org/2018/05/5323/

CODE-NGO, MINCODE, PBSP and PEF participate in the 51st Annual ADB Meeting

Celia Fatima de Jesus

On May 3-4, 2018, the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO), together with its members Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks (MINCODE) and Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP), and partner Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF), made their way to the Asia Development Bank's (ADB) 51stAnnual Meeting held at the ADB Headquarters in Mandaluyong City.

CODE-NGO was co-organizer of the Civil Society Program of the event, the main goal of which was to highlight the role of CSOs in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It convened and facilitated the first "Learning with Partners" session where esteemed guests composed the panel on "Localizing the Open Government Partnership: Pushing the Boundaries of Local Governance" [https://web.facebook.com/ADBandNGOs/videos/1703451593067924/].

Read more:
http://code-ngo.org/2018/05/code-ngo-mincode-pbsp-and-pef-participate-in-the-51st-annual-adb-meeting/

#PassFOINow

Hennesy Ozawa

The Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO) recently conducted a two-day FOI (Freedom of Information) National Conference last April 25-26, 2018 at B Hotel, Quezon City. The conference was attended by the project implementing partners from Coalition for Bicol Development (CBD), Central Visayas Network of NGOs (CENVISNET), Partnership of Philippine Support Service Agencies-Xavier University (PHILSSA-XU), Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks-Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (MINCODE-CBCS) and the invited guest speakers: Atty. Michel Kristian Ablan – Assistant Secretary for Policy and Special Concerns and the Program Director of FOI, and Ms. Michelle Ariane Manza – FOI Lead Engagement from Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO), Dir. Richard Villacorte – Program Director from Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Atty. Eirene Jhone Aguila – Co-Convener of the Right to Know Right Now Coalition representing the Non-Government Organizations advocating for open and accessible information in the Philippines.

Read more:

http://code-ngo.org/2018/05/passfoinow/

#TheYouthFactor: Engaging Young Dabawenyos in Philippine Governance, Democracy and Sustainable Development

Ivy delos Santos

When asked about how they feel about today's democracy, youth leaders from Davao region showed us two images, one of happiness and the other of frustration. Some say that they feel sad and wary because of the various issues that have transpired in the country in such a short time, while others remain hopeful that despite these challenging times, our country will rise up and reclaim its promise of democracy to everyone.

Last March 19 and 20, 2018, the Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks (MINCODE) conducted its first #TheYouthFactor: Engaging Young Dabawenyos in Philippine Governance, Democracy and Sustainable Development through the Strengthening Decentralized Governance Project which was held in Davao City. With 18 youth leaders from Davao Oriental, Compostela Valley and Davao del Norte, our youth leaders were joined in by some of the Mindanawon CSO (civil society organization) leaders in the region.

Read more:

http://code-ngo.org/2018/05/theyouthfactor-engaging-young-dabawenyos-in-philippine-governance-democracy-and-sustainable-development/

<u>DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT (DRRM)</u>

The Value of Partnerships in Finding Innovation

John Joel De Guzman

On May 24, 2018, the Caucus of Development NGO Networks (CODE-NGO) was invited to be part of a panel with the Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA), Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), and the Provincial Government of Cebu. The panel was chaired by the Partnerships Brokers Association and aimed to show best practices in multi-stakeholder collaborations.

CODE-NGO was there to share their experiences with their current partnership with HLA. The partnership entails a pilot of mixed learning courses on Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction Management and the conduct of a Service Continuity Planning Workshop for three sub-national DRRM hubs of CODE-NGO located in Benguet, Cebu, and CARAGA. The project is aptly called Blended Learning Approach to Strength DRRM or BLAST DRRM.

Read more:

http://code-ngo.org/2018/05/the-value-of-partnerships-in-finding-innovation/

Country's First Local Fundraising Consortium Launched

Shared Aid Fund for Emergency Response to provide quick, localized assistance to disaster-stricken communities

MANILA, Philippines—The country's first locally led fundraising mechanism for disaster response and relief, Shared Aid Fund for Emergency Response (SAFER), was launched and introduced to the sector's key actors and stakeholders today, May 15, at the PETA Theater Center in Quezon City.

SAFER combines the network and capabilities of Caucus of Development NGOs (CODE-NGO), Humanitarian Response Consortium (HRC), and CBCP NASSA/Caritas Philippines to address the gaps in financing local disaster relief efforts.

Through SAFER's efforts and the geographical spread of its three founding networks, aid will be localized from end to end. From fund collection to providing aid, SAFER is able to identify the needs of the affected households and communities on the ground and provide assistance in the quickest manner.

Read more:

http://code-ngo.org/2018/05/countrys-first-local-fundraising-consortium-launched/

IT'S BLAST OFF: Orientation of the BLAST DRRM Training Course commences in Baguio and Cebu

John Joel De Guzman

The Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA) project team went to visit the hub meetings of the Cordillera Network of Development NGOs and POs (CORDNET) and the Central Visayas Network of NGOs (CENVISNET) to conduct a short orientation on the BLAST DRRM, short for Blended Learning Approach to Strengthen DRRM Training course. The project entails using blended learning with a mix of face-to-face and online interactions to introduce staff and would-be DRRM champions to the complicated world of Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation. The orientation gave the project team time to level off with partner members who will be part of the pilot training and to get their commitments to taking the courses.

Read more:

http://code-ngo.org/2018/05/its-blast-off-orientation-of-the-blast-drrm-training-course-commences-in-baguio-and-cebu/