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CSO GOOD GOVERNANCE

Stop Harassment of CSOs and Advocates!

CODE-NGO supports the statement of its member network PHILSSA condemning the police search of the premises of the civil society organization (CSO) Katotohanan, Pagkakaisa at Serbisyo (KPS) in General Santos City and the arrest of its Chairperson Boy Olarte. CODE-NGO sees this as another case of harassment of human rights advocates and organizations in Mindanao.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2018/07/code-ngo-calls-no-to-harassment-of-csos-and-advocates/>

PHILSSA Holds 28th General Assembly

Rhea Kristine Aguilar

PHILSSA held its 28th General Assembly last June 21-22, 2018 at the Walter Hogan Building in Ateneo de Manila University in Quezon City that was attended by 45 of its 60 member NGOs.

The two-day event formally opened with the welcome message of PHILSSA Chair, Rosemarie Johnson- Herrera. In her message, she recognized the milestones that the PHILSSA network has achieved in terms of its development goals and its contributions in promoting an inclusive and sustainable urban development for the past 28 years. She mentioned the need for the network members to pause and reflect on the impact of their work in terms of their contribution to nation-building given the challenges of the present political dispensations. She also encouraged everyone to continuously persevere in creating a just, peaceful and nurturing society for the next generations.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2018/07/philssa-holds-28th-general-assembly/>

AF holds NGO leadership competency modeling workshop

AF has started to implement the “Leaders Empowered and Dedicated to Serve through the NGO Sector Program” (LEAD to Serve), a project designed to address leadership issues identified in the Leadership Transition Study completed by AF earlier this year. To begin the program, a workshop was held on 25-26 June 2018 to identify competencies of a good NGO leader and define these in more observable and verifiable behaviors. It was facilitated by Ms. Vicki Alcoseba, a consultant for the project.

Read more:

<http://afonline.org/af-holds-ngo-leadership-competency-modeling-workshop/>

AF publishes leadership transition study

Many of the current non-government organization (NGO) Executive Director (or its equivalent) started to echo their predecessors' sentiments about the lack of next-generation leaders who can take the reins when they leave. Despite its importance on the sustainability of the organization, leadership transition has not been given sufficient attention because it competes with other more pressing and urgent needs of the organizations.

Read more:

<https://www.facebook.com/notes/association-of-foundations-af/af-publishes-leadership-transition-study/1682023435207077/>

PARTICIPATORY LOCAL GOVERNANCE

RPRDA realization in Bicol at work: CBD-DA-ATI partnership for Uplifting Lives of Farmers and Fishers Sectors in the Bicol Region now Sealed with an MOU

Jessica Capricho

Through the continuing effort of Coalition for Bicol Development under Strengthening Decentralized Governance Project (S-DG) on realizing the identified Regional Poverty Reduction Development Agenda (RPRDA) for 2017-2020, partnership with Department of Agriculture (DA) and its training arm, Agricultural Training Institute (ATI) was made possible.

Last June 11, 2017, this CBD-DA-ATI partnership formal launching and MOU signing was conducted at Lanuza Hall, DA Regional office V, San Jose Pili, Camarines Sur. It was attended and actively participated by the CBD farmer's organization members from all over the region. Representatives from DA and ATI expressed their support and cooperation for CBD as partner in promoting growth of agricultural and fisheries sector in the region. They also applauded the CSO network initiative for forging this partnership in the said government offices.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2018/07/rprda-realization-in-bicol-at-work-cbd-da-ati-partnership-for-uplifting-lives-of-farmers-and-fishers-sectors-in-the-bicol-region-now-sealed-with-an-mou/>

EU Representative meets CCCE PAG PR local partners

Katlea Zairra Itong

Last May 22 to 23, 2018, Ms. Stéphanie Carette the Program Manager of the European Union (EU) Philippine Delegation together with PhilDHRRRA representatives and implementing NGO partner St. Catherine Family Helper Inc. (SCFHI) met with local Civil Society Organization (CSO) representatives in the three projects sites of CCCE PAG-PR in the province of Negros Oriental.

CCCE PAG-PR or Consolidating CSO network for Citizen Engagement towards Participatory and Accountable Governance for Poverty Reduction is a 3-year project being implemented by Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PhilDHRRRA) in partnership with Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP), and local implementing NGO partners (INPs) funded by the European Union. The project has 27 municipal project areas in 9 provinces in the Philippines. Currently, the project is in the last year of implementation and is focusing on citizens' led monitoring.

Read more:

<http://code-ngo.org/2018/07/eu-representative-meets-ccce-pag-pr-local-partners/>

CODE-NGO Videos and Infographics

Cha-Cha at Federalismo: Pagbabago, Para Kanino?

The CODE-NGO discusses what we could lose should the Philippines pursue to amend the 1987 Constitution. It also notes what processes are necessary to ensure that changes in the fundamental law of our nation are in line with the true needs and aspirations of the Filipino people. It raises the question, if the Duterte Administration says that Federalism is the answer, then what is the question?

#ChaCha #Federalismo #ParaKanino

View more:

<https://www.facebook.com/caucusofdevelopmentngonetworks/videos/2017709421596539/>

Why should Filipinos talk about Federalism and Charter Change?

CODE-NGO staff members provide us with some answers in this short video.

#ParaKanino #FederalismPH

View more:

<https://www.facebook.com/caucusofdevelopmentngonetworks/videos/1943964565637692/>

Highlights of the 1987 Philippine Constitution that protect basic sectors and common good interests

We urge the public to have a basic appreciation of the safeguards offered by the 1987 Philippine Constitution to serve as basis to assess any bids towards Charter Change. Any attempts to remove existing safeguards must be met with a watchful eye as these ensure that the Filipino people are protected from any abuse of power.

#Chacha #FederalismPH #ParaKanino

Read more:

<https://web.facebook.com/caucusofdevelopmentngonetworks/posts/1994084340625714>

Cha-cha and Federalism 101

The Caucus of Development NGO Networks launches its infographic series aiming to inform the public about Cha-cha and Federalism. Read and stay tuned to the CODE-NGO facebook page to keep informed about Cha-cha and Federalism.

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Read more:

https://web.facebook.com/pg/caucusofdevelopmentngonetworks/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1945047612196054

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