



ADB RETA 6445

**Strengthening Citizen Involvement in Mitigating
Governance Risks in Local Government Units
in the Philippines**



National Workshop
“Social accountability at the local level: citizens engaging with local government”
 26–27 November 2015, Auditorium C, ADB Headquarters, Manila, Philippines

PROGRAM

DAY 1: Thursday, 26 November 2015	
8:00–9:00	Registration
9:00–9:45	<p>Welcome Remarks Claudia Buentjen Principal Public Management Specialist (ADB RETA 6445 Project Officer) Social Development, Governance and Gender Division Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department</p> <p>Opening Remarks Gerry van der Linden PTF ADB RETA 6445 Project Director Partnership for Transparency Fund Country Director</p> <p>Structure of Workshop & Presentation of Participants Adel Briones Workshop Moderator Learning Manager Affiliated Network for Social Accountability–East Asia and the Pacific</p>
9:45–10:45	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation 1: Cagayan de Oro Sub-Project Providing Social Accountability Interventions to Foster Constructive Engagement of Stakeholders in Local Government Affairs of Cagayan de Oro</p> <p>CSO Partners Xavier University/Ateneo de Cagayan, Research and Social Outreach, in partnership with Touch Foundation (NGO & PO community), ORO Chamber (business sector), Social Action Center-Archdiocesan Good Governance Apostolate/Archdiocese of Cagayan de Oro (churches and religious sector), and the academe thru Xavier University</p> <p>Key Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consolidate and strengthen various initiatives of civil society organizations of Cagayan de Oro to engage the local government towards transparent, participatory and accountable governance of the city through a citizen-led People’s Council and its People Development Agenda <p>Short Discussion</p>

10:45–11:00	Coffee break
11:00–12:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation 2: Tubod Sub-Project Developing and Strengthening Capacities of Local Government Unit and Citizen’s Groups towards Institutionalization of a Monitoring and Evaluation System for Government Programs and Projects</p> <p>CSO Partners</p> <p>PhilDHRRA with Surigao Chamber of Commerce and Industry</p> <p>Key Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop and strengthen capacities of LGU and Volunteer Citizens’ Group towards institutionalization of monitoring and evaluation (M & E) system for national government programs and projects implemented in Tubod municipality. • To enhance citizens and CSOs engagement in monitoring nationally-funded projects in the municipality to bring about greater transparency and accountability in the planning and implementation, as well as responsiveness of nationally-funded projects to citizens’ needs in the municipality (social accountability objective). <p>Short Discussion</p>
12:00–1:30	Lunch (EDR Coffee Lounge)
1:30–2:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation 3: Nasipit Sub-Project Assessment on the Implementation of Conditional Cash Transfer in the Municipality of Nasipit and Involvement in BUB Projects for Food Security and Self-sufficiency</p> <p>CSO Partners</p> <p>Culit Multi-Purpose Cooperative (CMPC) in partnership with Touch Foundation Inc.</p> <p>Key Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a mechanism towards mainstreaming of the CCT beneficiaries into the socio-economic development of the municipality characterized by participatory local governance. • To enhance citizens (particularly CCT beneficiary) and CSOs engagement in LGU planning, budgeting, and monitoring of BuB projects in Nasipit LGU to bring about more transparency and accountability in the execution of the BuB program at the LGU level <p>Short Discussion</p>
2:30–3:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation 4: Surigao City Sub-Project Piloting the DBM Handbook on Civil Society Organizations Participation in the Budgeting Process thru a Tripartite Approach in Participatory Governance in Surigao City</p> <p>CSO Partners</p> <p>Surigao Economic Development Foundation, Inc. & Network Members</p>

	<p>Key Objective</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To vernacularize and illustrate the DBM's <i>Handbook on CSO Participation in the Local Budget Process</i> for easy understanding of the City and Barangay LGUs and the CSOs • To build capacity among CSOs and City and Barangay LGUs for more effective CSO participation in the LGU budgeting • To enhance citizens and CSOs engagement in LGU budgeting process to bring about greater transparency and accountability in the budgeting process and responsiveness of LGU budget to citizens' needs (social accountability). <p>Short Discussion</p>
3:30–4:00	Coffee break
4:00–4:30	<p>Presentation on ADB's Approach to Citizens Engagement in the Design and Implementation of its Local Government Projects</p> <p>Haidy Ear-Dupuy Social Development Specialist (Civil Society and Participation) NGO and Civil Society Center Social Development, Governance and Gender Division Sustainable Development and Climate Change Department</p> <p>Short Discussion</p>
4:30–5:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Presentation 5: Agusan del Norte Sub-Project Strengthening Capacities of Duty Bearers and Empowering Rural Women and Children Against Gender-Based Violence (PAG) Project</p> <p>CSO Partner</p> <p>PhilDHRRA-Mindanao</p> <p>Key Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce incidence of gender-based violence in the Province of Agusan del Norte by strengthening capacities of duty bearers and empowering women and children rights holders against gender-based violence. • To enhance citizens (particularly women) and CSOs engagement in LGU planning and budgeting of GAD allocation, including other mandatory allocations from national government targeted for women and children development, to ensure transparency and accountability in the use of the mandatory funds and the responsiveness of the planned projects to the needs (protection against gender-based violence) and development of the intended beneficiary (social accountability objective). <p>Short Discussion</p>
5:30–7:00	Reception

DAY 2: Friday, 27 November 2015

8:00–9:00	Registration
9:00–9:45	<p>Recap of Day 1 Adel Briones Workshop Moderator</p> <p>Introduction of Issues for Panel Discussion Gerry van der Linden Partnership for Transparency Fund Country Director</p> <p>(i) Can the five sub-projects be sustained? (ii) Can Models of citizen-LGU cooperation be replicated and scaled up? (iii) What are implications for future ADB-supported projects for local government?</p> <p>Introduction of Panelists Adel Briones</p>
9:45–10:00	Coffee break
10:00–12:00	<p>Panel Discussion</p> <p>Local Chief Executives Hon. Oscar Moreno, Mayor of Cagayan de Oro City Hon. Ernesto T. Matugas, Mayor of Surigao City Hon. Cristina Hemady Arcillas, Mayor of Tubod Municipality Hon. Enrico R. Corvera, Mayor of Nasipit Municipality Hon. Zenaida Lim, Mayor of Santiago Municipality</p> <p>ADB Official Claudia Buentjen</p> <p>Government Officials Usec Austere Panadero, Department of the Interior and Local Government (For Confirmation) Director Julian Pacificador, Department of Budget and Management</p> <p>CSO Representative Ms. Annie Baltar, Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Government (First Galing Pook Citizenship Award 2015)</p> <p>Gerry van der Linden Partnership for Transparency Fund Country Director Panel Discussion Moderator</p>
12:00–12:30	<p>Final Session</p> <p>Next Step, Dante de los Angeles, PTF Closing Remarks, Gerry van der Linden, PTF</p>
12:30–1:30	Lunch (EDR Coffee Lounge)