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Conference

The Role of Migrants and their Remittances in Sustainable Development

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Ateneo de Davao University

Finster Auditorium

Jacinto Campus, Davao City

PROGRAM

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	SPEAKERS
OPENING	8:00 – 8:30	Arrival and Registration	STAFF
	8:30 – 8:50	Prayers National Anthem Welcome	<i>KALIWAT Cultural Ensemble</i> <i>Dr. Mayla Sampa</i> VP for Business Development, Philsmile
	8:50 – 9:00	Opening Message	<i>Atty. Romeo T. Cabarde Jr.</i> Chairperson University Engagement and Advocacy Council (UCEAC) Ateneo de Davao
	9:00 – 9:10	Overview of the Conference Migration and Post2015 Sustainable Development	<i>Leila Rispens-Noel</i> President and co-founder WIMLER Philippines/WIMLER Foundation Hong Kong
		<i>Overview of international migration in Mindanao context</i>	
	9:10 – 9:35		<i>Jeremaiah Opiniano</i> Institute of Migration and Development Issues (IMDI)
	9:35 – 10:00		<i>Andrea Luisa Anolin</i> Executive Assistant Commission on Filipino Overseas
FIRST SESSION		Theme: <i>Migrants' remittances and sustainable development</i>	
		Beyond direct help to their families to meet basic needs such as housing, food, health, and education, Filipino migrants also provide assistance and share their expertise and knowledge with their communities back home in the form of Diaspora philanthropy and investments. Is there a link between migration and remittances to sustainable development? In what way, could we leverage migrants' remittances to help their families and eventually achieve MDGs/SDGs? This session will present global trends migrant remittances, their impact to development as well as challenges.	
	10:00 – 11:00		Moderator: <i>Dr. Mayla T. Sampa</i> VP for Business Development, PhilSmile Panelists: <i>Inorisa Sialana - Elento</i> Executive Director Mindanao Center for Migration for Empowering Actions, Inc.

			<p>Alvin Ang Full Professor, Ateneo de Manila University</p> <p>Vince Rapisura CEO, SEDPI/ASOG</p> <p>Ildelfonso (Ding) Bagasao President, ERCOF</p> <p>Rosabel Guererro Director of the Department of Economic Statistics Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas</p>
	11:00 – 11:30		OPEN FORUM
SECOND SESSION		<p>Theme: <i>Migrants' Remittances and the Families Left Behind</i></p>	
		<p>Ideally, families should not be separated because of poverty. Migration in the globalizing world provides this opportunity for social mobility in countries where there is a high unemployment rate like in the case of the Philippines. There is an increasing number of dual-earners and more women joining the formal and informal labor force within societies and across borders which have profound implications on the family life that the quest for livelihood often devalues the family. The benefits of migration are usually weighed between the financial gains through remittances and the social costs. The session is about the impact of migration on the families left behind (e.g. their well-being, education, challenges of transnational parenting, etc.) Should migration be an option or a choice?</p>	
	11:30 – 12:30		<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Juvy Loyola Consultant, CORDAID</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Camille Krejci CEO, PhilSmile</p> <p>Mai Añonuevo ATIKHA</p> <p>Jalilo de la Torre Labor Attaché II Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO)</p> <p>Joefel Resol Migrants' Outreach Program Patronage of St Joseph Parish, Iloilo</p>
	12:30 : 13:00		OPEN FORUM
	13:00 – 14:00		LUNCH
THIRD SESSION	14:00 – 15:00	PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
	Breakout Session 3A Savings and Investments		Breakout Session 3B: Entrepreneurship
	<p>What financial strategies the Overseas Filipinos can adopt to build asset and make their migration a success? What support programs are needed to stimulate savings and investments among overseas Filipinos and their families?</p>		<p>How can entrepreneurship be the leverage for migrants to create new livelihood opportunities in the Philippines to prepare for their return and reintegration? What initiatives and measures should be undertaken to assist aspiring migrant entrepreneurs? What are the challenges the need to be addressed?</p>
	<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Remy Guillena</p>		<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Isabelita Solamo Antonio</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <p>Jess Cifra Chinabank Head of Remittance Division</p> <p>Armand Bengco Executive Director Colayco Foundation</p> <p>Atty. Liza Tubilleja Insurance Commission (IC) Attorney II</p> <p>Banco de Oro - TBC</p>		<p>Panelists:</p> <p>Irma Cosico CEO ASKI Global</p> <p>Czarina Medina-Guce Executive Director, Union of Local Authorities in the Philippines (ULAP)</p> <p>May-An Villalba Unlad Kabayan</p> <p>Ronelyn Achacoso Ex-OFW Nelyn Handicraft</p>
FOURTH SESSION	15:00 – 16:00	Impact of Remittances on Education and How to Maximize this Opportunity through the School Extension Program	
	Schools and universities take care of the 27% of children under 18 that grow up with one or both parents living and working overseas. With their resource and knowledge, education institutions can have a decisive role in making real impact at scale. CHED favors this kind of outreach initiative by making extension one of the components of education accreditation (CMO 32,s 2001) with curriculum and research that would benefit children who are left behind. Let's review the outreach programs at the leading edge and what impact they can have.		
			<p>Moderator:</p> <p>Mildred Megarbio - Estanda Ateneo Migration Center</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Atty. Romeo T. Cabarde Jr. Chairperson University Engagement and Advocacy Council (UCEAC) Ateneo de Davao</p> <p>Dr. Raul C. Alvarez, Jr., CESO III Director IV CHED Regional Office XI</p> <p>Dr. Mina Ramirez Asian Social Institute President</p> <p>Hector Garcia Head of Linkage La Salle St Benilde</p>
PLENARY	16:00 – 16:30		Open Forum
CLOSING	16:30 – 17:00	Acknowledgment	Leila Rispens-Noel WIMLER Foundation Philippines
		Closing Remarks	Camille Krejci CEO, PhilSmile