



## Civil Society Dialogue Network Meeting

# Capacities for inclusive peace in the Bangsamoro: Gathering civil society perspectives

20 – 21 June 2018

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### Background:

Recent events in Mindanao, and in particular in Marawi, have once again highlighted the importance of collecting civil society analysis on how local, national and international actors can support the peace process in Mindanao, as the transition period towards a new Bangsamoro political entity continues.

This consultative workshop will bring together national and local civil society representatives living and working in Mindanao. Discussions will have a specific focus on how to ensure and maintain inclusivity in the implementation of the peace process, including local governance aspects. The participants will be invited to share their aspirations for the future Bangsamoro entity, discuss the current challenges to the implementation of the peace process and the role of civil society, identify opportunities for peaceful change and reflect on the support of the European Union (EU) and other international actors.

### Objectives:

The overall objective of the workshop is to gather civil society perspectives and recommendations on the support of the EU and other international actors to inclusive peace in Mindanao and in particular in the future Bangsamoro entity, and more specifically on:

1. the potential for a wider and more inclusive intra-Bangsamoro dialogue,
2. local governance needs and challenges, in the run up to and after the scheduled adoption of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL).

### Structure:

- Informal workshop with facilitated interactive sessions under the confidentiality rule of Chatham House<sup>1</sup>. There will be no press coverage.

### Participants:

The meeting will gather about 20-25 participants, including:

- National and local civil society experts working on peacebuilding in Mindanao.
- EU policymakers from the EU Delegation and other parts of the EU institutions.

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<sup>1</sup> When a meeting is held under the Chatham House Rule, participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

# Draft Agenda

## Day 1 – Wednesday 20 June

08.30 □ 09.00	<b>Registration of participants and welcome coffee</b>
09:00 □ 09.15	<b>Welcoming remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>□ Franz Jessen, Head of EU Delegation to the Philippines</li><li>□ Nabila Habbida, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)</li></ul>
09.15 □ 12.00	<b>Session 1 - Envisioning the future Bangsamoro</b> <p>In this session, participants will explore what an inclusive and peaceful Bangsamoro entity would look like for their local communities, Barangays, cities, provinces in the medium to long-term.</p> <p><i>Format: Plenary and group discussions.</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Terri Beswick (EPLO) and Nabila Habbida (EPLO)</p>
12.00 □ 13.00	<b>Lunch Break</b>
13.00 □ 14.30	<b>Session 2 – Mapping the key issues: what needs to change?</b> <p>This session will focus on identifying the key issues that need to be addressed to make the future Bangsamoro entity peaceful and inclusive, in particular with regards to local governance. Participants will be asked to identify what are the key obstacles to change.</p> <p><i>Format: Group discussions.</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Terri Beswick (EPLO) and Nabila Habbida (EPLO)</p>
14.30 □ 15.00	<b>Coffee break</b>
15.00 □ 17.00	<b>Session 3 – Identifying the keys to change in the Bangsamoro and Mindanao</b> <p>In this session, participants will discuss what is needed to make positive change happen. Having identified key obstacles to a peaceful transition, the discussion will focus on what and who can address them, taking into account current developments.</p> <p><i>Format: Group discussions.</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Terri Beswick (EPLO) and Nabila Habbida (EPLO)</p>
	<b>End of Day 1</b>

## Day 2 – Thursday 21 June

08.00 □ 08.30	<b>Registration</b>
08.30 □ 10.30	<p><b>Session 1 – Peace audit part I: existing capacities for peace in the Bangsamoro</b></p> <p>The purpose of this session is to identify and evaluate the capacities for peace in the Bangsamoro, including existing mechanisms and tools stemming from the peace process. Participants will be asked to reflect on civil society involvement in initiatives and programming contributing to peace in the Bangsamoro, in particular on local governance and dialogue processes.</p> <p><i>Format: Plenary and group discussions.</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Terri Beswick (EPLO) and Nabila Habbida (EPLO)</p>
10.30 □ 11.00	<b>Cross-learning rotation</b>
11.00 □ 12.00	<p><b>Session 2 – Peace audit part II: missing capacities for peace in the Bangsamoro</b></p> <p>Building on the previous session’s mapping of capacities, this session will focus on identifying what is missing. Participants will be asked to identify which actors are best placed to bring the missing pieces to fruition.</p> <p><i>Format: Group discussions.</i></p> <p>Facilitated by Terri Beswick (EPLO) and Nabila Habbida (EPLO)</p>
12.00 □ 13.00	<b>Lunch</b>
13.00 □ 14.00	<p><b>Session 3 - Conclusions and recommendations for the EU</b></p> <p>In this session, participants will regroup the findings from the discussions and identify what the possible next steps for the EU to support capacities for peace and inclusion in the future Bangsamoro are.</p> <p><i>Issues to be discussed will include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can the EU support capacities for peace in the transition ahead?</li> <li>• How should the EU enhance its support to local civil society initiatives?</li> </ul> <p><i>Format: Plenary.</i></p> <p><i>EU member states representatives are invited to participate in this session.</i></p> <p>Chaired by Terri Beswick (EPLO)</p>
14.00 □ 14.10	<b>Concluding remarks</b>

### The Civil Society Dialogue Network

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