



SULONG PILIPINAS: Local Governance Discussions

September 20-21 (for ARMM, Visayas and Mindanao), SMX Davao

October 3-4 (for Luzon and NCR), Dusit Thani, Makati

CONCEPT NOTE

The month of October, 2016 marks the 25th anniversary of the Local Government Code of 1991. This milestone is befitting of a celebration that will highlight the gains of the LG Code towards realizing a genuine and meaningful local autonomy, and enabling local governments to attain their fullest development as self-reliant communities and make them more effective partners in the attainment of national goals. The theme of the celebration is anchored on three (3) dimensions of the 25 years of journey of local governance in the Philippines: *Pagsulong. Progreso. Pagbabago.*

Aligned with the sectoral agenda-setting discussions of the Office of the President – Cabinet Secretary, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), with the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) and its member leagues, are organizing the **Sulong Pilipinas: Local Governance Discussions**, which is one of the series of activities of the 2016 Local Government Congress. This aims to strengthen the ties between the local peace and order, as planned by the Local Government Units (LGUs) and the Philippine National Police, and forward nationwide participation in making our country peaceful and safe, while concurrently planning strategies for local social delivery and social development.

Moreover, the consultations is seen as avenue for DILG to discuss with the local officials their new program, **MASA MASID (Mamamayang Ayaw sa Anomalya – Mamamayang Ayaw sa Iligal na Droga)**. MASA MASID is a barangay-based program developed by DILG to address the country's current problem in criminality, illegal drugs, and corruption. It encourages the collaboration of different sectors in the community, which will be mobilized to complement the efforts of the National Government in its advocacy to eradicate illegal drugs and illegal drug activities.

The consultation workshop shall serve as a venue for all the key leaders to collaboratively craft action plans to effectively eradicate crime and drug as a prerequisite in promoting social delivery and social development at the local level.

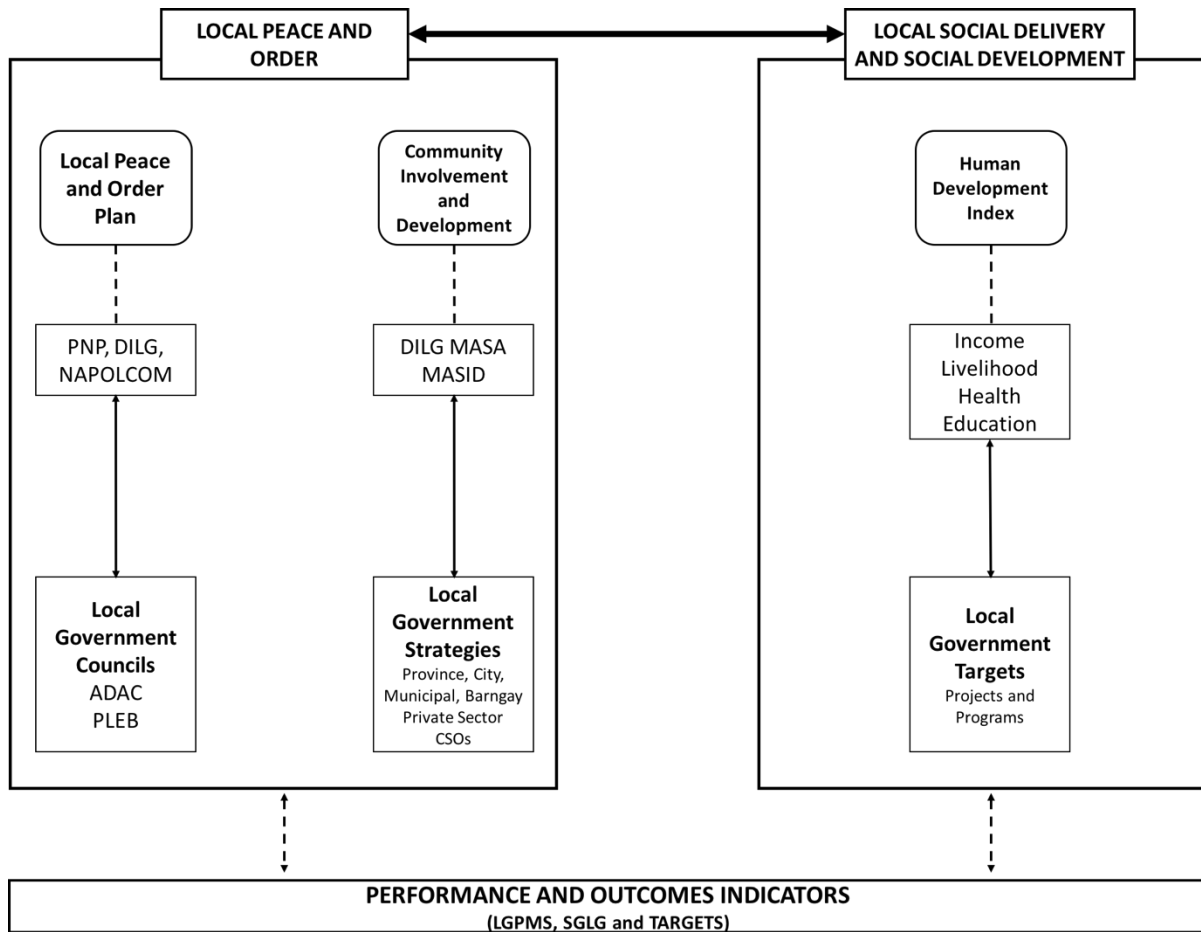
Approaching the question on how these forces will work together in realizing the overall agenda, the diagram below illustrates the **strategic interface of national and local governments in combining anti-criminality and anti-drug campaigns with the responsibility of the local governments to deliver social progress and development.**

The aim is to gather the priorities and capacities of the local governments on security and social development dimensions, focusing on local peace and order and local human development index (income and employment, livelihood, education and health).



The output of the discussions is a listing of priorities, plans, and target outcomes of local governments per province, and per region. The outputs will be processed and collated by ULAP and DILG, for submission and discussion with the Office of the Cabinet Secretary and National Government Agencies, for alignment for the national six-year agenda. The discussions will be guided by the following framework:

Diagram 1: Local Peace and Order and Local Social Delivery and Social Development Interface





One-day workshops are slated for the following regional clusters:

Table 1. Dates and Participating Regions

Date	Regional Cluster	Regions Included	VENUE
Sept 20, Tuesday	ARMM Visayas	ARMM provinces Regions 6, 7, 8, NIR	SMX Davao
Sept 21, Wednesday	Mindanao	Regions 9, 10, 11, 12, 13	SMX Davao
Oct 3, Monday	Northern Luzon	Regions 1, 2, 3, CAR	Dusit Thani, Makati
Oct 4, Tuesday	NCR Southern Luzon	NCR cities Regions 4A, 4B, 5	Dusit Thani, Makati

The invited attendees are:

- **Provincial Governors**
- **Vice Governors**
- **City Mayors**
- **League of Municipalities Chair per province**
- **Liga ng mga Barangay Chair per province**
- **DILG Regional Directors and Provincial Directors**
- **PNP Regional Directors and top 3 officers per province**

The following table summarizes the tentative program for each Sulong Pilipinas session:

Table 2. Tentative Program for Sulong Pilipinas

Time	Activity	Resource Person; Other Notes
830-900 AM	Program Preliminaries: Invocation, National Anthem	
900-920 AM	Welcome Remarks and Context	DILG Secretary Mike Sueno
920-940 AM	National-Local Interface in the 10+0 Security and Social Development Agenda	Cabinet Secretary Jun Evasco
940-1000 AM	Security Agenda	PNP Director General Ronald dela Rosa
1000-1015 AM	Response from Local Governments	ULAP/League principals
1015-1030 AM	Break	
1030 AM – 12 NN	Workshop 1: <i>Alignment of Priorities, Targets, and Strategies per Province</i>	LG officials, DILG, PNP *Pre-work worksheet is required for efficiency and effectiveness of discussions *Facilitators and documenters will be assigned per province
12 NN – 100 PM	Lunch	



<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Resource Person; Other Notes</i>
100 – 230 PM	Workshop 2: <i>World Café – Feedback and Inputs; Emergent Themes per Region</i>	LG officials, DILG, PNP
230 – 245 PM	Break	
245 – 400 PM	Plenary Reporting of Regional Outputs	
400 – 500 PM	Synthesis and Follow-through directions; Commitment Signing	<i>Tied to the LGC@25 in October</i>

On **administrative and logistical** concerns:

- **DILG is issuing a Memorandum Circular that allows local funds to be used for transportation, accommodation, and per diem of the participants.** The MC will be sent by DILG units, and ULAP and its member leagues the soonest it is released. This means that the LG representatives would have to book their own flights and accommodation arrangements. The LG Leagues will be extending coordination and administrative support on these matters.

WORKSHEET FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS' PRE-WORK

The worksheet is distributed to the local governments for their required pre-work. The worksheet is informed by the thematic local peace and order, and local human development index indicators, and the mechanisms through which these themes are reflected in local governments. The performance and outcomes indicators are based on existing measures, such as the Seal of Good Local Governance (SGLG) and the Local Governance Performance Management System (LGPMS), among other agency measurement systems. During the Sulong Pilipinas discussions, the consolidated priorities and capacities of the local governments, as well as the opportunities for national government support, will be identified and documented.

WORKSHEET FAQs

The table below gives a set of quick answers to guide the LG attendees on the pre-work:

Table 3. Guide to Answering the Worksheet

<i>Questions</i>	<i>Answers</i>
Who should fill out the worksheet?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Province-level: It is best for the Governor, Vice-Governor, and Board Members to come up with a unified worksheet before the Sulong Pilipinas discussion. These can be based on the province’s comprehensive development plan, PDPFP, and AIP. • City-level: It is recommended that the City Mayor come up with a worksheet that reflects the development plans and investment plans.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Municipal-level: It is recommended that the Municipal Mayor come up with a worksheet that reflects the development plans and investment plans. Also as representatives of the LMP in the provinces, the attending top officers should bear in mind that the plans that they will bring will be considered representative of the priorities and capacities of the municipalities in the provinces. • Barangay level: It is recommended that the Barangay Chairpersons come up with a worksheet that reflects the development plans and investment plans. Also as representatives of the LNB in the provinces, the attending top officers should bear in mind that the plans that they will bring will be considered representative of the priorities and capacities of the municipalities in the provinces. <p>This means that there does not have to be a unified provincial plan that encompasses all levels before the summit. The purpose of the Workshop 1 is alignment of the plans that that the LGs are bringing. The assumption is that every plan is representative of the priorities and the capacities of the LGs in every province, and are reflective of the processes required for coming up of such plans (LG units and public consultations).</p>
<p>Do we have to fill out every detail?</p>	<p>Ideally yes, but the processing of the worksheets that comes during and after the Sulong Pilipinas discussions take into account the differences in the responsibilities and capacities of each LG level. For instance, there is recognition that on health, provinces are focused on the tertiary hospitals and have greater emphasis on the Service Delivery Networks, while municipal and barangay levels are focused on primary health care and community outreach.</p> <p>However, with due consideration with the limitations of LG capacities, it is best to reflect in the worksheets if the LG have limited capacity or resources for certain outcome areas. IF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE IDENTIFIED BASELINES FOR 2016, PLEASE PUT N/A.</p> <p>This gives national agencies, DILG in particular, ULAP and the LG leagues a realistic sense of where national and local governments must interface with the desire of increasing outcome attainment in security and social development targets.</p> <p>Hence it is encouraged that the LGs consider answering the worksheet with great care. The worksheets are also designed to reflect indicators</p>



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	<p>from the SGLG, LGPMS, and LGU TARGETS, which means none of the performance areas are new (except for MASA MASID). The purpose of the worksheet exercise is to sense the priorities and capacities of the LGs when it comes to aligning performance on these security and social development areas with the national government. The discussions are meant to outline which LGs are capable of delivering which outcomes, and what gaps need to be filled for higher outcomes for the next six years.</p>
<p>Will we be measured by our answers in the worksheet?</p>	<p>DILG is keen about using the worksheets as reference to review, upgrade, and implement performance indicators and other measurements. While the worksheets are not definitive about what capacities may be built in the LGs over the next years, the core interest is to know how national government and local governments can align better to respond to social development needs.</p>
<p>Do we need to bring a printed copy?</p>	<p>Yes, please bring a printed copy for submission to the workshop facilitators. You may bring extra copies as needed.</p> <p>If possible, please send an advanced copy to the ULAP Secretariat at ulapnatsec@gmail.com. An early sensing and pre-analysis of the worksheets will help guide the facilitators in the discussions.</p>

For more questions or clarifications on the Worksheets, please contact the ULAP Secretariat at (02) 5346787, 5346789, ulapnatsec@gmail.com. You may also course your queries with your respective LG League.