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NATIONAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND LEGISLATORS

*THEME: BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS
GENDER RESPONSIVE LOCAL GOVERNANCE*

MANILA PAVILION HOTEL
13-15 MAY 2003

FRAMEWORKS OF DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN

UN MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Millennium Summit 2000 (Philippines) reaffirmed the commitment of UN member states and governments as they adopted the UN Millennium Declaration that revives the global commitment to seek peace, uphold human rights and reduce poverty worldwide. One specific goal embodied in these key objectives is the promotion of gender equality.

UNDP FRAMEWORK ON GENDER, POVERTY AND GOVERNANCE

Through its creation of APGEN (Asia-Pacific Gender Equality Network), UNDP seeks to contribute to building the capacity of governments, with specific focus on the Asia-Pacific Region, to formulate and implement gender-responsive poverty reduction strategies and economic policies.

PHITSANULOK DECLARATION ON THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The draft declaration's general objective is to increase the representation and participation of women in power and decision-making.

FRAMEWORK PLAN FOR WOMEN

The National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW), the Philippine government's national machinery on women, has a blueprint that prioritizes three areas of concern within the next three years: 1) women's economic empowerment; 2) protection and upholding of women's human rights; and 3) gender-responsive governance.

WOMEN IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

The identification of current issues in gender and governance, particularly local governance, jumpstarts the discussion from which ensues the basis for a draft plan of action for the National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators.

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WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL SUMMIT
OF WOMEN LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES (LCES) AND LEGISLATORS:
BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS TOWARDS GENDER RESPONSIVE
LOCAL GOVERNANCE

Herstory

The build-up to our Summit today goes way back to June 2001 when the Asia Pacific Summit of Women Mayors and Councilors took place in Phitsanulok, Thailand. It had 200 participants from 24 countries, with an impressive delegation of 34 coming from the Philippines. It was at this conference that the Phitsanulok Declaration on the Advancement of Women in Local Government was adopted by the participants. The Declaration calls for the conduct of national summits of women mayors and councilors:

- to create awareness
- to identify needs, strategies and resources
- to effect changes in the policy environment towards advancing women's participation in governance

The UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) was tasked to provide strategic technical assistance in convening these country-level summits. Subsequently, a guideline was developed that outlines the recommended steps for organizing the National Summit.

At the Summit in Phitsanulok, NCRFW made the commitment to spearhead the organization of a National Summit of Women Mayors and Councilors in the Philippines. For this purpose, an Initiating Committee was organized whose tasks were:

- to convene the Preparatory Committee which shall determine the substantive content of the envisioned National Summit
- to recommend a monitoring system that will serve to follow up actions taken after the National Summit

With NCRFW at the helm of the project, while at the same time taking its cue from the Guidelines developed by UNESCAP, the Initiating Committee was convened in meetings held on 9 December 2002 and 9 January 2003.

The outputs of the Initiating Committee are the following:

1. Members of the Committee have been identified
2. Its Secretariat was named: the UP Center for Women's Studies (UCWS) and the Center for Local and Regional Governance, UP National College of Public Administration and Governance (NCPAG)
3. The design of the Preparatory Committee Meeting was drawn
4. Production of the list of members of the Preparatory Committee with its accompanying criteria for the selection of names in the list
5. Proposal for a tentative design for the National Summit of Women Mayors and Councilors.

The build-up to today's Summit continued with the holding of the Preparatory Committee (PrepCom) Meeting on 20–21 February, 2003 in SEAMEO-Innotech, Quezon City.

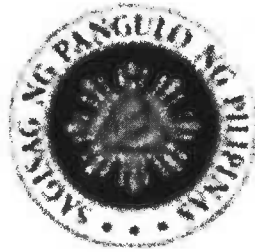
The Prep-Com participants constituted of women mayors and councilors. During the two-day workshops and plenary sessions, the delegates reviewed the issues and strategies that are identified in the Frameworks of Development for Women, a compilation of five documents serving as working papers for the conference.

Based on the recommended strategies in these documents, the participating body also developed specific interventions and their corresponding mechanisms for monitoring and linking.

As the PrepCom came to a close, a Draft Resolution that articulated Implementing Action/Strategies was completed. This Draft Resolution will be presented at the future National Summit of Women Mayors and Councilors.

The participants to this summit have grown and included other women involved in governance. The three-day conference that starts today is now the National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators. Its objectives are:

- to raise awareness on issues related to gender mainstreaming and women's participation and representation in local governance;
- to review, enhance, approve and adopt a Declaration that addresses the issues identified in the following major documents: Framework Plan for Women, Phitsanulok Declaration on the Advancement of Women in Local Government, UN Millennium Development Goals, UNDP Framework on Gender, Poverty and Governance, and Women in Local Governance: Current Issues and Concerns for the Philippines;
- to build the capacities of women local chief executives and legislators in developing and implementing GAD policies, programs and projects at the local level; and
- to generate commitment from women local chief executives and local legislators for the pursuit of gender mainstreaming and the implementation of the Declaration.



Office of the President

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

MALACAÑANG PALACE

MANILA

Message



*M*y warmest greetings to the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) as you organize the National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators.

As proactive partners in good governance, lady legislators and local chief executives are tasked to lead the way by initiating long-lasting socio-economic reforms through responsive legislation and effective implementation.

I hope the Declaration that you will produce by the end of this three-day summit will encapsulate the ideals of empowerment and solidarity that you have upheld through the years. Help me strengthen the bedrock of a strong Philippine Republic by instituting and adopting measures that would affirm the power of women to lead political and social transformation.

More power to all the participants and may this summit be a resounding success!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President



Office of the Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Message



*M*y esteemed greetings to the officials and members of the **National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW)** as well as to its allies, the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)** and the **Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)** as they hold their **National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators** on May 13–15, this year.

We take cognizance of the important role women play in nation-building today. As we advance through time, the responsibility of the female gender has indeed evolved from a stereotype to a more challenging one. Nowadays, many women of strength and character were entrusted to handle crucial positions in government and non-government organizations. Likewise, they are highly regarded for their essential contributions in the community, especially in decision-making.

Hence, I am extremely confident that with your support and commitment, we will be able to attain excellence in governance and transform this country into a strong republic.

God Bless and Mabuhay!

JOSE D. LINA, JR.
Secretary

NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE ROLE OF FILIPINO WOMEN

Message

*T*he National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) is proud to be the convener of the National Summit of Women Local Executives and Legislators.

With its theme, “Building Partnership Towards Gender-responsive Local Governance,” we hope to establish ties with our women leaders who are prime movers of development at the local level. We aim to bring together the experiences of women working with their constituency and recognize their views as essential in understanding and responding to the needs of disadvantaged groups, mostly women.

This Summit is also an occasion to take pride in the accomplishments of our women local leaders who braved the odds of a male-dominated political area, who challenged the traditional role of women in political life, who endeavored to shape their dreams of a better society in their own hands. With this, we expect heightened enthusiasm to document women’s political action at the local level.

Aside from building partnerships, we see that as women continue to take part in politics and governance, it is imperative that they are capacitated to become effective, efficient and gender-responsive leaders. The Commission believes that to achieve this, opportunities should be accessible to our women local leaders such as information, trainings, and programs on gender and development (GAD) as well as agencies and organizations who are working with women at the community and grassroots level. We are positive that, somehow, this Summit has opened such avenue to enable them to bring about change in the lives of women in their respective localities.

We are optimistic that, at the end of this Summit, we can strengthen the commitment from our women local chief executives and legislators to pursue gender mainstreaming and transformative leadership and to adopt the Manila Declaration. The Declaration should

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serve as a testimony that women local chief executives and legislators are committed to transforming their communities towards a more humane society.

Mabuhay ang kababaihang Pilipino!

AURORA JAVATE-DE DIOS
Chairperson

LADY LOCAL LEGISLATORS' LEAGUE OF THE PHILIPPINES

Message



tries ailing systems.

*P*hilippine History celebrates a handful of women whose singular achievements in times of war and peace shaped our nationhood. Our first woman president assumed office some 40 years after we became the first republic in Asia. That more women are now in the political arena is a salient indicator of their power, individually and collectively, to effect healthy transformations in the coun-

Women, by tradition and biological character, accrue intimate experiences in pain and grief, as well as in joy and hopeful caretaking. This is their life's work, and it gives them an edge when given the opportunity to serve in the bigger context.

That opportunity is here. And more. It has become an urgent need, for all Filipinos—but specially the women, who compose the majority—to be more responsive and responsible in charting and steering the nation's course.

With this national summit, we call on women chief executives and legislators to claim their rightful places and demonstrate their capability to determine our destiny.

MARIANT ESCANO VILLEGAS
National President

LADY MUNICIPAL MAYORS ASSOCIATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

Message

My deep and sincere gratitude to the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme and the Canadian International Development Agency for its role in the realization of the National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators. This activity is held at the opportune time for the era of women's empowerment in governance. It gives acknowledgment to the role of women leaders of today both as mayors and legislators in the crafting of our national agenda and in their wholehearted services to our people.

The noble ideals and objectives of the summit are worth mentioning because of their continuous acknowledgment of the role of women in nation-building. Your achievement in bringing quality governance to our people adds a pillar of strength to our country. The journey is long and tedious, but in moving hand and hand we will surely realize our goal in providing our people with a better quality of life, propelling our country to a brilliant future.

Mabuhay po kayo!

MARYBETH T. DELGADO
President

LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Message

*T*he compelling reason for your presence in this momentous gathering of elected women officials is to renew your commitment and involvement in the increasing participation and representation of women in local governance during the conduct of the National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators on May 13–15 at the Manila Pavilion Hotel.

This is our common interest and shared responsibility as we, at the League of Municipalities of the Philippines, have readily acknowledged the urgent importance of this concern with the election of the new officers of the Lady Mayors Association of the Philippines and the conduct of its own national convention to advance their program agenda and plan of action in good governance.

In our municipalities across the country, there are two hundred thirty seven elected women mayors and many more in the Sangguniang Bayan, a reflection of the increasing and crucial roles the elected women officials have assumed in the recent past, given the support of their partners in public office and the inspiration of their people and civil society as collective agents of sustainable development.

We laud the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women for taking the initiative in holding this significant convention, firmly believing that the strategies for action and monitoring of gains on increasing women's participation and representation in local governance that you will enshrine in the Manila Declaration will further enrich our joined efforts to empower our women.

Mabuhay!

RAMON N. GUICO, JR
National President

PHILIPPINE COUNCILORS LEAGUE

Message

We congratulate the organizers of the NATIONAL SUMMIT OF WOMEN LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES AND LEGISLATORS for the holding of the SUMMIT on May 13–15, 2003 at the Manila Pavilion Hotel. Likewise, we also thank NCRFW, the UP Center for Women Studies and other stakeholders for including the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) as one of its initiating committees.

One of the standing committees of the PCL is the Committee on Women and Family chaired by Councilor Celia Flor of Bacolod City as a manifestation of PCL's commitment to the advancement of its women councilor-members and giving capacity to the Local Sanggunian Chair on Women and Family to effectively carry on its duties and responsibilities that would ultimately redound to the general welfare of its women constituents. In fact we have sent about ten PCL delegates to the Phitsanulok 1st CONGRESS OF WOMEN MAYORS AND COUNCILORS in 1991 to show our interest toward this end.

Starting this May 2003 PCL NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND NATIONAL BOARD MEETING, all women PCL National Officers and Women Local Chapter Officers will hold National Quarterly Meetings to discuss issues and concerns on gender-responsive governance towards transformative politics.

May you have a meaningful and productive SUMMIT.

CHEERS!

FROILAN R. MELENDREZ
National Chairman

UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES

Message

I would like to greet and congratulate all the women delegates to this National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators, a timely conference on issues and concerns affecting our women executives and legislators at the local government level. I am sure that this very important conference can drive home the issues and highlight the priorities of women and the family in local administration and legislation.

We at ULAP welcome this opportunity given our women executives and legislators to enable them to explore the vast options and possibilities that can bring them to greater challenges and tasks. We would like to assure everyone that in the various member-leagues of ULAP, our women executives such as governors, mayors, vice governors, vice mayors, board members and councilors occupy very important positions and that there has never been any form of discrimination by their being women. In fact, ULAP salutes and is very happy about the selection of the Lady Governor of Bulacan as the Outstanding Governor for 2003.

Women are our natural partners. In the family, at work, in government, their role can never be underestimated. They are the half that makes our roles total and complete. And I believe that such partnership is the key that would bring real and true progress and development to our communities, to our families and to our local governments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ORGANIZERS. MORE POWER TO OUR WOMEN EXECUTIVES AND LEGISLATORS.
MABUHAY TAYONG LAHAT.

RODOLFO P. DEL ROSARIO
President

LEAGUE OF CITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES

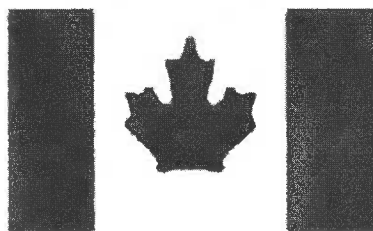
Message

Congratulations to the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women together with its partners, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Canadian International Development Agency for conducting the **National Summit of Women Local Chief Executives and Legislators** on May 13–15, 2003 at the Manila Pavilion Hotel.

It is indeed a welcome development in the political arena to have about 300 women local executives and legislators. Yet, the statistics are not enough. We need more women who will become effective agents of change influencing the political, economic, legal and social sectors. Though the number has opened up the possibility for politics to have new faces, positive transformation in governance behooves more women with leadership qualities and visible commitment to the different priorities and values in transformative politics.

May this summit empower the women to craft revolutionary strategies along with determined commitment and action towards transformative politics and gender-responsive governance.

FRANCIS N. TOLENTINO
President, League of Cities of the Philippines



CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Message



Greetings!

On behalf of the Government of Canada, the Canadian Embassy in the Philippines and CIDA—the Canadian International Development Agency—I would like to congratulate the organizers of this National Summit, particularly the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women, the U.P. Center for Women’s Studies, the various Leagues, the Department of Interior and Local Government, and the NGOs involved, for initiating this important gathering. I would also like to acknowledge UNESCAP’s initiative to support this Summit, which is pursuant to the Philippine commitment to the Phitsanulok Declaration on the Advancement of Women in Local Government.

Canada, through CIDA, supports the poverty alleviation program of the Government of the Philippines. We believe that gender-responsive governance is a condition for good governance and is critical in addressing poverty. Gender equality is a cross-cutting theme in all CIDA projects, and promoting women’s increased participation in politics and decision-making is one of the objectives of CIDA’s Gender Equality Fund, one of the co-funders of this Summit.

CIDA also supports several projects and programs that address local governance, the primary one being LGSP—the Local Government Support Program—which many of you may already be aware of. In working with 205 LGUs in Mindanao and Western Visayas, LGSP aims to promote efficient, transparent, accountable and responsible governance, recognizing that mainstreaming gender issues is a crucial facet and essential quality of responsive local governance. During the Summit, LGSP will be launching their manual entitled, *Freedom from Fear: Establishing a Quick Response Team to Violence Against Women*. *Freedom from Fear* is designed to be a capacity building tool and a replication manual to guide local government. A helpful companion piece to *Freedom from Fear* is the handbook

entitled, *Barangay to the Rescue*, another CIDA-funded publication, produced by DILG and NCRFW to help barangays handle cases of domestic violence. Another recent NCRFW publication supported by CIDA is the primer for Local Chief Executives entitled, *Making LGUs Gender-Responsive*. All these initiatives in providing local government with knowledge products and tools represent an important stride in our continuing efforts to enshrine gender-responsiveness as a hallmark of good governance.

In our governance projects, we try to ensure that government and local civil society groups take the ownership and leadership in these initiatives, and that collaboration and partnerships are observed. As gender advocates, we try to involve men as much as women; we know there are many men who support women's empowerment. This way, we are able to gain more allies, maximize our resources and foster greater sustainability.

The summit's goal—to agree on a set of strategies to increase women's participation in electoral politics and enhance their capacities as transformative leaders—is indeed a challenging mandate. Perhaps even more daunting will be implementing the strategies, but if all continue to work together, progress can be made.

We wish you success in your undertaking! Mabuhay!

PENNY MORTON
First Secretary (Development) and
Portfolio Manager for Governance



Philippines

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Message



*I*n September 2000, at the United Nations Millennium Summit, world leaders agreed to a set of time-bound and measurable goals and targets that embody key aspects of human development. Referred to as Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), they include halving income-poverty and hunger, achieving universal primary education and gender equality, reducing under-5 infant mortality by two-thirds and maternal mortality by three-quarters, reversing the spread of HIV-AIDS and halving the proportion of people without access to water.

The path towards the achievement of MGDs is a contextualized country-driven approach that should ensure national ownership, civil society participation and promotion of decentralized governance in order to catalyze development action and transformation that is owned and sustained at both the national and local levels.

As women local executives and legislators, and participating, from today till Day 3, in this National Summit, you have the ability to push for positive change by mobilizing resources and driving political support towards the achievement of the MDGs. Strategic to this end are the promotion of gender-equality and the empowerment of women.

UNDP congratulates all of you who have given time and effort to make this summit possible. Your achievements here and continuous leadership will bring us closer to the realization of the MDGs.

RICARDA L. RIEGER
Deputy Resident Representative

NATIONAL SUMMIT
OF WOMEN LOCAL CHIEF EXECUTIVES
AND LEGISLATORS

Manila Pavilion Hotel

May 13–15, 2003

THEME: Building Partnerships Towards Gender Responsive Local Governance

Program of Activities

DAY ONE, TUESDAY, 13 MAY 2003

- 8:00A.M.–12:00N ARRIVAL AND REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS
- 12:00N–1:30 P.M. LUNCH BREAK
- 1:30–2:30 P.M. OPENING CEREMONIES
Ecumenical Dedication
Representatives from Christian, Muslim and Indigenous Peoples
The Philippine National Anthem
Welcome Remarks
Ms. AURORA JAVATE-DE DIOS
Chair, National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women
Messages from Partner Development Agencies
Ms. THELMA KAY
*Chief, Gender and Development Section
United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia
and the Pacific (UNESCAP)*
Ms. RICARDA L. RIEGER
*Deputy Resident Representative
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)*
Ms. PENNY MORTON
*First Secretary (Development) and Portfolio Manager for Governance
Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)*
Messages from Local Government Leagues
HON. MARIANT E. VILLEGAS
National President, Lady Local Legislators League

HON. MARYBETH T. DELGADO
*National President, Lady Municipal Mayors Association
of the Philippines*

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker

DR. PROSERPINA DOMINGO TAPALES
*Professor of Public Administration
and Deputy Director University Center for Women's Studies*

Keynote Address

Hon. Jose D. Lina, Jr.
Secretary, Department of the Interior and Local Government

Moderator: DR. AMELOU BENITEZ-REYES
*Chair, Gender-Responsive Governance Committee National
Commission on the Role of Filipino Women*

Launching of Resource Materials and Tools for Gender-
Responsive Local Governance

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE ROLE OF FILIPINO WOMEN
CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

2:30–3:30

COFFEE BREAK

3:30–4:30

PLENARY WOMEN GOVERNANCE AND GENDER
EQUALITY: CONCEPTS, FRAMEWORK,
AND COMMITMENTS

DIR. EMMELINE L. VERZOSA
*Executive Director, National Commission on the Role of Filipino
Women (NCRFW)*

Moderator: HON. MA. ISABELLE G. CLIMACO
Councilor, Zamboanga City

4:30–6:30

WORKSHOPS: STRATEGIES FOR BUILDING GENDER
RESPONSIVE GOVERNANCE

A. Capability Building for Mainstreaming Gender

Chair: HON. BETTY LOURDES TABANDA
Vice Mayor, Baguio City

Facilitators: MS. SYLVIA ORDOÑEZ
Executive Director, Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics

MS. MARIVEL C. SACENDONCILLO
*Executive Director, Local Government Academy
Department of the Interior and Local Government*

B. Legislative or Policy Actions

Chair: HON. ROWENA ACOSTA
Councilor, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan

Facilitators: PROF. EDERLINDA M. FERNANDEZ
*Concurrent Director, Women's Research and Resource Center
Western Mindanao University*

MS. MA. JESUSA T. PINEDA
President, IMA Foundation

C. Enabling Mechanisms for Gender Mainstreaming

Chair: HON. REMEDIOS MANZANILLA
Board Member, Province of Albay

HON. JOSEFINA M. DE LA CRUZ
Governor, Province of Bulacan

Facilitators: MS. LUZ LOPEZ-RODRIGUEZ
Executive Director, Galing Pook Foundation

MS. MILALIN S. JAVELLANA
*In-Country Manager, AusAID-AYAD Program
Sagric International*

6:30

PRESENTATION: GENDER BALANCE BILL

HON. REPRESENTATIVE LORETTA ANN P. ROSALES
*Chair, Committee on Civil, Political and Human Rights
House of Representatives, Congress of the Philippines*

Moderator: DR. CAROLYN I. SOBRITCHEA
*Director, University Center for Women's Studies
University of the Philippines*

7:30

DINNER

DAY TWO, WEDNESDAY, 14 MAY 2003

8:30–11:00

PLENARY WOMEN WINNING FOR WOMEN: SOME LEARNING EXPERIENCES

HON. REMEDIOS PETILLA
Governor, Province of Leyte

HON. JOSEFINA DELA CRUZ
Governor, Province of Bulacan

HON. MARY JANE ORTEGA
Mayor, San Fernando City, La Union

HON. JENNY DE ASIS
Mayor, Municipality of San Francisco, Agusan del Sur

Moderator: HON. MA. LOURDES FERNANDO
Mayor, City of Marikina

11:00A.M.–12:00N PLENARY WOMEN TRANSFORMING GOVERNANCE

MS. REMEDIOS I. RIKKEN
President, Women in Politics Institute

Moderator: HON. EDNA C. TABANDA
Vice-Governor, Province of Benguet

12:00N–1:30P.M. LUNCH

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: WOMEN AND
THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

HON. SENATOR LOREN LEGARDA
*Majority Floor Leader
Senate, Congress of the Philippines*

Moderator: DR. BERNADETTE RESURRECCION
*Assistant Professor, Gender and Development Studies
Asian Institute of Technology, Bangkok*

1:30–3:00 SPECIFIC CONCERN SESSIONS

**Session A: Comprehensive Community-Based
Services for Violence Against Women (VAW) Survivors**

Bantay Familia of Naga City
HON. CECILIA VELUZ DE ASIS
Councilor, Naga City

Family Healing Centers in UP Diliman
DR. SYLVIA H. GUERRERO
Professor, University of the Philippines

MS. HUMILIADA ADVINCULA
Barangay Captain, UP Campus, Diliman, Quezon City

Book Presentation

**Freedom from Fear, Establishing a Quick Response Team
for Violence against Women: A Guide for Local
Government**

MS. MARION VILLANUEVA
CIDA-Local Government Support Program

HON. SANTIAGO G. BARCELONA, JR.
Mayor, Escalante City, Negros Occidental

Moderator: MS. LA RAINE SARMIENTO
Quezon City Gender and Development Resource Office

Session B: Economic Empowerment of Women

Investing OFW Income in Local Development

DIR. ESTRELLA DIZON-AÑONUEVO
Executive Director, Balikabayani Foundation, Inc.

Enterprise Development for Women's Economic Empowerment in the CALABARZON

MS. ZONE NARITO
*Program Coordinator for GAD Mainstreaming, WISEACT
Member, NAPC Women's Sectoral Council*

Moderator: MS. RUBY PALMA
President, Sentro ng Manggagawang Pilipino

Session C: Comprehensive Health Care Delivery for Women

HON. GREGORIO FACULA
*Mayor, B. Dujali, Davao Health Clinic for Men
Davao del Norte*

"SENTRONG SIGLA"
Health Care Program of Pasay City

Moderator: MS. MA. JESUSA T. PINEDA
President, IMA Foundation, Inc.

3:00–3:30	COFFEE BREAK
3:30– 4:30	REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE MANILA DECLARATION ON GENDER RESPONSIVE POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE Presenter: HON. CELIA FLOR <i>Councilor, Bacolod City</i> Moderator: HON. CORAZON Z. DEL MUNDO, MNSA <i>Councilor, Municipality of Imus, Cavite and Treasurer Philippine Councilors League</i>
4:30–6:00	PLANNING OUR NEXT STEPS Chair: HON. KATHERINE GORDON <i>Mayor, Olongapo City</i>
6:00 onwards	DINNER AND SOCIALS <i>(with Performances by the Philippine Marine Band)</i>

DAY THREE, THURSDAY, 15 MAY 2003

6:00–8:00A.M. BREAKFAST

9:00–11:00 PRESENTATION OF THE MANILA DECLARATION
TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

HON. BOARD MEMBER MARIANT VILLEGAS
National President, Lady Local Legislators League

HON. MAYOR MARYBETH T. DELGADO
*National President, Lady Municipal Mayors Association of the
Philippines*

HON. MAYOR MARY JANE ORTEGA
Secretary-General, League of Cities of the Philippines

HON. COUNCILOR CORAZON Z. DEL MUNDO, MNSA
Treasurer, Philippine Councilors League

Introduction of the President

DEAN AURORA JAVATE-DE DIOS
*Chairperson, National Commission on the Role of Filipino
Women*

Message and Acceptance of the Manila Declaration

HER EXCELLENCY GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
President, Republic of the Philippines

Moderator: HON. DAISY FUENTES
Governor, South Cotabato

NOTE: Two computers with internet connection are available at a break-out room for those who wish to visit the websites of CAPWIP (Center for Asia Pacific Women in Politics), RIRF (Resource and Information Research Facility for Women), and other women's organizations.

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