

# Republic of the Philippines Province of South Cotabato

## **OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP**

City of Koronadal, South Cotabato

## OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Held on January 30, 2025 at Board Room, PPDO, Provincial Planning and Development Office, Provincial Capitol Compound, Alunan Avenue, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

#### PRESENT:

- 1. Mr. Carlito Y. Uy, SCIC Chairperson
- 2. Ms. Marites S. Tanseco, OPPDC, represented by Ms. Jennifer G. Ilao
- 3. Atty. Renette B. Bergado, PCDO, represented by Mr. Marlon Serilo
- 4. Ms. Gloria Duco, SPO, represented by Ms. Kristine Joy G. Castillo
- 5. Mr. Rudy Jimenea, PIO, represented by Ms. Anna Liz Cabrido
- 6. Mr. Michael S. Galang, PGO Inspectorate Unit, represented by Mr. Henry John Celis
- 7. **Ms. Luz Perpetua P. Fontanilla**, Provincial Budget Office, represented by Ms. Lee Marvin Lumapas
- 8. Atty. Marnito Cosep, PLO, Represented by Atty. Leah May Orencio & Ms. Karen Joy Latumbo
- 9. Mr. Jose Daniel Salamat, OPPDC REM, Represented by Mr. Danny Jason Duron
- 10. Atty. Dominador D. Cimafranca, NBI R12, represented by Mr. Jeff C. Yanson

#### **SECRETARIAT**

- 1. Ms. Rio Ann Padrones, OPPDC SPD
- 2. Mr. Kyle Patrick Uy, OPPDC SPD

## A. MEETING PROPER

- Mr. Carlito Uy, SCIC Chairperson, presented the South Cotabato Open Government Partnership Commitments to the committee that will be implemented during the span of February to May 2025, but commented by Ms. Rio Ann Padrones that the implementation should be done by March to allow ample time for the completion of the monitoring documents.
- Mr. Uy indicated that the trailblazer/pioneer member of the OGP in the Philippines is still South Cotabato due to the province being a member since 2018, while the other four (4) cohorts just joined last year in April 2024.

#### 1. OPEN INFORMATION

- Mr. Uy inquired with Mr. Jeff Yanson of NBI R12 whether they have a Data Privacy Officer, to which he replied that he will relay and confirm with the main office in Manila.
- o Mr. Marlon Serilo, PCDO talked about the previous agreements he presented to the People's Council dated January 28, 2025 to which the People's Council were apprehensive about the activity due to budget constraints of both the People's Council and Municipal Local Government Unit leading to the suggestion of conducting the activity on an online platform via Zoom.
- Mr. Serilo also stated there were conflicts in scheduling for both the OGP Implementation and the activities of the PCDO.
- Ms. Annaliz Cabrido talked about the Purchase Request for the materials needed for the
  activity such as food packs, venue, tarpaulin and office materials which will take up to one
  (1) month in processing and suggested rescheduling of activity to March.
- Mr. Uy inquired with the SP representative, Ms. Kristine Joy Castillo, regarding the orientation for the FOI Ordinance released in 2020. This ordinance was developed by the Provincial Planning and Development Office in collaboration with the Provincial Information Office but had not been made public since its approval. As the document is a public record, there was no need to seek permission from the Vice Governor for the orientation of the Ordinance.

- Atty. Leah May Orencio, a representative from the Provincial Legal Office, commented on the FOI ordinance being advocated to the Provincial Information Office for the establishment of the Technical Working Group and the Implementation of Rules and Regulations. Any questions or concerns regarding the FOI Ordinance during the activity will be addressed.
- Mr. Serilo suggested that the appointed resource speaker for the FOI Ordinance should be knowledgeable, to which Mr. Uy suggested that the Provincial Legal Office would be the resource speaker.
- o Mr. Uy still suggested to the PCDO that the committee should identify an LGU per district and send a letter to the LGU to host the event instead of the Province.
- Mr. Serilo suggested that the activity be moved from February 18-20 to March 11-13, 2025 with the same LGUs Surallah, Koronadal, and Tupi, due to the time constraints of the activity to which the body approved.
- o Mr. Uy summarized the discussion that the preparation for the program will be done by the Provincial Information Office, as well as serving as the Zoom Moderator and inviting the Resource Speaker. The PCDO will prepare the latter for the LGUs to host the activities, and PLO will act as the resource for the Freedom of Information (FOI) of South Cotabato.

#### 2. OPEN MONITORING

- Mr. Uy discussed the Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular 2020-070, which pertains to the establishment of the Barangay Project Monitoring Evaluation Committee, an initiative proposed by Vice Governor Hon. Arthur Pingoy.
- Mr. Serilo proposed moving the activity from March 11-13 to March 18-20, 2025, with the same local government units: Polomolok, Tantangan, and Norala. The initial schedule of March 11-13 is now occupied by the Open Information Implementation.

## 3. OTHER MATTERS

 Mr. Uy asked the hosting capacity of the Zoom account of the PPDO, to which Ms. Padrones responded that it is capable of hosting 100 participants at most. She then reaffirmed that utilizing a blended mode for the activities is recommended.

### **B. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at exactly 11:49 am.

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Noted by:

MR. CARLITO Y. UY

SCIC Chairperson/Presiding Officer

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