



Republic of the Philippines  
Province of South Cotabato  
**OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP**  
City of Koronadal, South Cotabato

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**OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

Held on November 22, 2024 at PDC Hall, Provincial Planning and Development Office, Provincial Capitol Compound, Alunan Avenue, Koronadal City, South Cotabato.

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**PRESENT:**

1. **Mr. Carlito Y. Uy**, SCIC Chairperson
2. **Ms. Marites S. Tanseco**, Provincial Planning and Development Office
3. **Mr. Eugenio G. Pamplona**, AVETSCO
4. **Atty. Renette B. Bergado**, PCDO, represented by Mr. Julius Maniego
5. **Ms. Luz Perpetua P. Fontanilla**, Provincial Budget Office, represented by Ms. Lee Mari
6. **Ms. Freda Liza Gazo**, PHRMO, represented by Ms. Gedan Beliran
7. **Ms. Jobelyn Baitus-Corilla**, PYDO
8. **Atty. Marnito Cosep**, PLO, Represented by Ms. Katie M. Pabicon
9. **Mr. Tyron Jann B. Villanueva**, PGO-SCEEMO represented by Ms. Gene Grace Mondana
10. **Ms. Liza D. Hora**, Mahintana Foundation, Inc., represented by Ms. Ma Theresa Santum
11. **Mr. Siegfred Flaviano**, PEMO, Represented by Ms. Agnes L. Castañares
12. **Mr. Jose Daniel Salamat**, PPDO, Represented by Mr. Arnold A. Aba
13. **Ptr. Joey Gonzales**, SNMA
14. **Ms. Nenita G. Kinan**, LGU – Lake Sebu CSO Representative
15. **Mr. Danilo L. Darroca**, LGU – Tantangan, CSO Representative
16. **Ms. Gene T. Bedigay**, LGU – Polomolok, MPDC Staff

**SECRETARIAT**

1. **Ms. Jennifer G. Ilao**, PPDO - SPD
2. **Mr. Kyle Patrick Uy**, PPDO - SPD
3. **Ms. Yona Rose P. Esquibel**, PPDO - SPD

**A. MEETING PROPER**

- Mr. Carlito Uy, SCIC Chairperson, presented the South Cotabato Open Government Partnership Commitments to the committee based on the meeting with Mr. José María Marín, the lead of OGP Local, in which the implementation of commitments will be done in three (3) months due to the election.

**1. OPEN LEGISLATION**

- Mr. Uy presented the Open Legislation Commitments for the Sangguniang Panlalawigan Sessions, adopting the technology in interacting with the general public.
- Ms. Jobelyn Baitus, PYDO, replied that for better flow of the session, a moderator should be assigned to consolidate the questions of the general public, and during recess, the consolidated list will be brought up to the Vice Governor or the secretary to be answered.
- Mr. Uy talked about the malfunctioned LiTS to which Mr. Blanker had discussed in the previous meetings, and that it can still be improved. Mr. Uy indicated that it will be implemented in the next action plan with the assistance of the IT department.
- Ms. Baitus pointed out that for the LiTS to be functional again, a resolution should be passed to the SP for the budget allocation for the development of the system.
- With the exhaustion of the commitments for the Open Legislation, Mr. Uy and the committee have decided that the Commitment for the Open Legislation would take more time for implementation and review indicated that it will be further discussed in the next action plan.



## **2. OPEN CONTRACTING**

- Mr. Uy talked about the Republic Act 9184 and asked for observations that can be implemented in the Province during the conduct of the procurement. Ptr. Gonzales commented that in his experience, he has not been invited to the discussions.
- Mr. Uy asked if the CSOs have written an Observation Report since there are four (4) processes of BAC that they are mandated to attend: Pre-bid, Opening, Pre-qualification, Post-qualification, which must be followed by the committee.
- Mr. Uy discussed that most of the commitment for Open Contracting takes time, and since the IPOD was discontinued, it will be taken up instead in the next action plan, to which the committee agreed.

## **3. OPEN MONITORING**

- Mr. Uy inquired with the People's Council about their attendance at a meeting with the Local Project Monitoring Committee (LPMC). Mr. Danilo Darroca, the People's Council Representative from Surallah, highlighted a situation in Surallah where the monitoring reports are adversely affecting the progress of project implementation. Additionally, it was noted that there were occasions during monitoring when the project site was missing Project Billboards. This absence is recorded in the reports as a missing indicator during project implementation, which is sent to the Engineering Office.
- Ptr. Gonzales discussed his experience during the LPMC; offices sent representatives instead of the designated focal person, and there was no exit conference conducted. Ms. Tanseco added that the LPMC should always conduct an exit conference to have better communication within the committee.
- Mr. Uy suggested that a training session for monitoring should be held for the districts, focusing on CSOs and the People's Council, along with the Municipal Officers, to empower them to support their respective municipalities or barangays afterwards. Ms. Baitus recommended the inclusion of a primary and alternate contact person for the meeting.
- It was then discussed that the capacitation for the Barangay Project Monitoring Evaluation Committee (BPMECs) for the CSOs and People's Council will be implemented for this action plan.

## **4. OPEN INFORMATION**

- Mr. Uy suggested an orientation on the Data Privacy Act of 2012 to be conducted with the CSOs in the province as a commitment under the Open Information.
- Ms. Baitus proposed incorporating the Cybercrime Act of 2012, as its aim is to educate people on navigating the digital landscape. The inclusion of the Act would also secure the fundamentals in surfing the digital space.
- Mr. Uy agrees with Ms. Baitus and inquired about the agencies that are implementing the Data Privacy and Cybercrime policies, to which they responded with the Department of Information Communications and Technology, the Philippine National Police, the National Bureau of Investigation, and the National Privacy Commission. The NPC was excluded because there is no local office based in South Cotabato.
- Mr. Uy inquired of the body whether these commitments would be feasible given the limited timeframe for implementation, to which the body responded affirmatively.

## **5. OPEN MINING**

- Ms. Agnes Castañares of the Provincial Environment Management Office presented the results of the previous action plan for the Open Mining, which have either been completed or stopped.



- Mr. Uy stated that creating and implementing a commitment for open mining would exceed the timeframe that had been unanimously agreed upon to be taken in the next action plan.


## B. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at exactly 11:31 am.

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