

IP DELEGATES PROFILE





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A. Profile of Indigenous Peoples (IP) Delegates



Datu Malapandaw Nestor L. Apas

47 years old, a Chief of Langilan Manobo tribe of Davao del Norte.

Background

- Graduate in Bachelor of Science in Agriculture major in Crop Science
- Diploma in Baptist Outside-of-School Training (BOSST) Program
- Diploma in Biogas Technology Training
- Diploma in Reforestation and Watershed Management Training
- Diploma in Teacher / Trainer in the Cebuano / Manobo Evangelism Explosion III International
- Diploma in Lumad Art / and Architecture Workshop
- Diploma in GPS Receiver or Rover Training

Organizational Involvement:

- Founding President, Kapunganan ni Apo Tandawa Descendant Organization – 1986 to Present



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- Former Member, Indigenous Peoples Sectoral Council of National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) under the Office of the President, pursuant to Republic Act No. 8325, Series of 1998 – 2002 to 2010
- Former Chairman, CARD Multi-Purpose Cooperative (CARDMC), Davao del Norte, Philippines – 1998 – 2000
- Former Member, Consultative Body of Katutubong Samahan ng Pilipinas (KASAPI), Quezon City – 2002 to 2008
- Member, Southern & Eastern Mindanao Ethnographic Region Consultative Body (ERCB) representing the Province of Davao del Norte, pursuant to NCIP AO No. 03, Series of 2003, Davao del Norte, Philippines – 2003 to 2008
- Secretary for Operations and Executive Council Member of PANAGTAGBO-Mindanao representing Langilan Manobo tribe of Davao del Norte – 2004 to 2008
- Former Official Member, Asia South Pacific Association for Basic and Adult Education (ASPBAE), Mumbai-400-039, India – 2006 to 2012
- Registered Representative, Education For All (EFA), representing Indigenous Peoples of Mindanao, Philippines, Dakar, Indonesian – 2006 to 2015



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- Former Board of Director, Civil Society Network for Education Reforms (E-Net Phils), Quezon City, Philippines – 2008 to 2016
- Basic Sectoral Representative (BSR), representing the Indigenous Peoples of Southern Mindanao, pursuant to RKCG EO No. 33, Series of 2003 – 2004 to 2010
- Member, National Council, representing Indigenous Peoples, pursuant to the Literacy Coordinating Council (LCC) to Republic Act No. 7165, Series of 1991 – 2007 to 2010
- Para-Legal, AMMADO-Bagani Security Force for Ancestral Domain in Langilan Manobo tribe – 2014 to Present
- Former Vice Chairperson, Lunhaw Marketing Corporation (LMC), Tagum City, Davao del Norte, Philippines – 2017 to Present
- President, Lunhaw resources Corporation (LRC), Tagum City, Dao del Norte, Philippines – 2017 to Present



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Datu Ramon Bayaan

59 years old, is a tribal elder in the Obu-Manuvu tribe

Background

- He is currently the Vice-Chairman for Peace & Security of the MIPCPD.
- Formerly Chairman of PANAGTAGBO Mindanao.
- He was formerly recruited as member of Sandatahang Yunit Propaganda(SYP) of NPA in Arakan, North Cotabato(1980-1982), where he was programmed to work on its legal front organizations under the Tribal Filipino program of Kidapawan Diocese as Community Organizer.
- He was also the founding chairman of PASAKA(Pasakaday Salugpungan Kalimudan) – a regional IP organization in Southern Mindanao Region(SMR) established by the CTG. Around the turn of the century he came to comprehend the extent of the deception being perpetrated by the CTG and the brutal reprisals committed by the NPA.
- Having seen the deprivation and distress that resulted from the CTG/NPA's activities he chose instead to join the fight for peace and development by encouraging the national government agencies to support the tribal communities' struggle for peace and development in line with legislative initiatives.
- His relevance to the delegation is the information that his tribal network provides on the current activities and tactics that the CTG and NPA currently use; this relevance has also made him a target for execution.



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Christine P. Banugan

28 years old, Mandaya Tribe from Province of Davao Oriental.

Background

- She is a graduate of Ateneo De Davao University (BS Management Accounting), a victim of human rights violation as her father, Likid Copertino Banugan, and another sibling were executed by the NPA.
- She was appointed CADT Head Claimant / Representative of the Mandaya Tribe upon the occasion of the execution of her father (Likid Copertino Banugan) - a position she is prevented from fully exercising because of the CTG/NPA threats against her life.
- Her value to the delegation is her ability to provide first-hand testimony to the brutal methods of CTG intimidation to release custodianship of Ancestral Domains.
- She was selected as the Tribal Chieftain by their Council of Elders in the community after the execution of her father.



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Joel Dahusay

33 years old, Matigtalomo – Manobo Tribe of Sitio Central Baugan, Brgy. Palma Gil.

Background

- A scholar of PAMULAAN Center for Indigenous Peoples' Education at USEP.
- A day care teacher of the Municipal Welfare Office of Talaingod.
- He was a volunteer teacher since 2009 for two years; then he was abducted by the tribal leaders of Salugpungan and was forced to teach at the Salugpungan school.
- In 2012, he cooperated and assisted in a festival activity organized by the Salugpungan. There he met and unintentionally got interviewed by foreign visitors. He was reprimanded by the Salugpungan leaders because of this.
- He distanced himself from the Salugpungan and continued his voluntary teaching in Central Baugan then requested the LGU to put up a school in their area which was eventually granted.
- He was questioned and threatened by the NPA's for his actions and was ordered to leave the Salugpungan territory or else he will be killed.



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- This prompted the community of Central Baugan (predominantly his relatives) to rise up against the NPA's and establish ALSA LUMAD in the area.
- The community requested establishment of detachment in their area under the 72IB.
- In 2015, a series of documentaries were made by the GMA-7 TV Network interviewing Joel Dahusay, Manuel Salangani and Asenad Bago regarding the Salugpungan and the threats to their lives because of opposing it.
- Series of assassination attempts was experienced by Joel Dahusay on 2016 & 2017.
- He was once shot point blank on the head but fortunately the firearm of his assassin failed.
- Last September 30, after receiving reports of riding in tandem looking for him in the Palma Gil Poblacion area, he immediately sought the help of MIPCPD for refuge.



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Magdalina G. Iligan

30 years old, member of the Manobo Tribe inhabiting the hinterlands of Agusan del Sur and Surigao del Sur areas part of Southern Mindanao, Philippines.

Background

- An elementary graduate, she was recruited to join the New People's Army (NPA) of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) sometime in the year 2001 when she was just 12 years old.
- She was easily convinced by the CPP/NPA exploiting her experience when her 4 (four) paternal aunts and three (3) other relatives became SSS victims of military operations in their area where she hoped to retaliate their deaths from the hands of the government troopers.



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Background

- Fifteen (15) years in the CPP/NPA movement from year 2011 and surrendered to the AFP in 2016. She has occupied the following positions;
 - a. Secretary - Youth Organ (Samahang Kabataang Makabayan (SKM) - 2005 engaged in Organizing youth new recruits/members and participated organized Rallies
 - b. Treasurer and Youth Coordinator for Bayan Muna, the political front of the CPP in the White areas who facilitates recruitment activities; 2008 – 2009
 - c. Secretary - Milisya ng Bayan (MB) 2009 -2016; functioning as collector/coordinator of Supplies from their mass base supporters, big companies/firms and store
 - d. Organizer for Organizing group Grupong Tig Organisa (GTO)
- She surrendered to the AFP in the year 2016. It was facilitated by the SF, 3rd Battallion of San Miguel, Surigao del Sur.



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Background

- The death of his uncle this time under the hands of the CPP/NPA hearthend her and triggered her to surrender and back to the folds of the law.

PRESENT COMMITMENT/INVOLVEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT SIDE:

- Magda has been instrumental to the numerous surrenders of NPA cadres back to the government. She is currently coordinating/facilitating NPA members who sent feelers to surrender to the government;
- Actively serving as Speakers in the barangays for AFP CMO related activity;
- Actively involved in Radio Program Advocacy in Bombo Radio in her area;
- Another Radio Program in DXFM in San Miguel Radio Station calling NPAs and his former comrades to surrender.



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Chiary G. Balinan

28 years old, an Ata of Davao City

Background

- A graduate of Samson Technical Office Systems Management NC II).
- She held senior youth council positions for the Ata Tribe before being offered a scholarship opportunity by a group of pastors to develop her identified leadership skills. However, upon accepting the scholarship from the “pastors” she discovered their intent was to use her skills to indoctrinate tribal youth to embrace their communist agenda.
- She fled the Philippines and worked as a Domestic Helper for 2 years; having now returned her life is threatened because she has taken on the alternate advocacy of exposing the methods and deceptions of the CTGs.
- Chiary’s current position is Secretary of the Mindanao Indigenous Peoples’ Youth Organization (MIPYO).



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Datu Bawan JACOB “Jake” LANES

56 years old, member of Mandaya Tribes from Davao City.

Background

- Started as a youth leader and a scholar of the Department of Science and Technology (DOST)
- He pursued Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering (undergraduate) at Xavier University in Cagayan de Oro City (1983-1985).
- As a student leader he came to be noticed by communist terrorist groups, was successfully recruited by the Kabataang Makabayan or KM (an underground youth and student organization of the communist movement) for whom he worked for some time.
- Realizing his error, he instead became active in the Lumad community as a Returnee, telling his fellow tribesman how to avoid falling into the communist terrorist trap.



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Datu Awing Maraan Apuga

25 years old, member of the Ata Manobo Tribe of Talaingod, Davao del Norte.

Background

- Former Squad Leader of SDG 55 in Talaingod for 1 year
- Former Medic of NPA Platoon in Davao del Norte for 1 year.
- Former teacher of Salugpongan Tu Tanu Igkanugon in Talaingod, Davao del Norte for 3 years.
- Former NPA Rebel of SMRC for 7 years.
- Tribal Leader of Talaingod Davao Del Norte and currently IP right advocates in favor to the government.
- Currently active member of Civilian Armed Forces Geographical Unit (CAFGU) sa Talaingod Davao Del Norte whose primary task to defense their ancestral domain in Talaingod.