

# Third South-South Citizenry Based Development Academy

(3<sup>rd</sup> SS CBDA)

HARMONIZATION OF  
DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND  
CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION  
AT THE LOCAL AND COMMUNITY LEVEL  
Building Community Resilience in the Bicol Region



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Central Bicol State University of Agriculture  
Pili, Camarines Sur  
Philippines





Long before the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015, the rising number of disasters coupled with increasing social vulnerability has compelled disaster prone communities to organize and help themselves. There is still a major gap between policies and community efforts to prevent, respond to, and recover from disasters. The South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy seeks to address this gap.



Disasters continue to wreak havoc in various parts of the world. Worst affected are the poor developing countries. This situation has been the push factor in convening the Second World Conference on Disaster Reduction (WCDR II) in January 2005 and 168 governments committing to the HFA 2005-2015. Since then, there has been a widespread effort in DRR at all fronts. The Special Unit for South-South Cooperation (SU-SSC) in United Nations Development Program (UNDP), was asked to include disaster risk management in the implementation of its Third Cooperation Framework. Following this mandate, the SU-SSC has since been an active partner in disaster risk reduction by responding to the requests of the countries and institutions. It contributes in facilitating south-south cooperation in disaster risk reduction in various forms, depending on the needs of requesting agencies/countries.

## South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy

Citizenry-Based Development Oriented Disaster Organizations (CBDOs) have developed innovative approaches to cope with recurring disasters. They, together with Non Government Organizations (NGOs) and local authorities, were at the forefront in promoting DRR through advocacy for policy change, mainstreaming DRR into development programs, capacity building, campaigns and public awareness. Universities, colleges and training institutions are likewise becoming more and more involved in integrating DRR in their curricula and programs. Now, the efforts of governments, higher education and institutions and NGOs are mutually reinforcing in favor of disaster risk reduction. The mid-term review of the HFA shows that more local level actions need to be done, and local governments and stakeholders need to be encouraged to seriously address the issues of vulnerability. Today, CBDOs are many, mostly located in the disaster prone countries of the world, particularly in Asia. While they exist, there is a very limited space for them to discuss, share and learn from each other as regional and international conferences and meetings are gatherings of mostly international, regional and national figures. The **South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy (SS CBDA)** is conceptualized as an appropriate fora for them.

CBDOs in South and Southeast Asia have tremendous experience and knowledge to share. The **Philippines**, having a huge number of vulnerable population to various types of hazards and having pioneered in citizenry based organizations is the most appropriate location of the **Third South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy**.

*Participants of the Second "South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy" held in Indonesia on April 2010. The First SS CBDA was held in India, hosted by All India disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI) in January 2010*



The "South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy" is derived from the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation's three Global Platforms: namely; Global South-South Development Academy, Global South-South Development Expo and Global Asset and Technology Exchange. The Citizenry-Based Development Academy is the local translation of these three global platforms to bridge the gap between global and local efforts in the area of disaster risk reduction.

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## 22-26 November 2010

### Bicol Region, Philippines

## Call for Participation and Registration

The Third South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy is tentatively scheduled on **22-26 November 2010** (inclusive of arrival and departure) in Pili, Camarines Sur, Philippines. The primary aim of the South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy (SS CBDA) is to provide capacity development support to citizenry based development oriented disaster risk reduction initiatives in the Asia and Pacific region, as well as inter regionally. The CBDA provides a venue for communities to share and learn from one another, share analysis of risks and community problems, and exchange solutions and options. Meanwhile, the academe, NGOs, government, private sector and other stakeholders are actively engaged and learn from communities.

### Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA)

Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Sorsogon, and Albay provinces in the Bicol region, host to hydro meteorological, geological and environmental hazards, are battered yearly by typhoons, flash floods and volcanic eruptions. The eruption of Mayon volcano, which sits in Albay, resulted in many casualties and destruction to thousands of houses and buildings. But many communities in this region have become resilient and are knowledgeable on how to recover and rebuild their lives. How these provinces have continued to survive the onslaught of the many hazards confronting them is something these four provinces want to share.

In this light, the **Central Bicol State University of Agriculture (CBSUA)** will be the main host, organizer and partner in the Third South-South Citizenry-Based Development Academy, to share lessons in building resilient communities in as much as to learn from other communities experiences. CBSUA is a leading university in the Philippines on agriculture. It has taken the lead in formalizing the training on disaster risk management through the offering of a ladderized Master in Disaster Risk Management Course since June 2008. Since then, hundreds of DRM practitioners have enrolled in the program. It has reaped its first 34 graduates in the first level Diploma course in Disaster Risk Reduction. Because of this program, CBSUA has partnered with the Center for Disaster Preparedness, ADPC, and UNDP South South Cooperation as member of the Training and Learning Circle for offering continuing education program in Community Based Disaster Risk Management. It has also engaged in partnership project with the Food and Agriculture Organization and the Department of Agriculture to implement the project "Strengthening Capacities for Climate Risk Management and Disaster Preparedness in the Philippines (Bicol) for Agriculture and Fisheries" to analyze the DRM systems in the sector and to promote good practice options for climate change adaptation and disaster preparedness ensuring food security among the populace. As lead Higher Education Institution in the field of study and practice, CBSUA in partnership with other known institutions for DRM in Bicol, can ably host this forthcoming event.

### Study Visit

Specific study locations will be chosen by the CBSUA in consultation with communities. The communities to be visited will have a strong presence of CBDO and has the characteristics of community resiliency. The final programme and venue shall be announced soon.



## SS CBDA Components

- Local Development Solutions Sharing: There is a compelling need to share knowledge, practices and South-South development solutions; identify strategies for scaling across and scaling up good practices; and, evaluate various frameworks on community disaster resilience. The South-South Citizenry Based Development Academy will be an opportunity for participants to explore the development of community disaster resilience platform in the region.
- Local South-South Disaster Resilience Expo, wherein the local communities will showcase and exhibit their innovative practices for others to explore the possibility of replication. Participants will have the opportunity to visit projects on community resilience to disasters and interact with people implementing those projects.
- Community to Community Assets and Technology Exchange, where the communities will seriously look into the possibility of various forms of human resource and technology exchanges.

### Sub-themes

- Gender, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation
- Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation and Livelihood and Food Security
  - Children and Youth Participation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation
    - Partnerships Supported at the Provincial Level
    - Partnerships Supported at the Municipal Level

### Funding and Participation

Participating NGOs, universities and colleges are encouraged to shoulder their cost and sponsor the participation of their partner communities. A total of about 80-100 delegates including community leaders, facilitators, implementers, presenters are expected to participate (about 80% local and 20% international).

### Host and Partners

The Community People shall act as local host of the Academy, where sharing and learning would take place, tools and methodologies should be exhibited and possible human and technology exchanges would be explored. CBSUA based in Pili, Camarines Sur is the main organizer and will provide guidance and direction to the event. Other local partners include the APSEMO, CIRCA, Labo LGU, FAO-DA, Bicol University, Typhoon Preparedness Center, Bureau of Fire Protection, etc.

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