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National Workshop on Policy Recommendations and Networking – Designing a Roadmap for Advocacy

On Wednesday, 29 March 2012, DELGOSEA organizes a one-day national workshop in Manila on policy recommendations, sustainability and advocacy. The aim is to provide a forum for networking and information-sharing among the pilot LGUs/cities, namely, Alaminos City, Bacolod City and the ManLuNa (Manticao, Lugait, Naawan) and BinKiSU (Binaungan, Kinoguitan, Sugbongcogon) cluster of municipalities, Misamis Oriental in the Philippines, the DELGOSEA network and other stakeholders at national and regional level. Based on the findings throughout the replication process of the pilot cities, policy recommendations were drafted and will be discussed and finalised during the workshop – leading directly to the development of a roadmap on advocacy for the policy recommendations.

The workshop is planned for policy makers and strategic partners of the DELGOSEA network – including Local Government Associations – representatives of the pilot cities (Alaminos, BinKiSu and ManLuNa Cluster in Misamis Oriental and Bacolod) the Delegation of the European Union, civil society organisations and representatives of media and academia. The development of a country strategy for sustainability of the best practice transfer in the Philippines is another issue on the agenda, including a discussion of the DELGOSEA website and secretariat as continuous transnational platform for best practice exchange in Southeast Asia.

“After introducing landmark reforms in the country's democratic structure, that is decentralisation in 1991, the work then was to re-orient government, national and local including all agencies and ensure that each performs well under a new environment. The Philippines was not the only country that democratized then and still engaged in enriching democracy now. This endeavour is parallel to other countries especially to our



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neighbours in SEA. In this vein, the regional approach of DELGOSEA is significant contribution to this ongoing work. LOGODEF, with its more than 2 decades of work in the country is proud to be part of it with the certainty that countries can now exchange and share the best way forward" said Professor Edmund Tayao, Executive Director of the Local Government Development Foundation (LOGODEF), DELGOSEA's institutional partner in the Philippines.

DELGOSEA is a network of 32 cities from five countries – Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam – with the aim to share knowledge and replicate best practices on good local governance for our a better life of our people. This network is supported by 11 Local Government Associations, five partners and various other stakeholders from government, civil society, academia and media. They all play a crucial role to make best replication a success. The network is managed by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and co-financed by the European Union and the German Ministry of Development Cooperation.

More information on the result of the workshop will be circulated on DELGOSEA website (www.DELGOSEA.eu).

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