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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: Better Governance Forum: The State of Local Governance and Innovations in the Philippines

DATE & TIME: 28 June 2024

SHORT DESCRIPTION: The School of Diplomacy and Governance (SDG) and the Governance and Public Affairs Program participated in a policy-focused forum with UP-NCPAG that brought together policymakers, scholars, practitioners, and community leaders to assess local governance and share innovations and best practices. Speakers included the Governors of Batangas and Quirino and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Undersecretary for Local Government. The forum also featured publications on local governance and public administration. This activity demonstrates policy-focused knowledge of exchange and engagement with government officials and academic institutions. Benilde SDG-GPA through the Dean and Program Chair of Governance and Public Affairs: Dr Gary Ador Dionisio and Prof. Maricel Fernandez were involved in research conducted by the UPPAF and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) on a Comprehensive Review of the Local Government Code of 1991 which was presented to the Senate and the Congress which was completed in 2023. Highlights of the research were tackled in the Forum since the proponent of the Mandanas and Garcia Ruling was present during the forum. The research was led by Dr. Alex B. Brillantes, Jr, GPA Council of Adviser of Benilde SDG GPA program







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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: Philippine Academic Consortium for Latin American Studies (PACLAS) Workshop 2024: Forging New Horizons—Strengthening Ties between the Philippines and Latin America

DATE & TIME: 24–26 and 28 June 2024

LOCATION: University of Asia and the Pacific and Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)

SHORT DESCRIPTION: SDG continues to participate in policy-oriented workshops conducted by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)–Office of American Affairs to examine Philippine relations with Latin American countries and proposed initiatives to strengthen these relationships. This demonstrates collaboration with a government department and the development of policy recommendations informed by regional analysis.





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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: SDG Diplomacy x Governance Lecture Series and SDG Year End Meeting with Council of Advisers

DATE & TIME: 7 August 2024

LOCATION: Ideation Room, 2/F, The Atrium, Benilde

SHORT DESCRIPTION: The lecture series involved the Embassy of Canada to the Philippines and the Department of the Interior and Local Government–National Capital Region (DILG–NCR). H.E. David Hartman, Canadian Ambassador, discussed Philippine–Canada relations, while DILG–NCR Regional Director Maria Lourdes Agustin shared perspectives on public service and challenges in local and global governance. The activity supported policy-focused dialogue and knowledge exchange among academe, diplomatic representatives, and a government department.

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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: Exploratory Meeting with the Climate Change Commission

DATE & TIME: 20 January 2025

LOCATION: Vatel Manila

SHORT DESCRIPTION: SDG met with officials of the Climate Change Commission (CCC), including Deputy Executive Director Atty. Rommell Antonio Cuenco, to strengthen institutional partnerships and enhance student awareness of existing climate change adaptation policies. Facilitated by SDG faculty, the meeting represents engagement with a government policy agency and provides a potential basis for future policy-focused research and collaboration on climate adaptation.





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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: Lasallian Talks: Lasallian Governance for Meaningful Electoral Participation for Barangays

DATE & TIME: 25 January 2025

LOCATION: Ideation Hall, Benilde

SHORT DESCRIPTION: In partnership with Benilde's Center for Social Action, SDG conducted voter education on meaningful electoral participation, voters' rights and responsibilities, good governance, inclusion, equity, social justice, and human rights in elections. Resource persons included an election officer from Calbayog City and a representative from the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA). The activity connected governance education and community concerns with public-sector expertise, supporting policy-relevant knowledge exchange with government representatives.





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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: Benilde SDG for SDGs Campaign Launch

DATE & TIME: 30 January 2025

LOCATION: Ideation Hall, Benilde

SHORT DESCRIPTION: SDG convened participants from the United Nations Philippines, the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), UP-NCPAG, the 2030 Youth Force in the Philippines, and academic institutions to promote the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals. Speakers included representatives from the UN Resident Coordinator's Office, NEDA, and UP-NCPAG. The activity facilitated cross-sector dialogue on policy, economics, youth engagement, and sustainable development, supporting policy-focused knowledge exchange and partnership-building among public institutions, international organizations, and academic organizations.



ACTIVITY LINKS: See More 1 |

TITLE OF ACTIVITY: 2024 Philippine Society for Public Administration Conference—Exploring New Governance: Approaches for Sustainability and Administrative Resilience

DATE & TIME: 5–7 December 2024

LOCATION: Bacolod City

SHORT DESCRIPTION: The SDG delegation, including faculty and students of Benilde, presented research on innovations and resilience in public administration and governance, AI and technology, and public administration in the Anthropocene. The conference examined approaches relevant to sustainable and resilient governance and provided a platform for policy-focused research dissemination and exchange with public administration practitioners and academics. The milestone notes participation by more than 300 academics and practitioners (practitioners include government officials and employees from all over the Philippines) who are members of the Philippine Society for Public Administration. Ms Maricel Fernandez-Carag, GPA chair, hosted a panel featuring the Deputy Secretary General of the House of Representatives. This demonstrates research dissemination relevant to public policy.







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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: SDG High-Level Roundtable Discussion on Artificial Intelligence in Governance and Diplomacy
DATE & TIME: 14 March 2025
LOCATION: Hotel Benilde
SHORT DESCRIPTION:

On 14 March 2025, SDG invited experts and practitioners in the field of International Relations, Diplomacy, Development, Public Administration, and Governance to discuss the opportunities and risks associated with the rise of AI nationally, regionally, and globally. A free-flowing exchange of ideas was carried out within the context of the future of policy making, policy guidance, decision-making, foreign relations, and training the next generation of diplomats.

LEAD DISCUSSANT: Dr. Emmanuel C. Lallana (Chief Executive, Ideacorp)
REACTORS:

- Mr. Lloyd Alexander Adducul (Chief Research Officer, AI Diplomacy Studies Section, DFA-FSI)
- Mr. Frederic Grillet (First Secretary, EU Delegation to the Philippines; on behalf of H.E. Massimo Santoro)
- Minister Michael Ting-Sheng Lee (Deputy Representative, TECO)
- Mr. Felipe Chiou-Ren Ding (Executive Assistant to the Representative, TECO)
- Dr. Robin Garcia (President and CEO, WR Advisory Group)
- Mr. Julio Amador (Executive Director, Fullbright Philippines)
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- Amb. (ret.) Marilyn Alarilla (Special Lecturer)
- Amb. (ret.) Luz Palacios (Special Lecturer)



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TITLE OF ACTIVITY: National Security Council Brainstorming
DATE & TIME: 22 August 2025
LOCATION: Hotel Benilde
SHORT DESCRIPTION:

The Benilde School of Diplomacy and Governance hosted one of the iterations of the National Security Council Brainstorming Series on 22 August 2024 at Hotel Benilde - Maison de La Salle.

Entitled "Demystifying the Dragon: China's views on the SCS and its implications for the Philippines" the series brought together lecturers and experts from different colleges, universities, and national government, who tackled topics geared towards shedding light on China's behavior and how the tensions we face with the country presently can affect the Philippines on a national level, have implications on the regional level, and inform changes to geopolitical dynamics on the international level.

The SDG Team, headed by Dean Gary Ador Dionisio, wishes to thank its friends and partners from the National Security Council, the De La Salle University - Manila, and the Mindanao State University for helping out in making this hosting a success!



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