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A DBM PH-OGP Side-Event:

Empowered Women, Lasting Peace: Advancing the Women, Peace, and Security Agenda through Open Governance

Background

The Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda emphasizes the essential role women play in conflict prevention, peace negotiations, and post-conflict reconstruction. Across the globe, women's participatory role in decision-making processes, conflict resolution, and governance has proven essential in creating more inclusive and sustainable peace outcomes. Open governance ensures that all stakeholders, especially women, have access to information, can participate in decision-making processes, and hold governments accountable for their commitments to peace and security. The integration of the WPS agenda within the principles of open governance offers a transformative approach to achieving lasting peace, where women's roles are not only recognized but actively supported.

In the Philippines, the open governance framework presents a powerful mechanism to advance the WPS agenda; providing a platform for women to meaningfully contribute to peace and security processes, ensuring that their voices are heard and that policies are gender responsive.

Objectives

This session serves as a crucial platform for amplifying women's voices in peace and security efforts in the Philippines. Specifically, this session aims to:

1. Facilitate a dialogue among stakeholders to share experiences and best practices on how open governance initiatives have successfully advanced women's meaningful participation in peace and security processes;
2. Discuss how open governance principles such as transparency, accountability, and civic engagement can ensure that the WPS agenda remains a cornerstone of peacebuilding efforts in the Philippines and that women's voices continue to shape the future of governance and security; and
3. Facilitate the exchange of ideas to develop actionable recommendations for policymakers and stakeholders to strengthen the WPS agenda through open governance at local and national levels.

Program

Time	Activity	Resource Persons
	Preliminaries (AVP. Registration)	
5 mins	Opening Message	Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman, <i>Department of Budget and Management, PH-OGP Steering Committee Chairperson</i>
10 mins	Discussion 1: <i>Women as Agents of Peace and Justice: Legal Perspectives on the WPS Agenda</i>	Associate Justice Filomena Singh, <i>Supreme Court of the Philippines</i>
10 mins	Discussion 2: <i>Grassroots Mobilization and Women's Leadership in Peacebuilding</i>	Ms. Aurora R. Chavez, <i>Executive Director MALAYA Ka, and PH-OGP Steering Committee Co-Chairperson</i>
10 mins	Discussion 3: <i>Open Governance and the Role of Women in Electoral Reforms</i>	Atty. Rona V. Caritos, <i>Executive Director LENTE, Member PH-OGP Steering Committee</i>
10 mins	Discussion 4: <i>Advancing the WPS Agenda in the Bangsamoro: Successes and Challenges</i>	Atty. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba <i>Bangsamoro Minister of the Interior and Local Government</i>
30 mins	Panel Discussion: Championing Inclusive Governance: Women's Leadership in Advancing the Peace and Security Agenda	<i>Moderator:</i> Undersecretary Margaux V. Salcedo, <i>Department of Budget and Management</i> <i>Panelists:</i> Associate Justice Filomena Singh, <i>Supreme Court of the Philippines</i> Ms. Aurora R. Chavez, <i>Executive Director MALAYA Ka, and PH-OGP Steering Committee Co-Chairperson</i> Atty. Rona V. Caritos, <i>Executive Director LENTE</i> Atty. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba <i>Bangsamoro Minister of the Interior and Local Government</i>
5 mins	Closing Message	