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AKSYON KLIMA PILIPINAS ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

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This report provides the history of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas, the Philippines' leading civil society network for climate action, from September 2020 to September 2025, under the leadership of Living Laudato Si' Philippines as its Convenor.

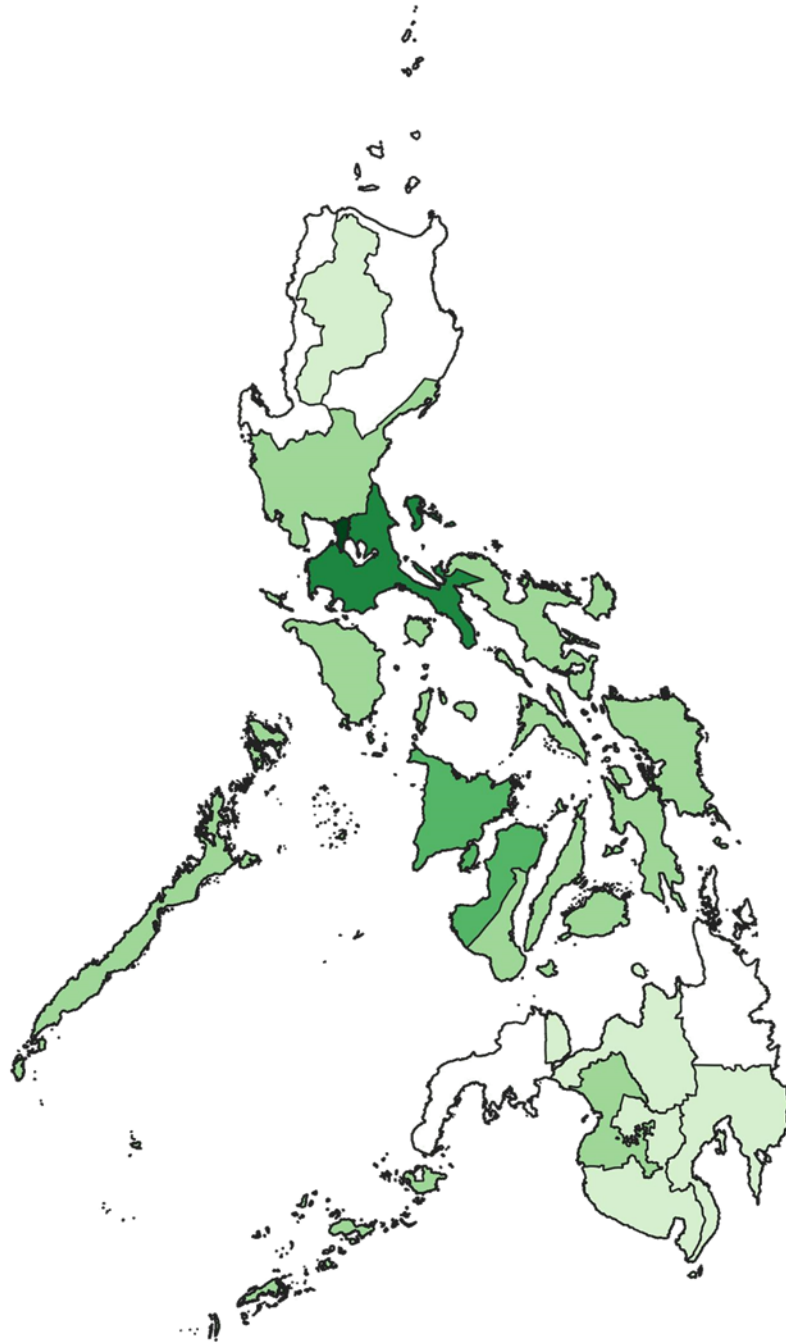
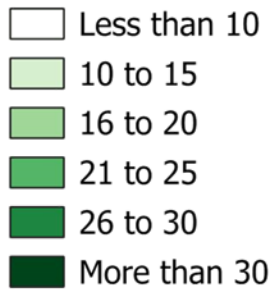
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WHERE ARE AKP MEMBERS PRESENT?

Presence of AKP members



Updated as of 31 August 2025

AKP is also a member of the following regional networks



MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CONVENOR

The year 2020 marked the start of a trail that has been both uplifting and steep. Looking back, especially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the narrative is one of grit, fresh thinking, and unwavering love for climate justice. It reveals the tight bond linking climate disruption, public well-being, and the shaky foundations of our markets, and it urges swift, sweeping response from every corner of society.

In every corner of our archipelago, the threat we face is growing. Super-typhoons, surging floods, and seas that creep menacingly inward already disrupt our homes. Harvests are affected, food prices fluctuate beyond reach, and each setback is made sharper by a fast-changing climate. Compassion is no longer enough; we need bold actions. Leading the charge is Aksyon Klima Pilipinas, insisting that no single household, no small fisherfolk, and no far-flung barangay goes unheard in the story of survival and rebuilding. Through the platform, we demand climate justice so that searing summers and wild, angry seas do not become settled realities, and every person shares in only the safeguard of a thriving planet.

A turning point for our movement has been the influence of our members. Their steadfastness, resolve, and talent for finding common ground have been the keystones of every advance. Their energy creates an unshakeable circle of allies devoted to climate justice, and their willingness to confront authority, even at personal risk, has fortified our cause. Their courageous testimony to facts they have lived—plus their steadfast friendship with one another—gives the broader movement its pulse and protective armor.

When the pandemic closed venues and barred travel, we learned to move within, pivot, and still push forward. Conversations switched from halls to living rooms, courtrooms of the couch where community leaders faced cameras and paradoxically reached more ears. We turned to the screens as our meeting ground and still issued a resolute demand for a more responsible, more audacious Nationally Determined Contribution. That demand codifies the country's climate responsibilities in a moment that left avenues for petitions, sit-downs, and symbolic marches dried up. Webinars, break-out rooms, and virtual town halls became currency, weaving farmers, activists, and bureau chiefs around a common chart toward justice in the record we still carried to the legislators' desks.

Engaging with government and other stakeholders remains a complex task. Restricted movement curtailed in-person discussions, and shifting political priorities occasionally delayed momentum, yet opening and preserving space for ongoing conversation proved more important than ever. When physical meetings became impossible, we turned to webinars, webinars, and digital town halls to convene diverse voices, to elevate marginalized viewpoints, and to directly shape policy. In these forums, we reaffirmed that authentic public participation and openness are the twin foundations of climate goals that are both ambitious and equitable.

Partnership remains the force multiplier of change. Aksyon Klima Pilipinas consciously forges alliances with national and local governments, with civic organizations, with universities and research institutes, and with private enterprises. Every shared resource, every aligned technical capacity, and every reciprocal learning opportunity magnifies our reach and effectiveness. When diverse sectors stand together, we sharpen our collective capacity to deliver impact that is both deep and durable.

As I look to the future, I take heart from everything we've achieved thus far. Climate awareness is deepening, young leaders are stepping up, yet we face stubborn headwinds, from partisan politics to relentless disinformation. We can't fold; we need to keep calling for policies that are strong, inclusive, and accountable. Let's make sure the forums where decisions are made actively invite all parts of our society, so our response can be both broad and powerful.

The climate emergency—real and frightening—also challenges us to dream and build a future that is sustainable, just, and strong enough to resist the shocks to come. Success calls for a shared resolve, clever ideas, and unyielding work. Our membership's unshakeable courage is the backbone of our ongoing strength. We must carry this shared resolve into every new action. The need for swift climate measures is urgent. If we summon our collective energy, we can make the Philippines a beacon of resilience.

RODNE GALICHA
National Convenor
Aksyon Klima Pilipinas



POLICY ADVOCACIES

Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)

- First cycle (2020/2021)



Figure 1. Screenshot of the joint statement of Philippine civil society organizations and networks on calls and recommendations for the country’s first NDC, dated 15 February 2021, including the logos of signatories.

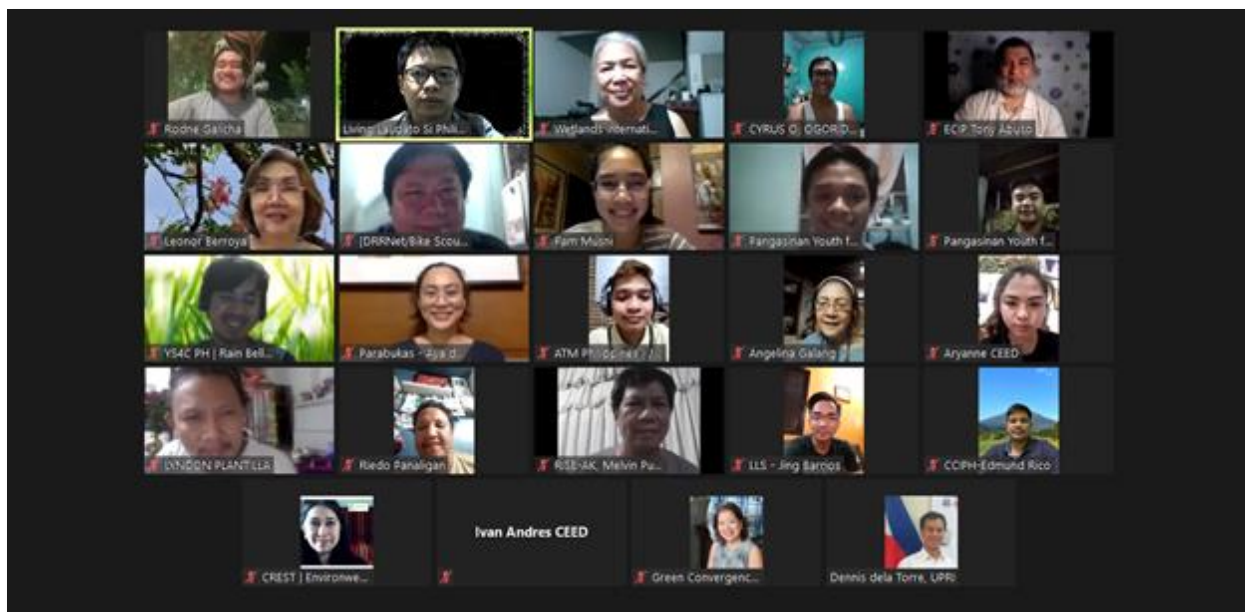


Figure 2. Screenshot of the culminating Aksyon Klima CSO NDC dialogue held in February 2021 via Zoom.

AKP played an important role in the formulation of the Philippines's first NDC, the country's commitment to addressing the climate crisis as a signatory to the Paris Agreement. Network members participated in several multi-stakeholder consultations organized by the Philippine government presenting the recent drafts of the NDC from Q4 2020 to Q1 2021, while also engaging in informal communications and lobbying with government officials involved in its formulation. The network also issued several statements providing critique of the latest drafts, maintaining its position of the need for an NDC that would lead to a low-carbon, climate-smart, and climate-resilient Philippines.

AKP presided over a series of civil society dialogues in February 2021, consolidating the positions of more than 100 participants representing 57 organizations and institutions. These dialogues covered the mitigation sectors of agriculture, waste, industry, forestry, energy, and transport, while also integrating arguments regarding cross-cutting issues such as health, education, and gender. This culminated in the formulation of the "Statement of Philippine civil society organizations and networks on calls and recommendations for the first Nationally Determined Contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change", signed by 23 climate-related civil society networks and organizations. This statement was finalized on 15 February 2021 and sent to the Climate Change Commission (CCC) and other government agencies on 16 February 2021.

Through the lobbying of AKP members, several of its calls from the CSO statement ended up as part of the NDC text submitted to the UNFCCC on 15 April 2021. Among these included the need to strengthen climate change education, recognition of the importance of ecosystems integrity, and upholding the rights of indigenous peoples in the context of climate action. This lobbying also prevented the greenhouse gas emissions reductions target of the NDC from being set at 35%, which was the original target as indicated in a draft released by the Philippine government in December 2020; the figure was set at 75% mitigation within the period 2020-2030, relative to a "business-as-usual" scenario.

The Philippines, in line with its national security policy and its sustainable development aspirations and in solidarity with ASEAN Member States, shall endeavor to peak its emissions by 2030 in the context of accelerating the just transition of its sectors into a green economy and the delivery of green jobs and other benefits of a climate and disaster-resilient and low carbon development to its people, among others.

The NDC upholds the importance of ensuring ecosystems integrity and promoting the country's obligations on human rights and the rights of its indigenous peoples.

The Philippines recognizes the importance of traditional knowledge, education and public awareness, and enhancement of climate actions through measures embodied in Article 12 of the Paris Agreement, and shall endeavor to institute a multi-level mechanism in this regard in the implementation of the NDC.

Figure 3. Screenshot of the Philippine Nationally Determined Contribution as submitted in April 2021, with the content boxed in red indicating some of the advocacies successfully lobbied for by AKP.

- **Second cycle (2025)**



Figure 4. Scenes from the series of focused group discussions and consultations conducted by Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the NDC updating and just transition framework development process, including (*clockwise, from top left*): the focused group discussion on the forestry and other land use sector held on 26 May 2025 in Quezon City; the regional consultation for Luzon held on 30 April 2025 in Baguio City; the national children and youth consultation held on 18-19 July 2025 in Quezon City; and the regional consultation for Visayas held on 11 April 2025 in Pandan, Antique.

For the development of the second Philippine NDC, AKP has become a more active participant, enacting lessons learned from the previous cycle to champion inclusivity throughout the process.

The network and its members were a part of the initial multistakeholder consultation for the NDC updating held on 9 December 2024 in Quezon City. John Leo Algo, who has become National Coordinator by this time, was one of the panelists during the consultation, presenting recommendations for strengthening multistakeholder engagements during this process¹¹.

Without the COVID-induced restrictions, the network conducted a series of focused group discussions (FGDs) and consultations with different communities and sectors to collect their aspirations and recommendations for the key principles, policies and measures (PAMS) that should be in the next NDC. Nine sessions were conducted between March and July 2025, including consultations in Baguio City, Pandan in Antique, and Cebu City, and online dialogues with civil society and community representatives

¹¹ The following AKP members also participated in the December 2024 NDC updating multistakeholder consultation: Oxfam Pilipinas, Parabukas, Tebtebba, Green Convergence, Center for Energy, Ecology and Development, EcoWaste Coalition, Rice Watch Action Network, Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology, Conservation International Philippines, WWF-Philippines, and Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities.



Figure 4. Scenes from the meetings Aksyon Klima Pilipinas and its member-organizations and partners held with the following national government agencies (*clockwise, from top left*): Department of Energy; Department of Labor and Employment; Department of Transportation; and Department of Agriculture. These meetings took place within August 2025.

from Visayas and Mindanao to ensure as inclusive of an approach to position-building as possible². All outcomes of these consultations were consolidated into an NDC position paper that is more inclusive and comprehensive compared to what was produced from the first NDC cycle.

As part of its more proactive approach for this iteration, AKP has been coordinating with its member-organizations and partners to communicate its calls and positions to national government agencies. In August 2025, the network has engaged in meetings with agencies key to the NDC implementation, such as the CCC, Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), and Department of Transportation (DOTr). This process is ongoing as of this writing, as the updated NDC is to be finalized in November 2025.

² The AKP-led NDC-just transition consultations were co-organized or supported by the following member-organizations and partner-institutions: Bantay Kita – Publish What You Pay Philippines, Philippine Initiative for Conservation of Environment and the People, Health Care Without Harm Southeast Asia, Haribon Foundation, Rice Watch Action Network, Inc., Tebtebba Foundation, Pagtambayayong – A Foundation for Mutual Aid, Inc., World Vision Development Foundation, Negrosan Initiative for Climate and the Environment, Reboot Philippines, Plan International Pilipinas, UNICEF Philippines, and Forest Foundation Philippines.

National Adaptation Plan (NAP)

AKP was only invited to participate in the closing stages of the NAP development. It received the second and third versions of the draft document, received from the NAP Secretariat under the CCC on 18 August and 11 September 2023, respectively. A list of comments and suggestions on the draft document was prepared by the AKP Secretariat and shared to the constituency through e-mail and Messenger for soliciting more insights into the drafts. These lists were then communicated by e-mail to the NAP Secretariat on 22 August and 15 September 2023 to respond to the second and third (final) versions, respectively.

Most of these interventions in the list were communicated during the multistakeholder consultations held online on 8 August 2023, and a two-day, in-person event held at Astoria Plaza Hotel, Pasig City on 22-23 August 2023. Several AKP members actively participated in both events, leading all civil society delegates in delivering interventions for both the network and their respective organizations.

After receiving feedback from the CCC, the network successfully lobbied for the following changes and additions into the final NAP, which was submitted to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) on 30 May 2024:

- The interventions to emphasize food self-sufficiency and organic agricultural practices among the priority adaptation outcomes for "Agriculture and Fisheries and Food Security" resulted in their inclusion in the newest draft.
- We successfully lobbied for the social component of "Ecosystems & Biodiversity" adaptation outcomes to become a third separate outcome to complement the economic and environment-focused outcomes that were already in the initial draft; this is now listed as "Enabled and empowered communities to lead ecological management".
- While our push for a separate outcome focused on indigenous peoples under "Cultural Heritage, Population Displacement and Migration" was not fully considered, the current draft still included our specific call to emphasize "[taking] into consideration unique circumstances of indigenous peoples and their ties to ancestral land".
- Under "Adaptation financing", we also successfully pushed as a key success factor the need to design priority adaptation programs and projects that also yields co-benefits for mitigation, SDGs, and COVID-19 recovery.
- The option "desalination facilities", previously listed as a priority adaptation option under "Water Resources", was removed from the NAP draft.
- The reality that many vulnerable groups and communities are either not sufficiently capacitated or unaware of available spaces and platforms for participation is recognized, not just that the voluntary and non-incentivized nature of involvement may result in limited quality of participation of vulnerable groups and communities.
- The Philippines will build on the gains of the NCCAP and integrate climate change in basic and higher education curricula, including loss and damage.

As of this writing, the AKP Secretariat is exploring opportunities for more effective localization of the NAP, including coherence with the NCCAP and being integrated into the Local Climate Change Action Plans (LCCAPs) in provinces to be at highest exposure to climate impact drivers, namely increased temperatures and drought, sea level rise and extreme sea levels, extreme precipitation, and extreme winds and tropical cyclones.



Figure 5. Scenes during the 2nd National Adaptation Plan multistakeholder consultations held on 22-23 August 2023 at Astoria Plaza Hotel, Quezon City.

On the section on adaptation financing	As much as the Philippines needs urgent mobilization of funding from the private sector and international sources, it must be emphasized that caution should be exercised when accessing said financing; as the country could be opening itself to financing terms that are unfavorable to national interests, especially the well-being of the most vulnerable communities, and prove too costly that it would hinder the attainment of national and local development goals.
On the section on adaptation financing	While "realizing co-benefits and co-learnings" is listed as among the specific ways governance and institutions enable the eventual operationalization of the NAP, it nevertheless must be emphasized that to mobilize more adaptation financing, policymakers could frame priority programs and projects such that they also provide co-benefits in terms of achieving climate change mitigation, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and COVID-19 recovery, among others.
Key success factors:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Utilizing a co-benefit approach: To enhance the mobilization of adaptation financing, policymakers can design priority programs and projects in a manner that not only addresses adaptation but also yields co-benefits in terms of advancing climate change mitigation, achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, COVID-19 recovery, and more. 	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Mainstreaming adaptation in Public Finance Management and budgeting: Integrate climate adaptation considerations into budgeting and financial planning processes to ensure adequate and timely public funding is directed towards high-impact adaptation interventions. 	

Figure 6. Screenshot of AKP interventions on adaptation financing to the second draft of the National Adaptation Plan (*top*) and the corresponding resulting additional paragraph under the "Adaptation financing" section of the third draft of the National Adaptation Plan (*bottom*).

Just Transition Framework (JTF)



Figure 7. Group photo from the Just Transition Programme Kickoff Forum held on 1 October 2024 in Quezon City.

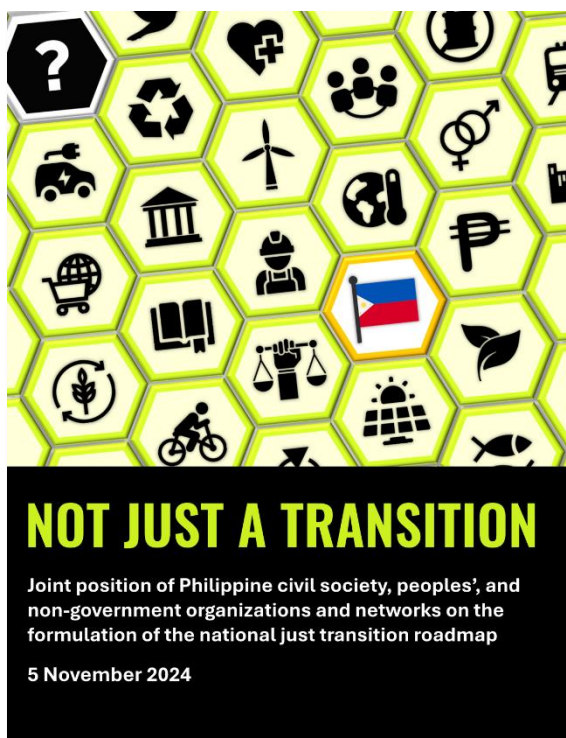


Figure 8. Cover of the first joint non-government stakeholders' submission to the Philippine government for the development of the Just Transition Framework.

In the past five years, just transition has emerged as a critical issue within the global and national climate policymaking spaces. With the growing urgency of implementing climate solutions and addressing other development issues (i.e., poverty alleviation, job creation), its importance to the Philippines' pursuit of sustainable development has only increased.

The network became among the leading voices within the civil society ranks in presenting a united voice towards the development of the just transition framework (JTF). Its members actively participated in the Just Transition Programme Kickoff Forum held on 1 October 2024 in Quezon City, which focused on the sectors of energy, transport, industry, and labor.

After this meeting, AKP led the development of a joint position paper on the JTF, highlighting among its many calls the need for more sectors to be involved and to account for adaptation and other mitigation sectors under the NDC. This was sent to the Philippine government on 5 November 2024, signed by 41 civil society, peoples', and labor organizations. This paper influenced the government to also prioritize the agriculture and waste sectors, as revealed during a side event at the COP29 Philippine Pavilion on November 2025.



Figure 9. Group photos from the Just Transition Framework Design Sprint on 18 June 2025 in Pasig City (left) and the Just Transition Framework Co-Creation Workshop on 4 July 2025 in Pasig City (right).

Some of the AKP members³ participated in a series of consultations or “Design Sprints” held between June and July 2025. They provided inputs into the challenges, risks, and opportunities associated with just transition in the Philippines, corresponding to their respective sectors of focus.



Figure 10. Cover of the first joint non-government stakeholders’ submission to the Philippine government for the development of the Just Transition Framework.

These led to the JTF Co-Creation Workshop on 4 July 2025; aside from the AKP Secretariat, network members Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center (LRC), Manila Observatory, Oxfam Pilipinas, Parabukas, and Reboot Philippines also capably represented the CSO sector in finalizing the initial round of principles and strategies to define the JTF.

From the same set of FGDs and consultations on the NDC, a second position paper was developed for the ongoing formulation of the JTF. This was submitted to the Philippine government on the morning of the JTF Co-Creation workshop, signed by 45 non-government organizations.

Via the collective lobbying of network members and the presentation of the round of consultations it conducted outside of Metro Manila, AKP was able to influence the government to conduct JTF regional consultations in Clark, Cebu, and Davao in September 2025, a significant step towards genuine inclusive climate policymaking. As of the writing, the JTF is still being developed and finalized.

³ The following AKP members are known to have participated in the Just Transition Framework Design Sprints: Asian Research Institute on Environmental Law, Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development, Conservation International Philippines, Ecowaste Coalition, Greenpeace Philippines, Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities, Manawari SEA, Manila Observatory, NGOs for Fisheries Reform, Oxfam Pilipinas, Parabukas, Reboot Philippines, Rice Watch Action Network, Inc., World Vision Development Foundation, and WWF Philippines.

Philippine Development Plan (PDP)

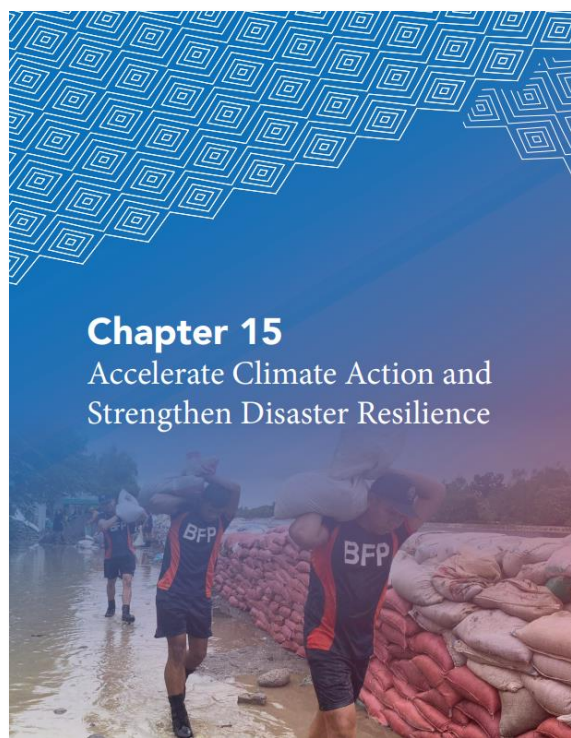


Figure 11. Cover of Chapter 15 of the updated Philippine Development Plan for 2023-2028.

While there have been noticeable improvements in some aspects of national-level climate policymaking in the past five years, there remains challenges in other workstreams.

An example of this is on the development and updating of the PDP, whose current iteration is in effect from 2023 to 2028. The midterm review of the PDP was opened to a public consultation; however, this only took place in a span of one week in early June 2025, unknown to most non-government stakeholders.

Nonetheless, the AKP Secretariat was able to develop a set of calls and positions for Chapter 15 of the document, which focuses on strategies, priority legislative agenda, and performance review relevant to the objective to “Accelerate Climate Action and Strengthen Disaster Resilience”.

After the publication of the updated version on 15 August 2025, it is confirmed that AKP succeeded in having some of the aforementioned calls included into the document, namely the following:

- Recognition of the role of Indigenous Peoples in implementing ecosystem-based adaptation and nature-based solutions;
- A dedicated section for highlighting the urgency of averting, minimizing, or addressing loss and damage, including engagements with the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage;
- Integration of environmental and social safeguards and their strengthened enforcement as part of the National Policy Framework for Critical Minerals; and
- Inclusion of the development of the JTF as a significant part of ensuring policy coherence and multistakeholder collaboration in implementing just transition.

	adaptation and mitigation
Line 264	In the current version of Chapter 15, loss and damage (L&D) was mentioned in the context of Outcome 3 (“Low carbon economy transition enabled”) and the cross-cutting strategy to improve governance and intersectionality of climate change and natural hazard resilience. However, L&D was not mentioned even once in the draft updated version. L&D is an integral part of the Philippines’ overall development narrative and context, considering the billions of costs every year due to more extreme climate impacts and it is intended to be part of the NDC (as stated in the <i>current</i> version of Chapter 15). L&D is also conceptually inherent to addressing climate action and disaster resilience, as is the focus of said chapter. We recommend that the imperative of averting, minimizing, and addressing loss and damage must be reflected in the updated version of Chapter 15 in the PDP.
Line 264	While civil society groups in the Philippines are interested in contributing to the

Figure 12. Screenshot of the AKP position paper on the midterm review of Chapter 15 of the Philippine Development Plan (2023-2028). Text in red indicates the position that was integrated into said chapter.

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENTS

Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC (COPs) or the UN climate negotiations

- **COP26** (Glasgow, Scotland)

AKP was one of the civil society networks and organizations representing Philippine civil society in COP26, carrying with it advocacies such as the establishment of a loss and damage funding mechanism for vulnerable nations, scaling up climate finance needed by developing countries like the Philippines for its adaptation and mitigation needs, and upholding climate and intergenerational justice in all decisions made at the global and national levels.

Led by convenor Rodne Galicha, a commemoration mass was held at Our Lady and St. George Chapel, Glasgow on 7 November 2021 on the eighth anniversary of the landfall of super-typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) on the Philippines. Afterwards, a lunch was organized for Filipino COP26 delegates, which was also intended as a space to meet not only with each other, but also with the members of the Philippine delegation as part of a truly inclusive decision-making process. However, only Mr. Albert Magalang of the DENR and Natural Resources and Atty. Wimpy Fuentebella of the DOE attended these proceedings. Nevertheless, present Filipino CSO delegates shared their insights to the aforementioned government representatives related to climate justice and actions and potential ways forward post-COP26.

AKP also participated in several climate strikes held throughout the duration of the Glasgow climate negotiations, including on the Global Day of Climate Action March held on 6 November in said city. An action inside the Action Hub, Green Zone of the COP26 was also conducted on 8 November, where Galicha and a few other Filipino CSO delegates called for the creation of a loss and damage funding mechanism and climate justice on the anniversary of the landfall of Haiyan. This action was covered by both local and international media. Throughout the conference period, Galicha and Algo represented the network in interviews and media appearances in global and Philippine news outlets, providing their insights into the progress and eventual outcomes of COP26.



Figure 13. Filipino delegates discuss the progress of the negotiations at UNFCCC COP26 after the Yolanda commemoration mass held in Glasgow, United Kingdom.



Figure 14. (left) AKP Convenor Rodne Galicha and Yolanda survivor Marinel Ubaldo stage an action calling for climate justice and loss and damage finance inside the Action Hub, Green Zone of the COP26 venue; (right) Climate advocates discuss the legacy of Bernaditas Muller during an informal huddle at UNFCCC COP26.

On the sidelines of the negotiations, AKP met with several Filipino negotiators including Magalang and Atty. Vicente Yu, a negotiator for the G77 negotiating bloc, and other Filipino delegates. These huddles were conducted for the CSO delegates to be educated about the history of the Philippines’s positions and engagements in the global climate negotiations and to promote inclusivity in national and global climate policymaking, a challenge during this time.

Representatives of AKP and other Philippine non-government organizations participated in a series of “Climate Strikes” held in Glasgow throughout the COP26 period, joining thousands of climate advocates in bringing the voices of the most vulnerable communities directly to the negotiators and other policymakers on-site. To date, the “Climate Strikes” at Glasgow remain the last round of large-scale climate protests held at the host-city of a UNFCCC COP.



Figure 15. Filipino climate advocates (left to right) Angel Cortez, Rodne Galicha, and Val Vestil protest for climate justice and accelerated global climate action during the “Climate Strike” held on 5 November 2021 in Glasgow, United Kingdom.

- **COP27** (Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt)



Figure 16. Filipino COP27 delegates participate in the ceremony for commemorating the ninth anniversary of the landfall of super-typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines (*left*). Philippine government and non-government COP27 delegates engage during a fellowship dinner in Egypt (*right*).

AKP led the representation of Philippine civil society groups in COP27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. Similar to the previous year, it campaigned for its advocacies such as the establishment of a loss and damage funding mechanism for vulnerable nations, scaling up the means of implementation needed by developing countries, and upholding climate justice across multiple scales of governance.

Continuing its tradition of commemorating the anniversary of Haiyan, the network held a commemoration mass at the St. Mary Catholic Church, Sharm El Sheikh on 8 November 2022, with a second mass for Filipino COP26 delegates also conducted on 13 November. On both occasions, a fellowship dinner was organized for the attendees. Unlike in the previous year, there was a stronger presence of government delegates and lawmakers participating in these activities, including the following: Usec. Felix Fuentesbella of the DOE; Mr. Jerome Ilagan and Atty. Carol Kay Paquera of the CCC; Mr. Albert Magalang of the DENR; and Atty. Angela Ibay of WWF Philippines (as Technical Adviser). Also attending were members of the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change (HORCCC) Rep. Jocelyn Limkaichong and Rep. Anna Veloso-Tuazon, with Committee Secretary Rommel Reyes.



Figure 17. Filipino civil society delegates discuss with members of the Philippine government delegation during a multistakeholder meeting organized by AKP on 15 November 2023 at UNFCCC COP27.

As part of its call for an inclusive and transparent climate policymaking, AKP also organized a series of meetings with the government delegation to exchange information and updates regarding the progress of the Sharm El Sheikh negotiations, held on 10 and 14-16 November 2023, inside the COP27 venue. The network successfully influenced the government delegation to present the official Philippine COP27 positions during these meetings.

Nonetheless, the network also called out the Philippine government for its failure to conduct a consistently inclusive position-making process, especially before COP27. On 16 November, AKP issued a statement criticizing the conduct and performance of the Philippine government delegation leading up to COP27, and providing ways forward on how the government can enhance inclusivity in climate policymaking. This statement received significant media mileage, and led to stronger communication lines with the government delegation for the remainder of the conference.

- **COP28** (Dubai, United Arab Emirates)

AKP led the coordination of Philippine civil society groups in COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, continuing to campaign for its advocacies as it has done in previous years. During the two-week conference, it participated through the following modalities:

Exhibit on environmental defenders



Figure 18. Rodne Galicha of AKP and Lia Mai Torres of CEC-PH pose for a photo with Theresa Lim, ASEAN Center for Biodiversity Executive Director, in front of their booth inside the COP28 Blue Zone.

Through Galicha's UNFCCC-accredited organization Home of Sibuyan Island Peoples (BSI), AKP hosted the only Philippine-centric exhibit booth at COP28, in collaboration with network member Center for Environmental Concerns – Philippines. The exhibit was hosted on 1-3 December 2023, highlighting the struggles and stories of resilience of environmental defenders and frontline communities in the Philippines through photos, videos, and verbal storytelling. For AKP, the highlighted issues were the Sibuyan mining issue, in the context of just energy transition, human rights, and ecosystems protection, and the Climate Justice Walk, in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the landfall of Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Coordination of Philippine civil society delegates

Aligned with its mandate, AKP led the coordination of Philippine CSO delegates to ensure that the sector would have a strong presence in the negotiations proper, especially in its dealings with the Philippine government delegation. Prior to COP28, it conducted a CSO-wide coordination meeting and debriefing on 16 November 2023 to prepare sectoral delegates and other partners on the key issues to be addressed in the Dubai climate negotiations. It also maintained a COP28 CSO calendar, a list of civil society-led activities, on the AKP website, which was further shared to the delegates and media personnel for easier coordination.



Figure 19. Scenes from the series of CSO coordination meetings conducted by Aksyon Klima Pilipinas during UNFCCC COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

As it has done in previous negotiations, LLS organized a total of four CSO coordination meetings to update the delegates on the latest developments at the climate talks, ongoing engagements with the Philippine government delegation, developing joint positions to be lobbied to policymakers, and formulating strategies and activities as a response to urgent matters.

The organization led the development of a joint position paper containing its recommendations on the major critical negotiating issues still at play at the time, ranging from mitigation and adaptation to just transition and climate finance. The statement was signed by 14 other civil society groups, and was submitted to the Philippine government delegation on 9 December 2023.

Engagements with the Philippine government delegation

Despite its long-running partnership with government agencies, being one of the earliest lobbyists for organizing a country-centric Pavilion at COP28, and having some of its members being invited to host side events in it, AKP as a network was effectively excluded from having its proposed side events hosted in the first-ever Philippine Pavilion (which, through the admittance of several persons with knowledge of the process, was partially based on the network’s submission).

Through communications with different stakeholders, it was discovered that a few high-ranking government officials used Galicha’s involvement in the Sibuyan mining issue as a basis to claim that the network could disrupt the proceedings in the Pavilion.

After this incident was publicized together with other Philippine CSOs, the Philippine government delegation led by DENR Secretary and Head of Delegation Antonia Loyzaga and the three other leaders of the CCC reached out to AKP to address this matter. This resulted in a series of coordination meetings with the Philippine government delegation throughout COP28, including a small group meeting with Loyzaga.



Figure 20. Scenes from the Philippine CSO coordination meetings with the Philippine government delegation during UNFCCC COP28.

The most significant of the agreements reached from these meetings is for AKP to draft a CSO coordination mechanism, which would institutionalize the sector’s mandatory inclusion in future Philippine government delegations to UNFCCC negotiations and intersessionals, and address issues in inclusivity at the national policymaking level. This is aligned with the network’s longstanding advocacy for a genuine “whole-of-society” approach to climate action.



Figure 21. Civil society and faith-based COP28 delegates outside the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Dubai.

Commemorative mass

As part of its Yolanda 10th anniversary commemoration activities and its tradition at host cities of COPs, AKP conducted a Holy Mass in honor of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception on 8 December 2023 at the St. Francis of Assisi Church in Dubai. Co-organized with Greenpeace Philippines, this mass was held in memory of individuals and communities who suffered losses and damages due to the climate crisis.

- **COP29** (Baku, Azerbaijan)

AKP continued to lead the coordination of Philippine civil society groups in COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan, conducting the following activities during the two-week conference:

Exhibit on non-government stakeholders-led climate actions

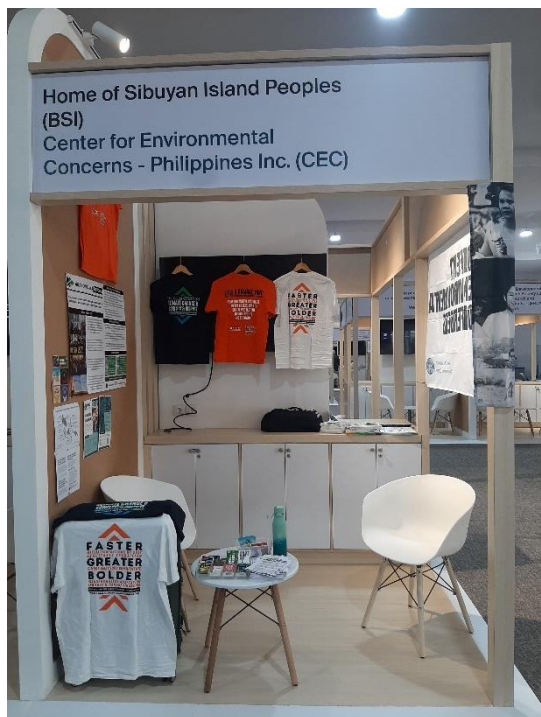


Figure 22. Photo of the booth of Center for Environmental Concerns – Philippines, Inc. and Home of Sibuyan Island Peoples inside the COP29 Blue Zone.

In continuation of their partnership from the previous year, AKP (through BSI) and CEC hosted the only full Philippine CSO booth at COP29. Hosted on 11 to 16 November 2024, the exhibit highlighted the role of non-government stakeholders in implementing climate solutions from the national to the community levels. For both entities, the booth also featured their respective regional engagements, anchored through the Asia-Pacific Network of Environmental Defenders and the Asia Climate Change Consortium, respectively.

Coordination of Philippine civil society delegates

AKP also continued to lead the coordination of Philippine CSO delegates in Baku, conducting three coordination meetings throughout the conference to update the representatives about the progress of the climate negotiations, engagements with the Philippine government, and preparing for side events and media engagements.

Like in the past year, the network led the formulation of a position paper containing its calls on the new collective quantified goal on climate finance (NCQG) and the Just Transition Work Programme, which was submitted to the Philippine government delegation on 22 November 2024.



Figure 23. Group photo during the second AKP-led civil society coordination meeting held on 16 November 2025 during UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Engagements with the Philippine government delegation



Figure 24. Scenes from the two Philippine civil society coordination meetings with members of the Philippine government delegation held during UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

In contrast to the contentious relationship seen at COP28, the rapport between the Philippine CSOs and the Philippine government delegation was far more cordial during the Baku climate negotiations. AKP was able to conduct two coordination meetings with government representatives, which enabled the network to level off with the government regarding its positioning on key issues such as the NCQG and just transition in the context of inclusivity and critical minerals, and present updates on engagements relevant to the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage and domestic legislative engagements.

Heading into UNFCCC COP30 in Belem, Brazil for November 2025, AKP intends to continue building off on the gains made in ensuring consistent and inclusive engagements with the Philippine government at UNFCCC COPs, to be carried into national and local-level engagements and other UNFCCC events.

Commemorative mass



Figure 25. Civil society and faith-based COP29 delegates meet for lunch after the commemorative mass held in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Baku, Azerbaijan.

As part of its tradition at host cities of COPs, AKP conducted a Holy Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church on 11 November 2024. This mass, along with the following fellowship lunch held for the local Filipino community and all COP29 delegates, was held in memory of individuals and communities who suffered losses and damages due to the climate crisis.

Side events

The AKP Secretariat participated as co-organizer, moderator, or resource persons in a total of 14 side events across COP28 and COP29. Each of these side events either served as a conclusion of ongoing engagements related to the network's

advocacies, a collaboration in support of its members' respective advocacies or programs, or presented a way forward to build on the gains of the aforementioned event.

Table 1. List of side events featuring the AKP Secretariat at COP28 and COP29.

Date	Title of side event	Organizer/s	Way/s forward
2023/12/03	Stocktaking stories of resilience of environmental human rights defenders in the Philippines	AKP, LLS, CEC, Tebtebba, Youth for Climate Hope	Advocacy for UNFCCC body Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform to be more directly connected to the COP decision process (also complemented the exhibit booth with CEC)
2023/12/05	Rebuilding momentum for a just transition	World Bank	Continued engagements with World Bank on just energy transition in Southeast Asia (i.e., setting up the World Bank-funded Just Coal Transition Platform)
2023/12/08	Just Transition Youth Forum: JT as a Cornerstone to Philippine Youth Development	National Youth Commission (NYC)	Renewed engagements with NYC on youth-led climate work for the next calendar year
2023/12/08	Accelerating International Collaboration towards a Net-zero and Resilient ASEAN	ASEAN Secretariat, Ministry of the Environment of Japan, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES)	Potential involvement of AKP in the development of the ASEAN Climate Change Strategic Action Plan
2023/12/09	From activism to impact: youth climate activism in focus	YOUNGO	Enhancing youth perspectives in AKP position-building through best practices shared by other panelists

Date	Title of side event	Organizer/s	Way/s forward
2023/12/09	The People's Museum of Climate Justice	AKP, LLS, Greenpeace Philippines, Manila Observatory	Strengthened partnerships with co-organizers (also the conclusion of LLS's series of Yolanda 10 th anniversary commemoration activities)
2023/12/09	Asia's Youth Assemble: Charting a Just Transition Path	Youth Advisory Group for Environmental and Climate Justice (YAG; under UNDP in Asia and the Pacific)	Just transition as a priority agenda under AKP and YAG for the next year
2024/11/13	Methane in Focus: Strengthening Energy Methane Policies and Civil Society Action in Asia and Beyond	Solutions for Our Climate	Establishing communication between AKP and SFOC and renewed emphasis on methane emission reductions as part of AKP position-building
2024/11/13	Community-led responses to loss and damage	Manila Observatory, NTFP-EP Asia, La Ruta del Clima	Strengthened partnerships with co-organizers on community-led actions against L&D
2024/11/15	Innovations on loss and damage finance and action from the global to national contexts	Asia Climate Change Consortium	As part of ACCC's regional advocacy for locally-led adaptation and L&D solutions, while also establishing communications with key figures under the Santiago Network and the FRLD
2024/11/16	Ensuring a just transition in circular economy and waste management	Yunus Environment Hub	Presentation of AKP positioning related to just transition and circular economy
2024/11/18	Financing & Accelerating Youth-led Climate Breakthroughs	UNDP Rome Center, Government of Italy	Presentation of AKP positioning on the NCQG and its interlinkages to youth empowerment
2024/11/20	How Asia's IPs, LCs, and CSOs strengthened voices and capacity support effective local to global climate & biodiversity solutions	NTFP-EP Asia	Strengthened partnerships with co-organizers on enhancing climate-nature synergies in the Philippine context
2024/11/20	National movement-building to address loss and damage	Tipping Point UK	Knowledge-sharing relevant to AKP's coordination work on national-level actions on L&D

Bonn climate conference, also known as intersessionals or sessions of the Subsidiary Bodies to the UNFCCC (SBs)

- **SB56 (2022)**



Figure 26. Screenshot of AKP-led side event “Outcomes, Challenges, and Opportunities on the Climate Change and Human Rights Inquiry in the Philippines”, held at UNFCCC SB56 in Bonn, Germany.

On 15 June 2022, AKP presided over its official side event as SB56, “Outcomes, Challenges, and Opportunities on the Climate Change and Human Rights Inquiry in the Philippines”. This hybrid event explored the implications of the Philippine Commission on Human Rights’s National Inquiry on Climate Change on various aspects of climate action, including climate litigation, loss and damage finance, and fossil fuel divestment. The outputs from this side event are planned to be translated into meaningful actions heading into COP27, national adaptation and mitigation strategies, and civil society’s pursuit of climate justice. Panelists included Galicha, Algo, Naderev Saño of Greenpeace Southeast Asia, Atty. Grizelda Gerthie Mayo-Anda of Environmental Law Assistance Center, Marinel Ubaldo of Living Laudato Si’ Philippines (LLS), and Sec. Robert Borje of the CCC.

- **SB58 (2023)**

Galicha and Algo represented AKP at the intersessionals in Bonn, Germany, focusing on engagements with the Philippine government and other stakeholders in lobbying for the network’s advocacies in different workstreams. AKP, along with a few of its member-organizations, attended the following fellowship dinners:



Figure 27. Group photo of Philippine government and non-government delegates to UNFCCC SB58 during a fellowship dinner held on 8 June 2023 in Bonn, Germany.

- 8 June 2023 – This meeting was organized by AKP member the Manila Observatory (MO), led by Atty. Antonio La Viña, for attendees to engage, exchange knowledges related to SB58 and other climate-related conferences and activities, and build partnerships.
- 13 June 2023 – This meeting was organized by the CCC for attendees to discuss the progress made SB58 and build rapport among the government and non-government delegates from the Philippines. It was during this meeting that plans for a Philippine Pavilion for COP28 were first publicly shared by CCC Sec. Robert Borje and Galicha.

Galicha also helped organize a bilateral meeting between the Philippine government delegation and the Holy See delegation on the sidelines of SB58. The delegations discussed their respective positions and points of convergence regarding some of the key critical issues, such as loss and damage and food security amidst the climate crisis.

Meanwhile, Algo provided his inputs into several events related to the workstream “Action for Climate Empowerment” (ACE), including the ACE Focal Points Academy, the ACE Dialogues, and the ACE Youth Hub. Through these events, he provided inputs into the discussions on enhancing youth and civil society engagement in the monitoring, evaluation, and reporting aspect of ACE at the national and global levels.

- **SB60 (2024)**



Figure 28. Members of AKP pose for photos after the conduct of the coordination meeting on 7 June 2024 (*below*) and the informal meeting on 12 June 2024 (*above*), during SB60 in Bonn.



Figure 29. Representatives of the Philippine government delegation and civil society representatives engage in a coordination meeting at SB60 in Bonn.

Galicha and Algo officially represented AKP once more at the intersessionals in Bonn, Germany. Together with its members in attendance, the network focused on monitoring closely the progress of the negotiations that took place. It continued to exhibit leadership in coordination Philippine CSOs at SB60, specifically through providing guidance and assistance to said groups in monitoring the progress of key negotiating workstreams, addressing issues in engagements with the Philippine government delegation and other stakeholders, and discussing ways forward after the conference.

AKP conducted a coordination meeting on 7 June 2024 to discuss both the progress of the negotiations and the known positions of the Philippine government delegation. This meeting made it clear that it has found a suitable system for monitoring such information and enable CSOs to respond more effectively in their respective and collective advocacy efforts, which was an issue from previous COPs and SBs. A more informal meeting was held on 12 June 2024, just before the meeting with the government delegation to ensure that representatives are in agreement of what to discuss.

As a result of this informal meeting, Algo ended up leading the CSO contingency in meeting the Philippine government delegation on 12 June 2024. Joining him were Joy Reyes of

the MO (AKP Steering Committee member), Grace Balawag of Tebtebba (also a member of the Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples Platform’s Facilitative Working Group), and Jon Sarmiento of PAKISAMA. For the government were Usec. Alvin Balagbag of the Department of Agriculture, Asec. Noralene Uy and Ms. Sandee Recabar of the DENR, and Dr. Rosa Perez of MO (and a long-time Technical

Adviser to the delegation). Also in attendance were Atty. Angela Ibay of WWF Philippines (AKP Steering Committee member) and Atty. Aya de Leon of Forest Foundation Philippines.

The main takeaways from this 30-minute dialogue involved enhancing national loss and damage accounting awareness and policies in the Philippines, and clarifications about the country's positions on the NCQG; for the latter, the representatives clarified there was no preferred quantum for the Philippine position, and that they were awaiting the positions of the other members of the G77+China negotiating bloc. This meeting ultimately served as a basis for AKP's ongoing advocacy of translating loss and damage from its global narrative to being more relevant at the national context.

Algo was also selected to deliver YOUNGO's intervention during the opening plenary, one of three Filipino civil society representatives that delivered interventions in both the opening and closing plenaries of SB62. The other two are Jainno Bongon of IBON International (Environmental NGOs during the opening plenary), and Jon Sarmiento of PAKISAMA (Farmers during the closing plenary).



Figure 30. (clockwise; from top) John Leo Algo of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas, Jon Sarmiento of PAKISAMA, and Jainno Bongon of IBON International deliver interventions during the high-level plenaries at SB60. (Photo credit: ENB/IISD)

- **SB62 (2025)**

Algo was the sole representative of the AKP Secretariat at the 2025 Bonn climate conference. In continuation of its usual roles, he conducted a coordination meeting on 20 June 2025 to discuss both the progress of the negotiations and the known positions of the Philippine government. This meeting also focused on ongoing developments regarding the development of the Just Transition Framework, which had a corresponding consultation in the Philippines in the midst of SB62.

While in Bonn, he formally represented the network in key engagements, including the following:

- Presentation of the network’s best practices on integrating all elements of Action for Climate Empowerment (ACE) into its advocacy for the next Philippine NDC during the 2025 ACE Gallery;
- Participating in meetings with the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD) and the Santiago Network on Loss and Damage, in preparation for the next FRLD Board meeting a few weeks after SB62; and
- Attending the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) Global Partnership Meeting held on-site in Bonn.

It is notable that there was no formal meeting with the Philippine government delegation during SB62; while a welcome dinner was held by said delegation for CSO representatives and a formal meeting was scheduled, it was cancelled at the last minute.



Figure 31. Group photo during the UNFCCC SB62 CSO coordination meeting on 19 June 2025 (top). Aksyon Klima Pilipinas National Coordinator John Leo Algo presents the network poster during the 2025 ACE Gallery (bottom).

Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD)



Figure 32. Group photo of Active Observers to the 6th Board meeting of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage with Executive Director Ibrahima Cheikh Diong on 11 December 2024 in Pasay City.

With the Philippines being named the host of FRLD Board meetings came with an opportunity for the country's non-government groups, including AKP, to more directly communicate with said Board and the FRLD Secretariat their calls for urgent operationalization, scaled up funding from developed countries, and inclusive decision-making and program implementation. The presence of the network's members⁴ was most pronounced during the first two FRLD Board meetings hosted in the Philippines: the 4th Board meeting (B4) held on 9-11 December 2024 in Pasay City; and B6 conducted on 9-11 July 2025 in Cebu.

- **4th FRLD Board meeting**

This was the first Board meeting held in the Philippines since the country was named as its host. The agenda for this meeting was determining the details for the FRLD's rapid operationalization for the first year, termed as "Phase One". These included the transition into an independent Secretariat, approval of corresponding budgets, agreement on additional rules of procedure, and priority areas for its workplan, such as developing country-led approaches to assessing L&D needs and approaches and grants-based rapid disbursement for nations affected by extreme weather events.

Another key topic was on developing the policies for engaging non-government stakeholders within the FRLD process, including separate ones on Active Observers and on consultative forums. However, the Active Observers opposed the rapid enactment of these policies due to a lack of adequate time given to consult their respective constituencies. Through their collective lobbying, they were able to postpone the Board's decision on these policies until B6. They also got a verbal agreement with the FRLD Secretariat for regular calls to ensure smoother coordination, especially in making these policies.

⁴ Aside from representation from the AKP Secretariat, notable network members that attended as Active Observers during these meetings include staff from Tebtebba, Oxfam Pilipinas, Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development, and the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities; each of their personnel have also been active in their respective UNFCCC Observer Constituencies (i.e., environmental NGOs, Indigenous Peoples, children and youth).



Figure 33. Philippine non-government representatives delivering interventions during the “Dialogue with Active Observers” agenda of the 6th Board meeting of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage held in Cebu (*from top left, clockwise*): Joel Pagulayan of Oxfam Pilipinas; Claire Miranda of Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development; Grace Balawag of Tebtebba; Elmer Datuin, Councilor of Baguio City; John Leo Algo of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas; and Irish Baguilat of Asian Farmers' Association.

The Active Observers were also able to conduct a workshop directly to the Board on direct community access; during this exercise, the apparent difference between the perspectives of non-government groups and Board members on “direct access” became evident, (i.e., Board prioritizes efficient use of resources through national-level responses vis-à-vis Active Observers ensuring communities get direct access to funds).

- **6th FRLD Board meeting**

At B6, the Active Observers present remain dissatisfied with the FRLD Secretariat’s lack of consistent communication about the co-development of the Active Observer and consultative forums’ policies, which contrasted the verbal agreement from B4. As a result, they collectively pushed for a decision to further delay the decision on said policies to B9, ensuring enough time would be conducted not only for in-depth discussions within UNFCCC Observer constituencies, but also in regional and national scales. The decision also states that Active Observers will “co-convene” consultations with the FRLD Secretariat regarding the formulation of these policies.

Aside from this, the main agenda of B6 is on the operationalization of the “Barbados Implementation Modalities” (BIM), the USD250-million, grants-based program accessible to all developing countries, including the Philippines. However, the decisions made on the relevant agenda items were mostly procedural due to disagreements between developing and developed-country Board members. These issues will be addressed at B7 in October 2025, to be held in Manila.

REGIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

Asia Climate Change Consortium (ACCC)



Figure 34. Group photo during a field visit in Cambodia, as part of the 2025 Asia Climate Change Consortium General Assembly held on 19-21 May 2025.

AKP's membership under the ACCC is the network's longest ongoing regional engagement to date. Formed in 2016, ACCC is a grassroots-based regional climate advocacy and learning platform with members of local and national organizations and networks across South and Southeast Asia. Its advocacy and work towards limiting global warming to 1.5°C and inclusive climate governance is aligned with AKP's agenda under the current leadership. The network became more integral into ACCC's work starting in late 2020, with Rice Watch Action Network, Inc. as its Secretariat and under the guidance of then-interim AKP National Coordinator Jessica Dator-Bercilla.



Figure 35. Group photo during a courtesy call by the Asia Climate Change Consortium to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, as part of the 2024 General Assembly on 16 October 2024 in Quezon City.

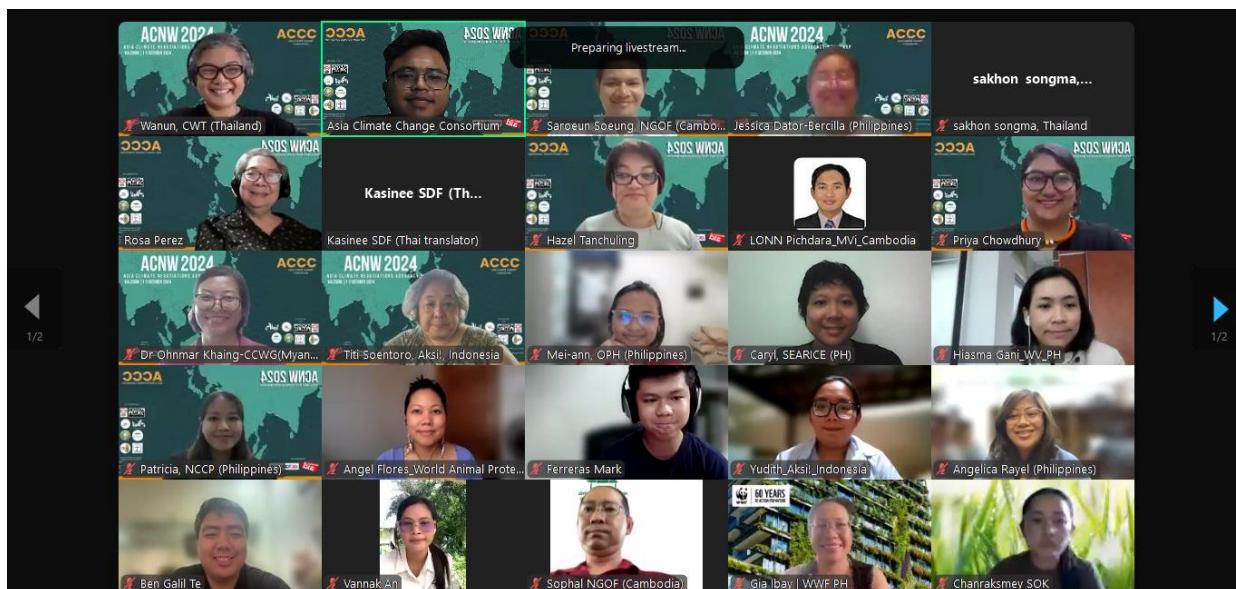


Figure 36. Group photo during the Asia Climate Negotiations Workshop held online on 1 October 2024 by the Asia Climate Change Consortium.

Through the years, AKP has been a driving force in the work of ACCC, while also having its own positions and advocacy directions informed by the insights of its colleagues within said network. It has worked with said regional group on conducting online learning sessions building capacities of its members on addressing climate issues through a science and evidence-based approach. A notable example of this is the conduct of the Asia Climate Negotiations Workshop in 1–2 October 2024, in preparation for UNFCCC COP29; this was notably attended by several AKP members.

It has also played a key role in developing ACCC’s position papers on long-running and emerging climate and nature-based workstreams (i.e., on oceans, just transition), presented to regional and national-level policymakers. These positions have also been featured through exhibit booths and side events at the UNFCCC COPs and SBs.



Figure 37. Group photo at the conclusion of the Asia Climate Change Consortium-led side event “Innovations on loss and damage finance and action from the global to national contexts” held on 15 November 2024 at UNFCCC COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan.

Asia Peoples' Network on Energy (APNE)

Since August 2023, AKP has been a member of the APNE, a networking platform that gathers civil society organizations from across Southeast Asia to address the gaps of just energy transition (JET) at the country level with a region-wide perspective and targeted actions. As of this writing, it sits as a Steering Committee member of the network, which is currently led by Oxfam Pilipinas.

The ANPE was launched during the “Regional Convening of Civil Society Organizations on Just Energy Transition”, a three-day regional event organized by Oxfam International and Publish What You Pay Indonesia. Algo represented AKP during this event that saw a series of dialogues about the most critical JET-related issues in the region. This event saw the formulation of a CSO-wide statement and policy brief on the group’s key asks on JET in the regional and national contexts.

Since this event, the network has been able to conduct two iterations of the National Convening of Philippine CSOs on Just Energy Transition, guided by both its existing positions on JET and the agreements made under the APNE. The network has also contributed to the formulation of APNE’s positions as part of its regional JET advocacy.

Among examples of this is the development of a communique calling for gender-just and inclusive energy transition to be integrated into the ASEAN Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2026-2030; this document was produced during the 3rd Southeast Asia Collaborative Convening of CSOs on Just Energy Transition held in June 2025 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Aside from Oxfam Pilipinas, network members Manawari SEA and Reboot Philippines also participated on-site during said event.



Figure 38. Southeast Asian delegates discuss just energy transition context in the Philippine context during the Regional Convening of Civil Society Organizations on Just Energy Transition held on 27-29 August 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Asian Development Bank (ADB) Climate Change Action Plan (CCAP)



Figure 39. ADB and civil society representatives meet to discuss the institution’s Climate Change Action Plan during the hybrid consultation inside its headquarters in Mandaluyong City.

On 6 December 2022, AKP began engaging with the ADB regarding the formulation of its CCAP, intended as an internal policy document to guide the institution’s direction on addressing the climate crisis for the next decade. The network was one of only two in-person civil society delegates from around the Asia-Pacific, with the consultation being held at the ADB Headquarters in Mandaluyong City. During this meeting, the network presented recommendations, such as for said bank to account for the co-benefits of their mitigation and adaptation strategies in other facets of development, including the SDGs and COVID-19 recovery, to enable the institution to achieve its set climate-related targets, including GHG emissions reductions and mobilized finance.

On 7 August 2023, the ADB communicated the latest version of its CCAP, to which AKP developed its list of interventions. Among the main interventions are the following: clarity on how ADB would support L&D finance in the Asia-Pacific; how to achieve the 50/50 allocation between adaptation and mitigation in its portfolio; clarity on ADB’s proposed categorization system for assessing the relevance of proposed projects to its bottomline on the climate crisis; and emphasizing RE and ecosystems protection as the two priority areas that should receive the bulk of the funding.

These interventions were communicated by e-mail to ADB’s NGO and Civil Society Center on 22 August 2023, and also presented verbally during another online multistakeholder consultation on 23 August 2023. ADB provided responses to these calls, and announced that it was the final consultation before it finalizes its CCAP by the end of the year.

Regional engagements on loss and damage

- **Second workshop on addressing loss and damage in the context of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4**

In the lead-up to COP28, AKP participated in two regional engagements on addressing L&D. The first was on the second workshop on addressing L&D in the context of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, held on 15-16 July 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. This was the final workshop in a series of meetings conducted by the Transitional Committee, a body set-up by the COP27 decision to formulate recommendations for creating what would eventually be known as the FRLD by COP28.

Algo represented AKP in delivering several interventions on the structure, financial flows, governance arrangements, and enhancing complementarity, coherence, and cooperation regarding the FRLD. He also coordinated with key Filipino stakeholders in the event regarding priority positions to be advanced, including Transitional Committee member Dr. Rosa Perez, Grace Balawag of Tebtebba (AKP Steering Committee member), and representatives of the CCC.

- **Southeast Asian Perspectives on the Operationalization of the FRLD**

Algo once again represented AKP in this regional meeting organized by MO, held on 18-19 August 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. This two-day event hosted a series of grounded, deep discussions among negotiators, experts, and advocates across Southeast Asia on addressing key issues, such as what the FRLD should be, the challenges to its eventual establishment and operationalization, and the sources of funding. He reiterated his inputs to this meeting from what he presented in the aforementioned workshop organized by the Transitional Committee.

The outputs of the workshop would be forwarded as a policy brief under MO, to the Transitional Committee for its consideration, as it finalizes the list of recommendations to be presented at COP28.



Figure 40. Delegates convene during the second workshop on addressing loss and damage in the context of decisions 2/CP.27 and 2/CMA.4, held on 15-16 July 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand.

ASEAN Environmental Rights Framework and the Asia-Pacific Environmental Human Rights Defenders Forum (APEHRDF)

Algo once again represented AKP in the APEHRDF held on 20-22 September 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand. During the event, an opportunity emerged, as part of the program was a session for providing inputs for the ongoing development of the ASEAN Environmental Rights Framework, During the session, he called for decisive rules on acting against disinformation and misinformation, and the call for stronger integration of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in national legal and policy frameworks, in the context of protecting environmental human rights defenders (EHRDs).

These calls were made based on a position paper co-developed with ACCC months before the APEHRDF; this paper was communicated to the DENR on 25 September 2023. An updated position paper, exclusively under the AKP umbrella, was also forwarded to UN ESCAP on 30 April 2024.

The network also participated in the Philippine consultation on the draft of what is now known as the ASEAN Declaration on Environmental Rights, held on 24 May 2024 in Quezon City. As of this writing, many civil society groups, including AKP, find the downgrade to a mere declaration disappointing, as it makes the document effectively not legally-binding, while also failing to include strong provisions to protect Indigenous Peoples and environmental defenders.



Figure 41. The venue of the 2023 Asia-Pacific Environmental Human Rights Defenders Forum in Bangkok, Thailand. [NOTE: photography is discouraged during the event to protect the privacy of the participants and reduce risks to their security.]

ASEAN Climate Change Strategic Action Plan (ACCSAP)

AKP was part of the formal launch of the development of the ACCSAP, through a side event during UNFCCC COP28 on 8 December 2023. During this session, Algo highlighted the bottomline of the resulting plan being aligned with the 1.5°C warming limit under the Paris Agreement, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and other relevant global and regional climate and development frameworks through a fair, inclusive, and just transition.

Since this event, the network has been an active participant in workshops leading to the formulation of the ACCSAP, in aid of the Philippines' chairmanship of the ASEAN in 2026. Among these are the 3rd Workshop on the National Long-term Roadmap to Synergize Mitigation and Adaptation in the ASEAN Region held online on 31 March 2025, and the National Consultation Workshop for the Development of the ACCSAP on 14 August 2025 in Taguig. The ACCSAP is being finalized, as of this writing.

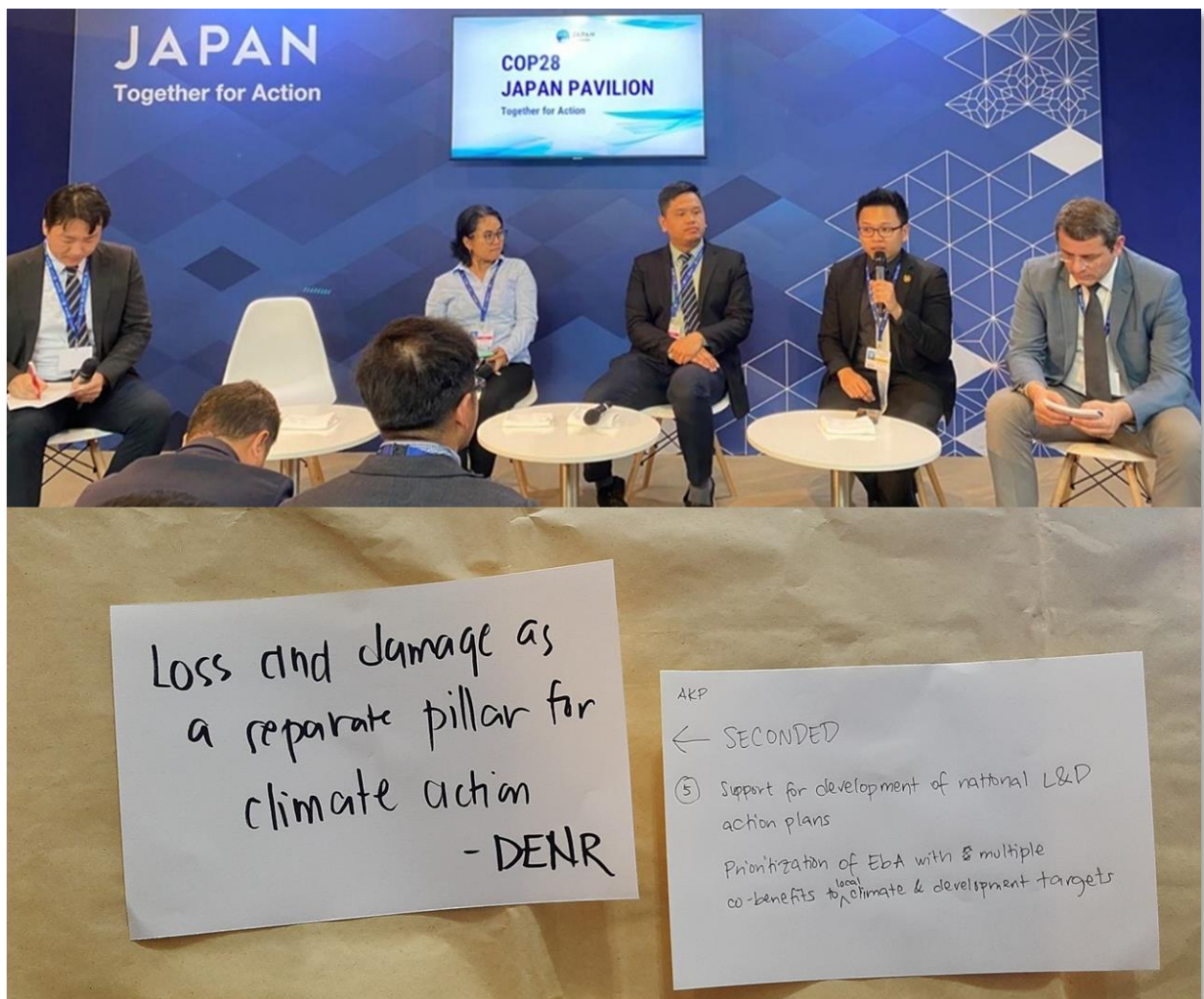


Figure 42. Aksyon Klima Pilipinas National Coordinator John Leo Algo delivers his intervention during the side event “Accelerating International Collaboration towards a Net-zero and Resilient ASEAN” held on 8 December 2023 at COP28 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (top); Photo of several interventions made by participants during the National Consultation Workshop for the Development of the ASEAN Climate Change Strategic Action Plan (ACCSAP) 2025–2030 held on 14 August 2025 in Taguig (bottom).

NATIONAL AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS

Partnership with the Climate Change Commission

- **Calls for inclusivity**

While AKP maintained its communication lines with the CCC during the finalization of the first NDC, there was a decline in the strength of engagements with said agency, given the sociopolitical climate at the time. However, under the term of Vice-Chairperson Robert E.A. Borje, the CCC began conducting more regularly-scheduled consultation meetings with civil society groups to update said sector with the latest activities and outcomes by this agency and the Philippine government in general.

AKP has been a regular participant in these consultations since the first consultation held in 28 April 2022, as part of its commitment to promote more inclusive climate and environmental policymaking in the Philippines that had been an issue under the administration of then-President Rodrigo Duterte.

For the past three years, the network has been involved in providing technical advice to CCC in spreading awareness to other CSOs about these new initiatives, in an effort to live up to a “whole-of-nation” approach to addressing the climate crisis. It also serves as a bridge to directly voice the concerns of non-government stakeholders directly to the CCC on numerous issues, such as the implementation of the Philippines’ climate plans to coordination for participation in the agency’s programs.

It has also been advocating for formalizing the partnership with CSOs through a proposed consultative working group and inclusion of representatives in succeeding delegations to UN climate conferences.



Figure 43. AKP National Convenor Rodne Galicha addresses Sec. Robert Borje and Comm. Rachel Herrera during the Climate Change Commission’s monthly consultation with civil society organizations on 28 April 2022.



Figure 44. AKP National Convenor Rodne Galicha joins Climate Change Commissioners Robert Borje and Albert dela Cruz in a commemorative photo with other climate and environment advocates during the Climate Change Consciousness Week on 25 November 2024 in Makati City.

- **Pre-UNFCCC COP and SB consultations**

AKP has also regularly participated in all pre-COP and pre-SB consultations held by the Philippine government, through the CCC, since they were held regularly beginning in 2022. Through the years, the network’s positions presented through both position papers submitted before the consultations and interventions during said events, also have included the following:

- Fossil fuel phaseout as necessary to limiting global warming and enabling just energy transition;
- Enhancement of NDCs aligned with limiting global warming to 1.5°C, especially those of developed countries;
- Formulation and operationalization of the global goal on adaptation that prioritizes the needs and concerns of the most vulnerable communities and ecosystems;
- Formulation of an NCQG that adequately addresses the needs and concerns of the most vulnerable countries and communities;
- Scaled-up and urgent provision of means of implementation (i.e., finance, technology transfer, capacity-building) by developed countries to developing nations; and
- Creation and urgent operationalization of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage.

In the past five years, there has been a gradual improvement in how the Philippine government exhibited transparency in its engagements with AKP and other CSO representatives during these consultations. This is attributed to a combination of the change in the Presidency of the Philippine government within the past five years and continuous engagements by the network with the CCC.



Figure 45. Group photo at the conclusion of the UNFCCC SB62 Multistakeholder Consultation held on 13 June 2025 in Quezon City.

Nonetheless, there were noticeable inconsistencies in these improvements, with the government at times failing to publicize its positions for UNFCCC COPs and SBs. This is in contrast to the specific provision under the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 9729 (“Climate Change Act of 2009”). During these times, the positions would not be clarified to AKP and other CSO representatives until the meetings with the government on-site during said conferences, which poses a challenge to ensuring coordination between the two sides.

Aside from the formal consultations, the AKP Secretariat and its members directly lobbied their respective and collective COP and SB-related calls to negotiators, advisors, and other members of the Philippine government delegation through informal dialogues and other engagements. The network has also aided in training members of said delegation, providing its expertise on climate workstreams.



Figure 46. Group photo at the UNFCCC COP28 Introductory Workshop held on 26-27 October 2023 in Quezon City (Photo credit: Parabukas)

- **“WECAN” mechanism**

As part of the ways forward from COP28, AKP developed a draft CSO coordination mechanism which aimed to address issues on inclusivity and transparency in national climate-related decision-making. These interventions focused on the processes directly involving the CCC and the DENR, along with legal instruments such as RA 9729 as amended by RA 10174. This draft, which was in the form of a resolution, was sent to the CCC for their consideration.

For the first half of 2024, CCC reached out to AKP to discuss the creation of the “Working to Empower Climate Action Network” (WECAN), which it envisions to be the platform for coordinating Philippine CSOs in aid of strengthening climate action in the country. It is intended as one of the four sectoral parts of the ACCELERATE partnership framework, aiming to create climate change thought leadership and spur local action towards achieving policy and programme coherence aligned with the achievement of the national climate change agenda.

Multiple on-site and online meetings have been conducted by the CCC in consultation with AKP and other CSO groups with whom the agency has collaborations to discuss how the content of the Terms of Reference of the WECAN mechanism, including its structure, membership, leadership, coordination mechanism with the CCC’s leadership, and objectives. The CCC also hosted a national consultation on 13 May 2024 in Quezon City, with over 50 civil society representatives participating.

During these engagements, AKP has called for the following:

- Longer terms for the CSO facilitator and NAP-based workstream leads to ensure stability of the mechanism at its early stages and enable it to achieve its intended objectives, making it more enticing for more CSOs to participate in;
- Stronger mechanisms for inclusivity in terms of membership, acknowledging the dynamic and varying nature of civil society organizations in the Philippines; and
- More timely conduct of consultations by the CCC and involvement of other national government agencies on UNFCCC position-building and development of national climate plans and reports.

While the CCC considers the WECAN mechanism to be operationalized as of mid-2024, its formal status remains uncertain. While not expected to resolve all issues regarding inclusivity in national climate decision-making processes, the WECAN mechanism can serve as a guaranteed platform for AKP to further reestablish itself as a strong influencer of Philippine climate policies and strategies.



Figure 47. CCC Sec. Robert Borje addresses the audience during the SB58 multistakeholder consultation, which included discussions on the proposed WECAN mechanism, held on 6 May 2023 in Quezon City (Photo credit: Climate Change Commission).

Partnership with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources

- On climate action

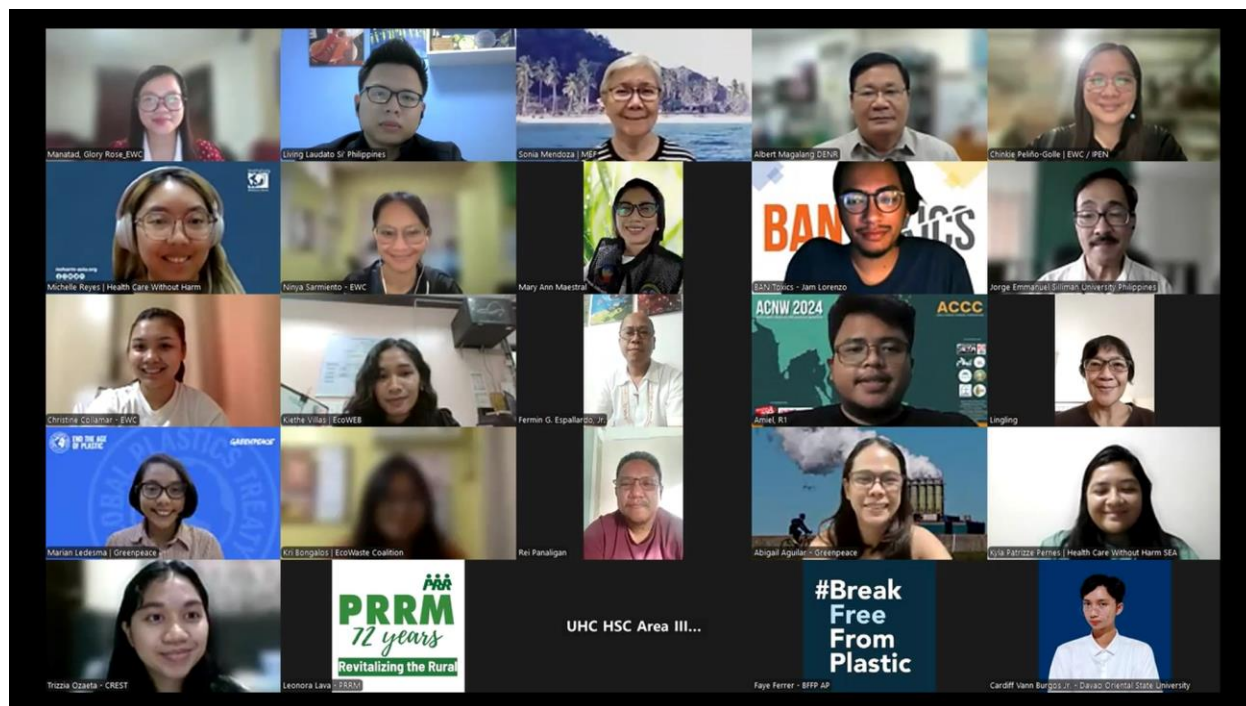


Figure 48. Group photo during the online INC-5 CSO Consultation with different stakeholders conducted on 22 October 2024, organized by Aksyon Klima Pilipinas and EcoWaste Coalition.

For the past five years, the network’s engagements with the DENR have been geared towards its Climate Change Service (CCS). The AKP Secretariat has maintained contact with its personnel for communicating its advocacies relevant to the work of the unit, such as on the following workstreams:

- Reducing short-lived climate pollutants, including the implementation of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol that aims to phaseout hydrofluorocarbons;
- Calling for recognizing ecological integrity, the rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the significance of climate education to be integrated into the first Philippine NDC;
- Coordination with other Philippine civil society groups on conducting consultations for developing the country’s positions for the development of the Global Plastics Treaty;
- Co-designing the conceptual design of the Philippine Pavilion at UNFCCC COP28⁵; and
- Enhancement of strategies in aid of implementation of ACE.

AKP and DENR-CCS have also worked together to conduct several capacity-building sessions aligned with the work of both organizations, including during the COVID-induced lockdowns.

⁵ Through informal dialogues with a few members of the Philippine government delegation to UNFCCC COP28, it was confirmed that the concept note developed by the AKP Secretariat served as part of the basis for the resulting Philippine Pavilion hosted by the national government for the duration of the Dubai climate negotiations.

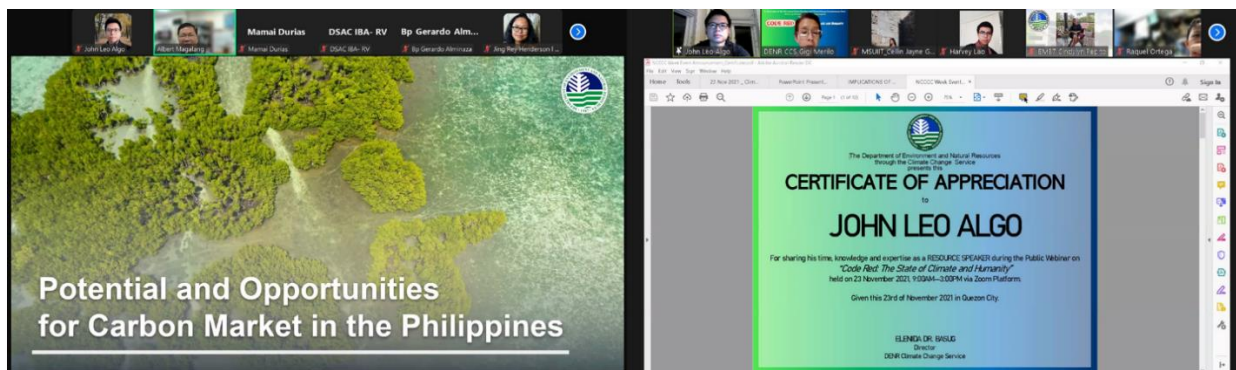


Figure 49. (left) Albert Magalang of the DENR-Climate Change Service delivers a presentation during the learning session "Diocesan Forests and Carbon Sequestration" held online on 29 May 2025, led by network member Caritas Philippines; (right) Aksyon Klima Pilipinas then-member of the interim Secretariat John Leo Algo is presented a Certificate of Appreciation during the online session "Code Red: The State of Climate and Humanity" held online on 23 November 2021, hosted by the DENR-Climate Change Service.

- **On Article 6 of the Paris Agreement**

Another point of close coordination between AKP and DENR is on Article 6 of the Paris Agreement. This is due to many stakeholders in both the civil society and government sectors remaining largely lacking in proper understanding on many of its components, especially pertaining in carbon markets.

In aid of bridging this gap, the network has given DENR platforms (i.e., online learning sessions, informal dialogues) to communicate its positioning in carbon markets to its members and partners. One example of this is the focus on "emissions avoidance", which has been the most prominent of the positions of the Philippine government in recent climate negotiations.

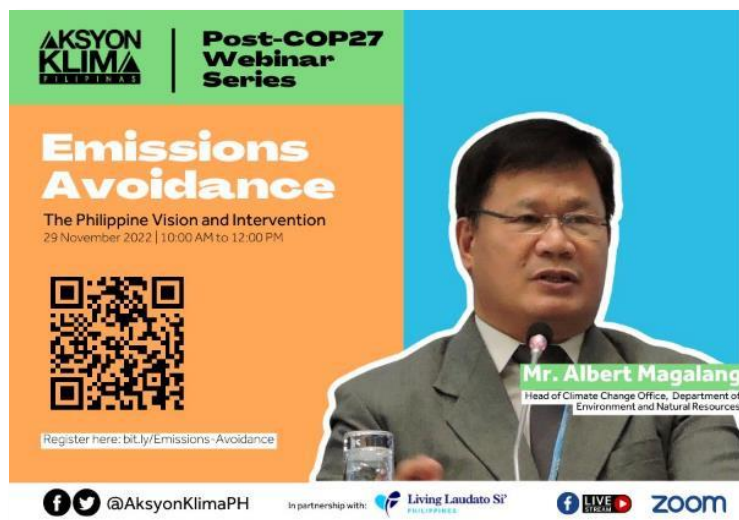


Figure 50. Promotional material for the online learning session "Emissions avoidance: The Philippine vision and intervention", held on 29 November 2022, hosted by Aksyon Klima Pilipinas and Living Laudato Si' Philippines, as part of the network's post-COP27 webinar series.

This has been proposed by DENR to be recognized under Article 6 for generating carbon credits to accelerate the country's mobilization of means of implementation (i.e., finance, technology transfer and development, capacity-building) to achieve its climate targets. However, this push was denied during COP29, with the resulting decision effectively removing emissions avoidance from the discussions until at least 2028.

Despite this rejection, the Philippine government has accelerated its efforts to prepare the country for carbon markets and Article 6-related engagements. In 2025 alone, the DENR and DOE have presented their respective policies on carbon markets for the forestry and energy sectors.



Figure 51. Photo taken during the Philippine Committee meeting under the Joint Crediting Mechanism held on 20 March 2024 in Quezon City.

With this strong push on Article 6, AKP finds itself positioned to directly communicate the calls of its members and partners to the Philippine government, which is led by the DENR for all matters in this workstream.

While the network has been the civil society representative to the Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) before 2020, this mechanism was not fully operational until recent years, with the first Philippine Committee meeting being held on 20 March 2024. Moving forward, AKP intends to closely monitor the developments under the JCM not only to inform its positions on

other Article 6-relevant mechanisms (i.e., REDD-PLUS), but to also ensure that the implementation of all solutions under said mechanism would result in genuine emission reductions for the Philippines, upholding of environmental and social safeguards, and other positions by the network.

- **On loss and damage**



Figure 52. Representatives of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources meet with Philippine civil society delegates on the sidelines of the 6th Board meeting under the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage held on 9 July 2025 in Cebu.

As part of its ongoing advocacy for enhancing national L&D work, AKP had reached out to the DENR, as the L&D focal lead of the national government, to coordinate in translating global gains under the FRLD and other L&D-relevant mechanisms into impactful national and local actions for reducing climate risks.

On the sidelines of FRLD B6 in Cebu, AKP led the Philippine CSO representatives that were also Active Observers in a debriefing with the DENR, led by Usec. Analiza Teh. During this meeting, the two sides agreed on the CSO contingent

developing a proposal for coordination within the sector, in aid of the national L&D action plan that the DENR is leading in formulation.

As of this writing, the AKP Secretariat is leading the development of a coordination mechanism, building on the outcomes of the Civil Society Convening on L&D, its positions presented to the FRLD Secretariat, and its support for the enactment of the CLIMA Bill.

- **On biodiversity and nature**

While the comprehensiveness of AKP's climate work has always involved biodiversity and ecosystems, the emergence of nature-based solutions and increased focus on the climate-nature interlinkages has the network becoming more directly present in biodiversity and ecosystems-focused workstreams.

On blue carbon

Beginning in 2025, AKP became an active participant in the development of the roadmap under the National Blue Carbon Action Partnership (NBCAP), intending to highlight synergies between climate and nature-based policies. As part of this engagement, Algo formally represented the network in attending three focused group discussions contributing to the formulation of said roadmap between April and August 2025; these events collected inputs from stakeholders in the thematic areas of communications, community outreach, socioeconomic impacts, policy and governance, and finance. Its participation in the blue carbon roadmap development also aided its position-building on the forestry and other land use sector for the second Philippine NDC updating. The draft blue carbon roadmap was presented in the workshop for financing pathways for blue carbon ecosystems in the Philippines held on 4 August 2025.



Figure 53. Photos from the Focused Group Discussion for the Socio-Economic, Communication, and Community Outreach Group held on 23 April 2025 in Mandaluyong (*top*) and the Focused Group Discussion on Policy, Finance, and Governance held on 16 May 2025 in Mandaluyong (*bottom*), in aid of the development of the Philippines' blue carbon roadmap.

On Key Biodiversity Areas



Figure 54. Photos from the Focused Group Discussion for the Socio-Economic, Communication, and Community Outreach Group held on 23 April 2025 in Mandaluyong (*top*) and the Focused Group Discussion on Policy, Finance, and Governance held on 16 May 2025 in Mandaluyong (*bottom*), in aid of the development of the Philippines' blue carbon roadmap.

As of 6 May 2025, AKP is one of 19 inaugural civil society partners of the newly-created National Coordinating Group on Key Biodiversity Areas (NCG-KBA), which intends to monitor the attainment of the 30x30 Target under the Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP). Prior to this event, the AKP Secretariat, along with some of its members, participated in several KBA-focused events under the DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau, where the presentation of the updated list of current and proposed KBAs, the status of the PBSAP, and other urgent matters were discussed.

Network members that are also partners of the NCG-KBA include Conservation International Philippines, WWF Philippines, Wetlands International Philippines, LLS, and Haribon Foundation. The latter was a co-organizer of the 32nd Philippine Biodiversity Symposium held in 12-15 August 2025 in Iloilo City; this is where the PBSAP was formally launched and the updated KBA list was made available to stakeholders.

Engagements with other national government agencies

- **National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC)**



Figure 55. Aksyon Klima Pilipinas National Coordinator John Leo Algo receives a Certificate of Appreciation during the side event "Catalyzing Open Government for Gender Equality and Inclusive Participation in Climate Action" during Open Gov Week on 21 May 2025 in Quezon City.



Figure 56. Group photo at the conclusion of the 4th quarter meeting of the National Anti-Poverty Commission – Victims of Disasters and Calamities Group sector held on 29 November 2024 in Quezon City.

As part of its goal of addressing climate risks and vulnerabilities, the AKP Secretariat consistently communicated with the NAPC, specifically its Victims of Disasters and Calamities (VDC) sector.

In recent years, the network coordinated with VDC members to inform them of developments on the latest developments on pending climate policies and legislation; most notably among these are on the NDC updating process and the enactment of the CLIMA Bill.

An example of this is the AKP Secretariat facilitating the invitation to representatives of the CCC and DENR to serve as resource persons in the NAPC-VDC Q4 meeting in 2024. It took place on 29 November 2024, with Jerome Ilagan of the CCC and Sandee Recabar of the DENR presenting to the council members the NDC and NAP, and the development of the national Just Transition Framework, respectively.

The two groups have also continued their collaboration in aid of their shared advocacy of inclusive climate governance, including through the inputs of AKP members whose staff members are part of the VDC and other sectoral councils under NAPC.

In aid of this advocacy, Algo presented the network's best practices aligned with the principles of open governance, which was presented during a side event held during the Open Gov Week 2025.

Commemoration of the Yolanda 10th anniversary



Figure 57. Participants of the “Climate Justice Walk” pose a photo in commemoration of the completion of the 500-km pilgrimage from Manila to Tacloban City.

As part of the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the landfall of super-typhoon Yolanda, Galicha represented AKP in joining the “Climate Justice Walk”, a 500-km pilgrimage from Manila to Tacloban City, the “Ground Zero” for the aforementioned disaster. The pilgrimage resulted in higher awareness among many communities on the climate crisis and the need for climate justice, with several local areas declaring a state of climate emergency, including the province of Albay and the city of Catbalogan, Eastern Samar.

Together with Greenpeace Philippines, AKP conducted the “Found and Rebuilt” multistakeholder forum on 9 November 2023 in Tacloban City. It provided an inclusive space for government, faith-based, civil society, community, and sectoral representatives to present their calls and perspectives on addressing L&D in the country.



Figure 58. Group photo from the “Found and Rebuilt” multistakeholder forum on loss and damage on 9 November 2023 in Tacloban City.

The most significant outcome of the event’s discussions is the need to translate L&D from its global-based narrative into actions at the national level in one of the most vulnerable countries to the climate crisis. This also served as the unofficial kickoff of AKP’s advocacy for enhancing L&D actions at the national and local levels.

National Convening of Philippine CSOs on Just Energy Transition

During the past few years, AKP has established one of its new annual flagship events, the “National Convening of Philippine CSOs on Just Energy Transition”, which aims to provide a platform for coordination and collaboration among civil society and community representatives on advancing the JET agenda in the Philippines, anchored in the context of climate action and justice and accounting for other ecological issues.

- **1st National CSO-JET Convening**

On 19 October 2023, AKP co-organized with Oxfam Pilipinas a national event to host discourse among Philippine civil society and community representatives on just energy transition (JET) and net-zero emissions, two of the emerging critical issues on climate and energy in the Philippines. The event served as one of the first documented platforms provided for CSOs to have nationwide dialogues and develop potential collaborations on addressing these two workstreams. It also was conducted as part of AKP’s involvement under the ANPE.

Nearly 60 Philippine CSOs were represented in the event proper, which featured presentations establishing the nexus between climate action and energy security, a situationer on the state of the Philippine energy sector, updates of the development of the Philippine Energy Plan, opportunities and challenges related to JET, and if the Philippines should have a net-zero commitment.

Several workshops were also conducted to allow the participants to have more in-depth discussions on JET, energy transition minerals, and net-zero emissions. Key questions such as which specific RE technologies participants would support, which specific communities related to JET and energy transition minerals would be prioritized for engagements, and non-negotiables for calls on emissions reductions and emissions removals were answered during these sessions.



Figure 59. In-person participants gather for a photo-op at the conclusion of the National Convening of Philippine CSOs on Just Energy Transition.

A direct output of the event was the '[JET Manifesto](#)', a working document that serves as an outline of principles that participating organizations agree when it comes to defining which actions qualify as part of JET in the Philippine context. It emphasizes a focus on RE development, alignment with the 1.5°C imperative under the Paris Agreement, equity, transparency and accountability, and respectful of ecosystems, biodiversity, and local circumstances as among said principles.

Under this partnership, a policy brief on net-zero emissions in the context of JET was also developed. While it is not intended as a position paper for the network, it provided a concise overview of the context of net-zero within existing policies and positions of the country, and why it is an important topic to be discussed under the JET paradigm.

- **2nd National CSO-JET Convening**

The 2nd installment of the event aimed to build on the previous year's outcomes, this time focusing on providing a more holistic perspective of how JET impacts other key climate and environmental issues in the country. This is in recognition of the interconnectedness that exists within and among the human and natural environments, and the impacts of approaches that, when implemented properly, can address multiple issues simultaneously with respect to existing resources and the urgency of addressing ecological problems.

With support from network members CREST and Oxfam Pilipinas, the 2nd National CSO-JET Convening was held on 19 August 2024 Quezon City. It was attended by 73 participants on-site or online, representing 52 different organizations.

The participants highlighted calls such as the inclusion of the forestry and other land use (FOLU) sector in the next Philippine NDC, drastically updating the country's mining policy framework, an inclusive formulation of national nature-based solutions policy, education and capacity-building activities on JET by the participants, and greater non-government stakeholders' participation in JET-relevant decision-making. These calls have since formed the core of the network's positions on the development of the next NDC and the just transition framework, and ongoing engagements related to nature-based solutions.



Figure 60. Group photo at the conclusion of the National Convening of Philippine CSOs on Just Energy Transition held on 19 August 2024 in Quezon City.

Civil Society Convening on Loss and Damage



Figure 61. Group photo during the inaugural Civil Society Convening on Loss and Damage held on 30 August 2024 in Quezon City.

Within the past five years, Philippine CSOs have seen major developments in global and national policies related to L&D. The 2022 and 2023 UN climate negotiations saw the decisions leading to the creation of the Fund for Responding to L&D (FRLD), whose Board ended up being hosted by the Philippines per the decision of the 2nd meeting of said Board on July 2024 in Songdo, South Korea. This also comes during the ongoing deliberations regarding the Climate Accountability (CLIMA) Bill, which would provide a national L&D-based legal instrument in the country.

With the established global narrative of L&D being an issue of developing nations who did not significantly contribute to the climate crisis being the most vulnerable to its impacts and developed countries, including fossil fuel industries, being obligated as big polluters to pay developing nations for losses and damages, there is a need to translate this into nationally and locally-relevant actions to avert, minimize, or respond to L&D.

With this context and building on the outcomes of the “Found and Rebuilt” forum held in Tacloban City in 2023, AKP co-organized the first Civil Society Convening on Loss and Damage on 31 August 2024 in Quezon City, together with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Philippines and CREST. It was attended by 50 on-site and online participants, representing vulnerable groups and sectors such as indigenous peoples, local governments, rural communities, differently-abled, humanitarian, women, labor, and youth.

The Civil Society Convening on L&D aimed to start the strengthening of a national movement that would focus on advancing the L&D policy agenda in the Philippine context. The event produced ways forward that would form the basis of AKP’s ongoing L&D advocacy, for strengthening L&D work at the national level, such as generating inputs from community representatives from Visayas and Mindanao on L&D, a push for a national-level mechanism for CSOs in aid of L&D-relevant policymaking, support for the enactment of the Climate Accountability (CLIMA) Bill, and the conduct of capacity-building, knowledge-sharing, and awareness-raising activities to educate communities and other stakeholders about L&D.

Since then, the AKP Secretariat has been able to fulfill all of the aforementioned ways forward from the CSO Convening on L&D. The most notable of these is the conduct of four on-site and online focused group discussions between September 2024 and July 2025 with civil society, community, and Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Office representatives from Visayas and Mindanao to collect their insights on how to enhance L&D-relevant actions in the Philippine context.



Figure 62. Screenshot of the Visayas-based online focused group discussion on loss and damage conducted by Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on 25 September 2024 (top). AKP National Coordinator John Leo Algo presents to civil society groups, community representatives, and Local Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officers on the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage during the focused group discussion held on 12 July 2025 in Cebu City (bottom).

Partnership with the National Museum of Natural History



Figure 63. Aftermath of the ribbon-cutting ceremony during the opening of the “Katumbalikwasan: Linking climate, nature, and people” exhibition at the National Museum of Natural History on 28 April 2025, featuring (from left to right) John Leo Algo of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas; Marivene Santos and Jorell Legazpi of the National Museum of the Philippines; Robert Borje of the Climate Change Commission; Nancy Corpuz of the DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau; Angelina Galang of Green Convergence; and Jose Canivel of Forest Foundation Philippines.

As part of its ACE advocacy, AKP forged a year-long partnership with the National Museum of the Philippines (NMP). It commenced on 28 April 2025 with the launch of the “Katumbalikwasan: Linking climate, nature, and people”, an exhibition aiming to redefine resilience in the context of the climate crisis in the Philippines. Housed in the National Museum of Natural History, it features concrete examples of community-based and non-government sector-led solutions to different facets of climate and environmental issues, and non-traditional examples of climate communication (i.e., video games, arts) to empower visitors to implement their respective actions within their capacities. The partnership also includes a series of capacity-building sessions held by AKP members, aligned with the exhibition theme.



Figure 64. Photo of the “Katumbalikwasan: Linking climate, nature, and people” hosted at the National Museum of Natural History.

and environmental issues, and non-traditional examples of climate communication (i.e., video games, arts) to empower visitors to implement their respective actions within their capacities. The partnership also includes a series of capacity-building sessions held by AKP members, aligned with the exhibition theme.

This exhibition is led by the network, with support from members Green Convergence, Manawari SEA, and World Vision Philippines, and partner Forest Foundation Philippines.

Local Conference of Youth



Figure 65. Screenshot from an online capacity-building session as part of the 2021 Local Conference of Youth Pilipinas (*top*) and a group photo of the participants of the climate negotiations simulation exercise during the 2024 Local Conference of Youth in Quezon City (*bottom*).

AKP has been a supporter of the conduct of the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) in the Philippines, as part of the initiative under YOUNGO, the official children and youth constituency of the UNFCCC, that empowers young people to take action against the climate crisis. In recent years, the network was a co-presenter of the 2021 LCOY, which was held online due to COVID-induced lockdowns; this event was co-organized by Parabukas and LLS. It was also a partner of the 2024 LCOY, which was led by the Youth for Just Transition Network.

For both events, Algo represented the network through the conduct of a breakout session on just transition and green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic for the 2021 event; and on a simulation exercise of the UN climate negotiations, along with discourse on ACE and loss and damage throughout the 2024 event.

CONGRESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

House of Representatives

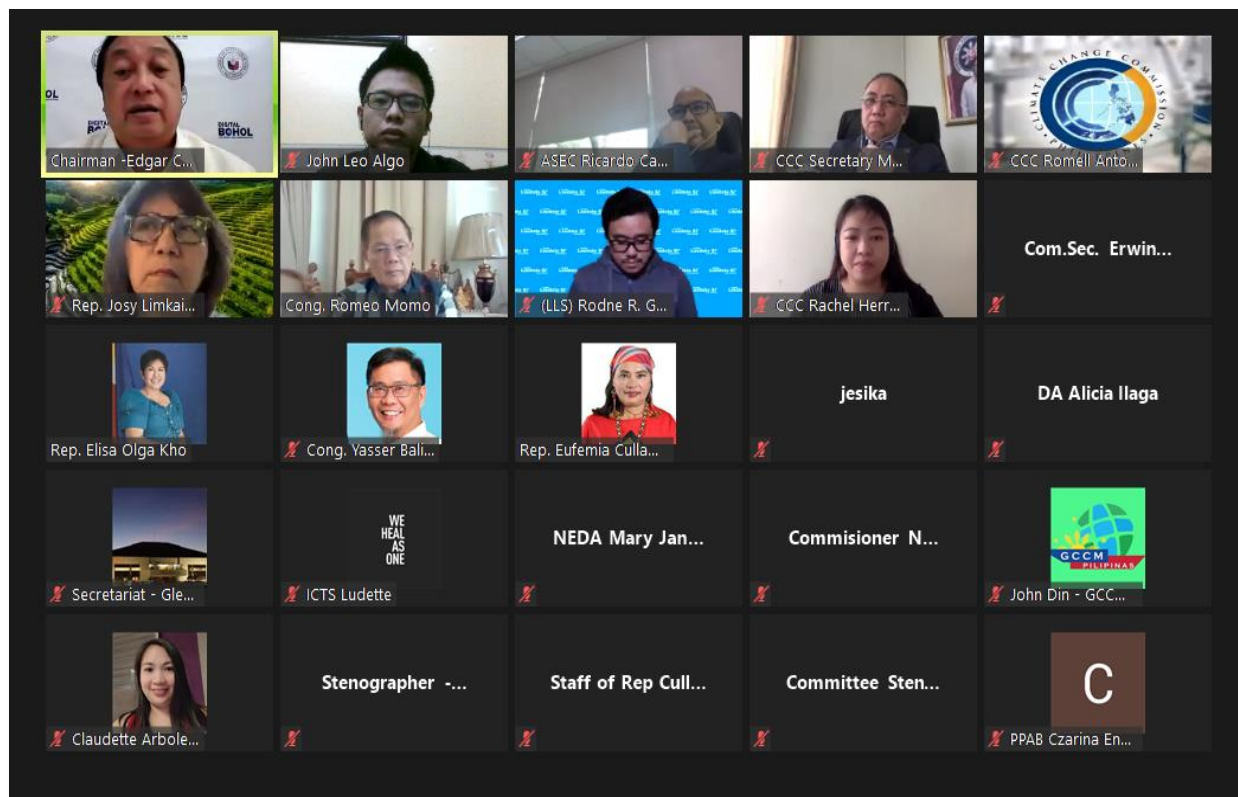


Figure 66. Screenshot of House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change hearing on House Resolution Nos. 1377 and 1391, on the declaration of a climate and environmental emergency and the urgency for the submission of the first Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) in 2020

Since 2020, AKP has actively engaged in public hearings, Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings, and regular sessions conducted under various Committees under the House of Representatives, as part of its mission to lobby for policies and laws that enhance climate action in the Philippines. Most of these engagements are under the HORCCC, while the network also participated in a few sessions under the Committees on Ecology and Foreign Affairs. Represented by Algo and occasionally Galicha in attending these sessions, the network delivered interventions and submitted position papers on the climate and environmental issues discussed.

AKP also directly engaged in bilateral meetings and dialogues with lawmakers in lobbying for policies advancing the climate and environmental agenda, including the sidelines of the UN climate negotiations. Over the past five years, these engagements have resulted in AKP becoming a stronger and influential presence in HORCCC hearings, with several lawmakers and the Committee Secretariat now seeking inputs from the network about proposed legislation and the latest climate policy developments at the global and national levels.

Table 2. List of learning sessions of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas from September 2020 to September 2025.

Date	Committee	Mode of meeting	Agenda
2020/12/04	Climate Change	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Resolution Nos. 1377 and 1391, on the declaration of a climate and environmental emergency and the urgency for the submission of the first Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC) in 2020
2020/12/09	Climate Change	Online	
2021/03/18	Ecology	Online (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft bill on regulating single-use plastics Draft bill on mandatory environmental insurance coverage
2021/07/16	Climate Change	Online (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bills 3136, 3315, and 5353 on institutionalizing integrated coastal management
2021/08/20	Climate Change	Online (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bill 9780, on enhancing climate change adaptation and resilience in the Philippines Presentation of the Department of Finance on the status of climate finance in the country
2021/12/03	Climate Change	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the outcomes of COP26
2023/02/22	Climate Change	Online	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Resolutions 8, on the adoption of a "People's Green New Deal" for a just and green economic recovery House Resolution 213, on the establishment of a multi-actor partnership on the enhancement of climate and disaster risk financing and insurance in the Philippines
2023/03/21	Climate Change	Online (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bills 2610, 4364, 6385, and 7278, on national hazard mapping and the declaration of a climate emergency in the Philippines
2023/05/24	Climate Change	Online (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bill 7705, or the Low Carbon Economy Investment (LCE) Bill
2024/01/10		On-site (TWG)	
2024/01/17			
2024/02/20			
2024/03/11			
2024/05/14	Climate Change	On-site (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bill 9609, or the Climate Accountability (CLIMA) Bill
2024/07/09	Climate Change, Foreign Affairs	On-site (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the Loss and Damage Fund Board Bill
2024/07/16			
2024/07/30	Climate Change, Foreign Affairs	On-site (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the Loss and Damage Fund Board Bill
2024/08/05		On-site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the Loss and Damage Fund Board Bill
2024/08/06	Climate Change	On-site (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the LCE Bill
2024/11/11	Climate Change	Online (TWG)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Bill 9609, or the CLIMA Bill
2025/01/15	Climate Change	On-site (TWG)	
2025/02/04	Climate Change	On-site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the CLIMA Bill



Figure 67. (clockwise, from top left): AKP Convenor Rodne Galicha (rightmost) engages with Rep. Jocelyn Limkaichong (center) and Rep. Anna Veloso-Tuazon (second from right) at the AKP COP27 fellowship dinner in Egypt; AKP then-member of interim Secretariat John Leo Algo and Michelle Lapiz of AKP member Living Laudato Si' Philippines meets with Rep. Edgar Chatto, Chairperson of the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change, and Committee Sec. Rommel Reyes; AKP National Coordinator Algo meets with Rep. Tuazon to discuss climate policy developments in San Juan; Sen. Imee Marcos discusses with Algo the Host Country Agreement on the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage after a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing on August 2025..

Senate

For the majority of the past five years, the AKP was not invited into proceedings in the Senate. However, as the network reestablished its presence within the climate policy landscape, the institution began to take notice and invite AKP to participate in its sessions.

In March 2025, the Senate Economic Planning Office invited AKP to submit its inputs into the priority legislative agenda for the incoming 20th Congress. Among the bills the network recommended are the CLIMA Bill, Rights of Nature Bill, National Land Use Bill, and the Alternative Minerals Management Bill.

On August 2025, the AKP Secretariat, together with a few of its member-organizations, was invited to participate in a public hearing on the deliberations of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee to provide its insights into the pending ratification of the Host Country Agreement on its hosting of the FRLD Board. To date, it is involved in lobbying to the aforementioned committee in support of its formal ratification and further enable the Philippines to demonstrate its leadership in addressing L&D and pursuing climate justice at the global level.

Bills of focus

- **Climate Accountability (CLIMA) Bill**



Figure 68. Representatives from different sectors, including members of AKP, pose for a photo after the 1st Technical Working Group meeting on the Climate Accountability Bill by the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change.

As part of its advocacy of advancing the L&D agenda in the Philippines, AKP was active in providing support for the enactment of the Climate Accountability (CLIMA) Bill, which would strengthen regulations against climate-pollutive business practices, enhance the protection of human rights in the context of climate change impacts, and create a national equivalent of the FRLD. It is frequently engaging with the two main CSO proponents of the bill: network members the Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center (LRC) and Greenpeace Philippines.

The network has also attended the multiple TWG meetings by the HORCCC and provided position papers for its calls and recommendations on the proposed legislation. It also communicates with members of said Committee, specifically Rep. Tuazon and Rep. Alba, regarding inputs into the CLIMA Bill. The bill was approved by the HORCCC on 4 February 2025, although it was not able to proceed further in the 19th Congress. The bill has since been refiled in the 20th Congress.

- **Low Carbon Economy Investment (LCE) Bill**



Figure 69. A discussion is conducted during a Technical Working Group meeting on the Low Carbon Economy Investment Bill by the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change.

AKP also attended five of the seven Technical Working Group meetings by HORCCC on the Low Carbon Economy Investment (LCE) Bill, which aims to spur decarbonization, including giving options to the private sector on climate change mitigation and setting a carbon pricing framework.

Through Algo, the network called for social and environmental safeguards into said framework, a stricter enforcement of the “polluter pays” principle, the setting of a net-zero target, more coherent climate policies, and more capacity-building for the government to properly implement it, in the event of enactment. The bill was approved at the Committee level and reached the third reading in the House of Representatives, but it failed to be passed by the Senate. It has since been refiled in the 20th Congress.

GENERAL ASSEMBLIES

2022 Aksyon Klima Pilipinas General Assembly

AKP conducted its 2022 General Assembly on 19-20 October, the first in-person gathering of the network since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, with support from Forest Foundation Philippines. Over 40 civil society representatives attended the two-day event in-person and via Zoom.

One of the objectives of the event is to begin the finalization of the network's Strategic Plan for 2022-2025. A set of deep dive discussions were conducted for participants to identify the most critical climate and environmental issues at the global, national, and local levels that the network should tackle. Another series of workshops were also facilitated to determine goals, outcomes, and activities on campaigns, strategies, and network development for AKP.

All of the inputs from the sessions were processed over the next few months, with the Strategic Plan development facing delays due to logistical and funding challenges and security risks to some of the network's officers. Nevertheless, the draft document was prepared and presented to the constituency on 1 October 2023 through the AKP Secretariat e-mail for further comments prior to its presentation at the 2023 AKP General Assembly.

The 2022 event also saw the election of a new set of Steering Committee members. A new position in the governing body was created, focusing on loss and damage; this position is held by the Manila Observatory, as of this writing. Galicha was reelected as AKP's National Convenor. However, the position on technological transfer was vacated. While an open call for nominations was made through the AKP Secretariat e-mail, no nominations were received. The position was once again opened for nominations in the preceding months, including right before the 2023 AKP General Assembly.



Figure 70. On-site elected members of the Aksyon Klima Pilipinas Steering Committee gather for a photo at the conclusion of the 2022 AKP General Assembly on 20 October 2022 in Quezon City.

2023 Aksyon Klima Pilipinas General Assembly

AKP conducted its 2023 General Assembly on 20 October, with over 40 civil society representatives from more than 30 organizations attending the event in-person and via Zoom, to assess and build on the progress and accomplishments that have been made since COP27.

The Assembly selected Teddy Baguilat of Haribon Foundation to fill in the Steering Committee position on technology transfer, and then-member of the interim Secretariat John Leo Algo as the network's full-time National Coordinator. It also approved the AKP Strategic Plan, which would guide the network's campaigns and activities for the next two years.

The event also served as the pre-COP28 meeting of AKP, with discussions taking place on how the members would individually and collectively approach engagements with the Philippine government delegation and other stakeholders at the Dubai climate negotiations. The draft COP28 position paper was also opened for inputs and comments from the attendees, covering key themes such as adaptation, loss and damage, mitigation, and finance.

It also saw discussions on the planned reactivation of the network's Thematic Groups, which would influence most of its campaigns and activities for the succeeding 12 months, as guided by the Strategic Plan. It was agreed that a series of online sessions would be conducted before COP28 for the units to meet and explore their specific agenda and actions to take, in coordination with the interim Secretariat.



Figure 71. Group photo for on-site participants during the 2023 Aksyon Klima Pilipinas General Assembly on 20 October 2023 in Quezon City.

2024 Aksyon Klima Pilipinas General Assembly

AKP conducted its 2024 General Assembly on 18 October, with 50 civil society representatives from 34 organizations attending the event in-person and via Zoom.

During the Assembly, the network explored the means of strengthening its internal leadership and coordination structure, including potentially opening it for individual members and the formulation of a group of renowned climate experts that would serve as advisors to AKP on critical climate matters. While the possibility of extending the implementation of the current Strategic Plan by one year was raised, it would instead be updated, including through a review process opened to all members for their inputs.

A key decision from this General Assembly is to require the renewal of membership for all participating organizations to ensure more effective coordination and more streamlined monitoring of the network's existing capacities through the active participation of remaining members.

In anticipation of 2025 being a critical year for Philippine climate action, the AKP Secretariat presented the policy directions laid out by the Philippine government on numerous workstreams, including on updating the NDC, the development of the just transition framework, increasing importance of accounting for the interlinkages between climate, plastic, and biodiversity issues, and proposed legislation in Congress. The network's planned activities and topics for learning sessions were also shown, based on these trends.

The breakout group sessions conducted in the afternoon were tailored for the attendees to discuss how AKP would approach the NDC updating and the JTF development processes. The outputs of said sessions were based on the AWITFE mitigation sectors and cross-cutting issues, including on carbon markets, inclusion of children, youth, and Indigenous Peoples' voices, and enhanced calls for a more inclusive policymaking process.



Figure 72. Group photo during the 2024 Aksyon Klim Pilipinas General Assembly on 18 October 2025 in Quezon City.

NETWORK OUTPUTS

List of statements

A total of **34 statements** has been issued by AKP since September 2020, covering different issues, news, and developments related to climate and the environment in the Philippine and global context. These statements were published on AKP's social media pages and website (aksyonklima.org), and shared to media outlets for further outreach. Some of these statements were also sent to relevant Philippine government agencies.

From its statements, position papers, and other communications, AKP as a network or through the National Convenor and National Coordinator was featured in a total of **80 media appearances**, through articles, video interviews, and podcasts.

Table 3. List of statements of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas from September 2020 to September 2025.

Title of statement	Date posted
Aksyon Klima Pilipinas statement of typhoon Ulysses	11/16/2020
Meaningful climate commitments with "highest possible climate ambitions" (Aksyon Klima Statement on House Resolution No. 01494)	01/27/2021
On the submission of PH Nationally Determined Contributions (NDC)	04/16/2021
Equitable climate expert panel representation, crucial to inclusive climate action	07/08/2021
San Miguel Corporation's coal exit is key to achieving national climate commitments, but holistic action is urgently needed	07/14/2021
On the proposed Dumaguete reclamation project	07/21/2021
On RA 11572 as path to energy security, equity and sustainability	08/04/2021
On the latest IPCC report on the science of the climate crisis	08/10/2021
Translate calls into actions, both at the global and local fronts	10/01/2021
Chito Gascon: champion for human rights and climate justice	10/09/2021
Glasgow Climate Conference COP 26: A Litany of Blah Blah Blahs	11/15/2021
COP26 pact nowhere near enough to limit global warming to 1.5°C	12/12/2021
ON SUPER TYPHOON ODETTE (RAI): Climate emergency, losses and damages and climate justice	12/23/2021
On the latest IPCC report on impacts, adaptation and vulnerability	03/03/2022
On the latest IPCC report on mitigation of climate change	04/05/2022
On Super Typhoon Noru (Karding) and its implications on global and national climate policies and actions	09/25/2022
Official positions on key issues to be deliberated during the UNFCCC COP27	11/08/2022
Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) on its 9th	11/09/2022
Civil society COP27 delegates: Unity in climate actions more than words	11/16/2022

Title of statement	Date posted
Weak commitment leads to poor implementation (on COP27 outcomes)	11/21/2022
On the oil spill and sinking of MT Princess Empress	03/05/2023
On the IPCC AR6 Synthesis Report	03/22/2023
On the 2023 State of the Nation Address	07/14/2023
On the National Convening of Philippine Civil Society Organizations on Just Energy Transition	09/05/2023
On the Philippines hosting the Board of the Loss and Damage Fund	07/10/2024
On the impacts of supertyphoon Carina (Gaemi) and southwest monsoon in the Philippines	07/25/2024
On the sinking of MT Terra Nova and MTKR Jason Bradley and the resulting oil spills	07/29/2024
Outcomes of first Philippine-hosted Loss and Damage Fund Board meeting not enough – civil society groups	12/09/2024
Redefining resilience highlighted in new climate exhibition at National Museum	05/08/2025
Official statement of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the appointment of Raphael Lotilla as the new Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources	05/23/2025
Step up, speed up, scale up: Official statement of on the outcomes and conduct of the 6th meeting of the Board of the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD)	07/12/2025
'Stranded' in 'resilience': statement on the extreme rainfall caused by the southwest monsoon and by severe tropical storm 'Crising'	07/22/2025
Official statement of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the 2025 State of the Nation Address	07/27/2025
Climate groups demand more 'unconditional' targets and accountability	09/08/2025

Table 4. List of media appearances of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas from September 2020 to September 2025.

Title of media engagement or program	Media outlet	Mode	Date posted
Philippines' scaled-down climate commitment called 'underwhelming, shameful'	The Philippine Star	Article	12/28/2020
Youth for Truth	IBC	Video	09/25/2021
Philippines pushes for emissions avoidance in climate deal	The Philippine Star	Article	11/13/2021
'I Don't Feel Them': Filipino activists at COP26 decry lack of engagement by Philippine Delegation	Earth Journalism	Article	11/17/2021
PH urged to take 'urgent, concrete steps' to fulfill COP26 pledges	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	11/23/2021
Refocus, improve efforts to mitigate climate change: DENR	Philippine News Agency	Article	12/12/2021
The Politics of Disaster	ABS-CBN News Channel	Podcast	12/21/2021
Veritas Pilipinas	Radyo Veritas	Video	07/21/2022
The World Today	China Global Television Network	Video	09/05/2022

Title of media engagement or program	Media outlet	Mode	Date posted
Philippines, world leaders urged to ramp up climate action after 'Karding' onslaught	The Philippine Star	Article	09/26/2022
Marcos urged to declare climate emergency after Karding	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	09/27/2022
Environmentalists say there's a need for political will to mitigate calamity effects	One News PH	Video	10/31/2022
Gov't urged to tap civil society groups in PH climate action	Inquirer.net	Article	11/08/2022
Quicktake	Bloomberg, RE:TV	Video	11/11/2022
At COP27 crunch time, civil society decry PH's 'lack of strong voice at negotiating table'	Rappler	Article	11/16/2022
Loss and damage fund marks new 'dawn for climate justice'	Inquirer.net	Article	11/21/2022
Groups hail historic climate fund deal, angry over lack of progress on emissions	The Philippine Star	Article	11/21/2022
Runtime	ABS-CBN News Channel	Video	11/21/2022
Post-COP27: Where do we go from here?	Rappler	Podcast	12/17/2022
Environmentalist Rodne Galicha: "Environmental Equity Means No One Gets Left Behind"	Kanto	Article	01/02/2023
Pasada sa TeleRadyo	DZMM Teleradyo	Video	01/13/2023
Mayor Vico to youth: Be catalysts of change	Manila Bulletin	Article	01/28/2023
Omaga-Diaz Reports	DZMM Teleradyo	Video	02/25/2023
Climate change to affect food security	The Manila Times	Article	02/26/2023
On Earth Day, oil-spill affected communities in Oriental Mindoro call for justice	Rappler	Article	04/22/2023
El Niño: Krisis sa Klima at Pagkain	AlterMidya	Video	05/05/2023
'More talk, little action': Green groups call for stronger environmental, climate action ahead of Marcos' 2nd SONA	The Philippine Star	Article	07/24/2023
Youth activist John Leo Algo named national coordinator for NGO group Aksyon Klima Pilipinas	Eco-Business	Article	10/30/2023
From Johor Bahru to COP28: Why Asia Pacific Climate Week matters	The Philippine Star	Article	11/14/2023
Implementation of Philippine climate laws still lacking, says UN special rapporteur	GMA News Online	Article	11/18/2023
UAE COP presidency needs to snap out of 'listening mode' and get to action: Bonn observers	Eco-Business	Article	11/19/2023
COP28: Philippines Gears Up for Climate Summit, to unveil first-ever Pavilion	Climate Tracker	Article	11/27/2023
Can the Philippines be a strong voice again at UN climate talks?	Rappler	Article	11/29/2023
Civil society groups sidelined at first-ever Philippine pavilion at COP28	Rappler	Article	12/01/2023
Marcos COP28 absence draws mixed reactions from environmental groups	ABS-CBN News Channel	Video	12/01/2023

Title of media engagement or program	Media outlet	Mode	Date posted
Finance Day: how do we fund a just transition?	RE:TV	Video	12/04/2023
How Youth and Innovation are Driving the Transition	RE:TV	Video	12/09/2023
Philippines urged to demonstrate capacity to host climate damage fund	The Philippine Star	Article	12/11/2023
Philippine environmentalists refuse to be sidelines at COP28	Fair Planet	Article	12/12/2023
Groups say COP28 deal a start, but not enough for climate-vulnerable nations	The Philippine Star	Article	12/13/2023
Historic? PH civil society at COP28 says climate deal 'falls short'	Rappler	Article	12/13/2023
This 2024, make your community greener	Rappler	Article	01/11/2024
The nature conservation and renewable energy conundrum	Diinsider Life	Article	03/06/2024
COP29 presidency reiterates commitment to Paris Agreement as Azerbaijan defends oil and gas expansion	Eco-Business	Article	04/29/2024
Pagtatayo ng nuclear power plants dapat balansehin: grupo	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	05/05/2024
Group advises gov't to adopt climate-smart practices	Business World	Article	05/05/2024
Pamahalaan, bumubuo ng mga aksyon para labanan ang tumitinding krisis sa klima	People's Television Network	Video	05/05/2024
Tamang impormasyon kaugnay sa climate change dapat ipamulat sa publiko, ayon sa isang environmental group	People's Television Network	Video	05/05/2024
Low carbon economy bill under review: Is the Philippines ready to pay for its decarbonisation goals?	Eco-Business	Article	06/01/2024
Pre-COP talks marred by 'lengthy and unwieldy' draft on new climate fund goal	Eco-Business	Article	06/11/2024
What should the PH bring to table as host of Loss and Damage Fund Board?	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	07/10/2024
Explainer: Why the Philippines does not have a net zero target	Eco-Business	Article	09/13/2024
Why Philippines tops ranking of disaster risk countries	Arab News	Article	09/15/2024
With all eyes on Brazil, COP29 must deliver on climate finance	Rappler	Article	11/09/2024
Ahead of COP29, PH civil society wants \$5-trillion climate fund for poor countries	Rappler	Article	11/07/2024
CCC, CSOs set stance for UN conference	Daily Tribune	Article	11/11/2024
COP29 must deliver the money, Philippine civil society organizations say	GMA News Online	Article	11/14/2024
Midway into COP29, climate action woefully insufficient	Inquirer.net	Article	11/16/2024
Six storms in four weeks: groups amp up call for climate justice at COP29	Rappler	Article	11/18/2024
ASEAN member states seek loss and damage fund for disasters	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	11/19/2024

Title of media engagement or program	Media outlet	Mode	Date posted
House members, CSO reps meet on climate change bills on sidelines of COP29	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	11/20/2024
COP29: climate finance talks remain deadlocked	Inquirer.net	Article	11/20/2024
Challenges mount at COP29 amid deadlocked climate finance talks	The Pinnacle Gazette	Article	11/20/2024
Filipino farmers, workers bring issues to COP29	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	11/21/2024
Amid accelerating typhoons: PH the only Southeast Asian nation in Top 10 of Climate Change Performance Index 2025	GMA News Online	Article	11/21/2024
Still no number for new climate finance goal as COP29 reaches final hours	Rappler	Article	11/21/2024
PH ranks 7 th in World Climate Change Performance Index	Bicol.ph	Article	11/22/2024
\$1.3 trillion na climate finance, hiling ng Pilipinas at developing countries	ABS-CBN News Online	Video	11/23/2024
Catholic officials blast \$300B COP29 climate finance goal as too little	National Catholic Reporter	Article	11/24/2024
Filipino church leaders and bamboo enthusiasts push for sustainable solutions at COP29	Bicol.ph	Article	11/25/2024
The drama, one-liners and PH civil society's take on the \$300-B deal at COP29	GMA News Online	Article	11/26/2024
Disaster-wary Philippines leads push for climate justice	ABS-CBN News Online	Article	01/02/2025
Concerns emerge over scaled down loss and damage fund	Eco-Business	Article	04/15/2025
At the National Museum of Natural History, an exhibit on climate action opens	GMA News Online	Article	05/06/2025
A new National Museum exhibit aims to reshape our understanding of climate resilience	Rappler	Article	05/10/2025
Energy secretary Raphael Lotilla appointed as Philippines' new environment chief	Eco-Business	Article	05/23/2025
Amid Habagat floods, group calls for probe into flood control projects	GMA News Online	Article	07/23/2025
Philippine civil organizations welcome World Court's advisory opinion on climate change	GMA News online	Article	07/24/2025
Why the World Court's advisory opinion on climate is important for countries like the PH	GMA News online	Article	07/24/2025
Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho	GMA	Video	07/28/2025

List of position papers

During the same time period, a total of 42 position papers were developed by AKP, as a response to the calls by institutions such as the House of Representatives and the Asian Development Bank, covering different aspects of climate action and environmental protection and conservation across different sectors. These position papers were communicated to the corresponding institutional representatives, and served as the basis for the interventions delivered by the AKP representative/s to the corresponding meetings and forums.

Table 5. List of position papers of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas from September 2020 to September 2025.

Title of position paper	Date transmitted
Official statement of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on House Resolution Nos. 1377 and 1391, on the declaration of a climate and environmental emergency and the urgency for the submission of the first Nationally Determined Contributions in 2020, respectively	12/09/2020
Joint statement on the finalization and submission of the Philippines' first Nationally Determined Contributions	12/18/2020
Statement on the Philippines' first Nationally Determined Contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change: An underwhelming, inadequate, and shameful climate commitment	12/24/2020
Official statement of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on House Bill Nos. 144 and 8089, on institutionalizing the mandatory environmental insurance coverage	02/04/2021
"Highest possible climate ambition, substance and compliance": Statement of Philippine civil society organizations and networks on calls and recommendations for the first Nationally Determined Contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change	02/15/2021
Position paper on the proposed "Enhancing Climate Change Resiliency and Adaptability Act" (House Bill No. 9780)	08/20/2021
Position paper on proposed legislation in the House of Representatives on the consolidation of the Integrated Coastal Management bills (HB 3136 and 4496) and the National Coastal Greenbelt Program bill (HB 3303)	10/10/2022
Position paper of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on House Bill 26 and other proposed legislation on the "Single-Use Plastic Products Regulation Act"	12/09/2022
Official statement on House Resolutions 8 and 213, on the adoption of a "People's Green New Deal" for a just and green economic recovery and the establishment of a multi-actor partnership on the enhancement of climate and disaster risk financing and insurance in the Philippines, respectively	02/21/2023
Official position of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on HB 2610 and HB 7278, on national hazard mapping, and HB 4364 and HB 6385, on enhancing climate change resiliency and adaptability	03/17/2023

Title of position paper	Date transmitted
Official positions of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on key issues to be deliberated during the 2023 United Nations Bonn Climate Change Conference (SB58)	03/19/2023
Official position of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on HB7705 ("Low Carbon Economy Act of 2022")	05/23/2023
Official statement and recommendations of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the progress of the Philippines's Climate Investment Funds - Accelerating Coal Transition (CIF-ACT) Investment Plan	08/11/2023
Official statement and recommendations of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the draft ADB Climate Change Action Plan	08/11/2023
Comments of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the draft Philippine National Adaptation Plan (as communicated on 18 August 2023)	08/20/2023
Official statement and recommendations of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the draft ADB Climate Change Action Plan	08/23/2023
Comments of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the draft Philippine National Adaptation Plan (as communicated on 11 September 2023)	09/11/2023
Comments of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the draft Philippine National Adaptation Plan	09/15/2023
Official position paper of Asia Climate Change Consortium (ACCC) and Aksyon Klima Pilipinas (AKP) on inputs to the formulation of the ASEAN Environmental Rights Framework	09/25/2023
Official statement and recommendations of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the draft Philippines's Climate Investment Funds - Accelerating Coal Transition (CIF-ACT) Investment Plan (as communicated on 15 September 2023)	09/28/2023
Official positions of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on key issues to be deliberated during the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (COP28)	11/08/2023
On loss and damage and the impacts of climate change on the human rights, climate change legislation, litigation and intergenerational justice, and the protection of environmental human rights defenders, in the context of the commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the landfall of Haiyan in the Philippines (submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change)	11/10/2023
Corporate accountability in the context of human rights and climate change (submission to the UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights in the context of climate change)	11/30/2023
Joint statement of Philippine civil society organizations on key issues to be deliberated during the 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (COP28)	12/09/2023
Official position on SB2439, a proposed act institutionalizing the Philippine Ecosystem and Natural Capital Accounting System, mandating its use in policy and decision-making, designating the agencies responsible for its implementation, providing	02/20/2024

Title of position paper	Date transmitted
institutional arrangements among responsible agencies, and appropriating funds therefor	
Official position on SB2450, a proposed act establishing a framework for blue economy, promoting stewardship, and sustainable development of coastal and marine ecosystems and resources	02/20/2024
Submission of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to development on inputs for the report on climate justice and loss and damage	02/29/2024
Second position paper of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on HB 7705 ("Low Carbon Economy Act of 2022")	02/29/2024
Official positions and recommendations of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on the Biennial Update Report and the upcoming Biennial Transparency Report	03/25/2024
Recommendations for the development of the ASEAN Environmental Rights Framework	04/30/2024
Official position on HB 9609 ("Climate Accountability Bill")	05/14/2024
Official position on key issues to be deliberated during the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany (SB60)	05/20/2024
Second position paper on the Climate Accountability (CLIMA) Bill (HB9609 and HB10478)	07/15/2024
Official position of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on proposed legislation in the House of Representatives on the "Low Carbon Economy Investment Act of 2023"	08/06/2024
Official positions of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on key issues to be deliberated during the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan (COP29)	10/30/2024
Not Just A Transition: joint position of Philippine civil society, peoples', and non-government organizations and networks on the formulation of the national just transition roadmap	11/05/2024
Official positions of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas on key issues to be deliberated during the 2024 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Baku, Azerbaijan (COP29)	11/21/2024
Submission to the "Baku to Belem Roadmap to 1.3T"	03/21/2025
Submission to the Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage on responses to the draft policy on the participation of Active Observers in Board meetings and related proceedings and the draft background paper on consultative forums for engaging and communicating with stakeholders	05/20/2025
Official position on key issues to be deliberated during the 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Bonn, Germany (SB62)	06/02/2025
Inputs on the draft updated version of Chapter 15 ["Accelerated climate action and disaster resilience"], as part of the mid-term review of the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028	06/06/2025
Transition Together: submission by Philippine civil society, peoples', and non-government organizations and networks of positions and recommendations for the development of the Just Transition Framework	07/04/2025

List of learning sessions

For the past five years, AKP organized a total of 23 learning sessions⁶, which serve as both a platform for climate experts and advocates in the Philippines and around the world to discuss the critical green issues of the time, and as a learning session for its members and other stakeholders to have a more in-depth understanding of the issues being discussed. All of these webinars are hosted on the AKP Facebook page.

Table 6. List of learning sessions of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas from September 2020 to September 2025.

Title of learning session	Date held	Main theme/s being discussed	Speakers
Paris Agreement: Scaling Up Inclusive Climate Action to 2030	11/04/2020	How should the Philippines reassess its current approach to climate action as the world shifts its focus to implementing the Paris Agreement, accounting for the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic?	Atty. Niner Guiao (Parabukas) Bro. Jaazeal Jakusalem (ARCORES) Mr. John Leo Algo (LLS)
Remembering Yolanda: Stories of Recovery and Regeneration	11/07/2020	How are people recovering seven years after the landfall of supertyphoon Haiyan?	Mr. Francis Solajoes (LIVErary) Ms. Marinel Ubaldo (LLS) Mr. Cresencio Bacolod (YLEAF) Dr. Eduardo Mangaoang (VSU) Ms. Jessica Dator-Bercilla (UP Visayas)
Committed Enough? A Panel Discussion on the First Nationally Determined Contributions	05/17/2021	Is the Philippines's first Nationally Determined Contribution sufficient for its needs and concerns in addressing the climate crisis?	Atty. Aya de Leon (Parabukas) Mr. Albert Magalang (DENR) Mr. John Leo Algo (LLS) Mr. Naderev Saño (Greenpeace SEA)
Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) 2021 Opening Ceremonies	06/26/2021	Opening ceremony for the Philippines's first official Conference of Youth under YOUNGO, the most comprehensive gathering of Filipino youth to discuss the climate and environmental agenda	Amb. Daniel Pruce (UK Embassy) Ms. Marinel Ubaldo (LLS/COY GAU) Atty. Aya de Leon (Parabukas) Ms. Sophia Caralde (LCOY PH Consortium)

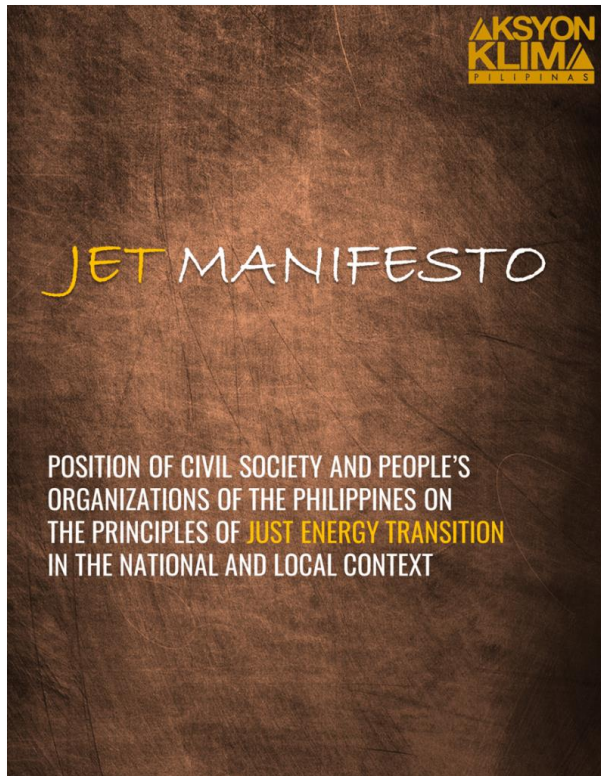
⁶ This does not include focused group discussions on loss and damage and presentations from all focused group discussions and on-site consultations in aid of position-building for the NDC updating and just transition framework development processes.

Title of learning session	Date held	Main theme/s being discussed	Speakers
Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) 2021 Closing Ceremonies	09/25/2021	Closing ceremony for the Philippines's first official Conference of Youth under YOUNGO, the most comprehensive gathering of Filipino youth to discuss the climate and environmental agenda	Vice Pres. Leni Robredo Sen. Cynthia Villar Amb. Laure Beauflis (UK Embassy) Rep. Edgar Chatto (Climate Change Committee) Rep. Sarah Elago (Kabataan) Mr. Albert Magalang (DENR) Dir. Ronilda Co (DepEd) Dir. Alicia Ilaga (DA) Mr. Ludwig Federigan (CCC) Ms. Lea Guerrero (Greenpeace PH) Atty. Gloria Estenzo Ramos (Oceana PH)
Turning Ambition into Reality: Climate Action in the Philippines after COP26 and beyond	11/24/2021	What are the outcomes from COP26 and ways forward for climate action in the global and Philippine context?	Atty. Vicente Yu (G77-China) Atty. Angela Ibay (WWF PH) Dr. Faye Cruz (MO) Mr. Albert Magalang (DENR) Mr. Gerry Arances (CEED) Mr. Naderev Saño (Greenpeace SEA) Mr. Jefferson Estela (YS4C) Ms. Marinel Ubaldo (LLS) Ms. Mitzi Tan (YACAP) Ms. Tasha Tanjutco (Kids for Kids PH) Fr. Angelito Cortez (Franciscans International) Ms. Denise Fontanilla (ICSC) Ms. Lia Mai Torres (CEC) Ms. Jenica Dizon (Waves for Water)
2021 Ditas Muller Memorial Climate Conversations	12/14/2021	What is the legacy of Ditas Muller and its impacts on Philippine actions at COP26 and beyond?	Atty. Antonio La Viña (MO) Mr. Naderev Saño (Greenpeace SEA) Atty. Vicente Yu (G77-China) Atty. Aya de Leon (Parabukas) Mr. Lando Velasco (UNFCCC) Ms. Hershey De La Cruz (DOE) Ms. Vera Zancanella (daughter of Ditas Muller)
Emissions avoidance: The Philippine Vision and Intervention	11/29/2022	What is emissions avoidance? Should the Philippines push it as one of its main agenda items under the UNFCCC negotiations?	Mr. Albert Magalang (DENR) Dr. Rosa Perez (MO) Ms. Amelia Supetran (CCC)
Is nuclear energy needed for Philippine development?	12/12/2022	Is there an actual need for nuclear energy in the future of the Philippine energy sector?	Mr. Ian Rivera (PMCJ) Mr. Khevin Yu (Greenpeace PH) Fr. Shay Cullen (PREDA Foundation) Ms. Derek Cabe (Nuclear and Coal-Free Bataan)

Title of learning session	Date held	Main theme/s being discussed	Speakers
2022 Ditas Muller Memorial Climate Conversations	12/14/2022	What is the legacy of Ditas Muller and its impacts on Philippine actions at COP27 and beyond, especially on loss and damage?	Atty. Antonio La Viña (MO) Sec. Robert Borje (CCC) Atty. Vicente Yu (G77-China) Atty. Joy Reyes (MO) Ms. Mitzi Tan (YACAP) Ms. Vera Zancanella (daughter of Ditas Muller)
Advancing the Intergenerational Loss and Damage Agenda in the Philippines	03/13/2023	How should generations of Filipinos scale up actions to address loss and damage across different levels of governance?	Mr. Jefferson Estela (YS4C) Mr. Tonichi Regalado (MO) Ms. Maya Quirino (LRC) Ms. Krishna Ariola (CEED/Y4CH) Mr. John Leo Algo (LLS)
Climate, mental health, and spirituality	05/22/2023	How does the climate-mental health nexus influence spirituality and actions in the Philippines?	Dr. Renzo Guinto (St. Luke's Medial Center) Dr. John Aruta (DLSU) Ms. Marinel Ubaldo (LLS) Ms. Lou Arsenio (RCAM)
Can energy transition minerals be sustainable in the Philippines?	10/03/2023	How should the Philippines manage energy transition minerals in the context of climate change mitigation, just energy transition, and social justice?	Ms. Maya Quirino (LRC) Mr. Jaybee Garganera (ATM) Mr. Arjay Barrios (LLS) Ms. Beverly Besmanos (Bantay Kita)
Laudate Deum: What has happened and what needs to be done	10/06/2023	How does Pope Francis's Apostolic Exhortation influence global and Philippine climate action?	Mr. John Leo Algo (LLS) Br. Jaazeal Jakosalem (ARCORES) Fr. Tony Labiao (CBCP) Ms. Jing Rey Henderson (Caritas Philippines)
Loss and damage: avoiding a climate frontier	10/19/2023	What are the latest updates on addressing climate-related loss and damage? [also organized as a Kamayan Forum of Green Convergence]	Mr. John Leo Algo (LLS) Atty. Ryan Roset (LRC) Atty. Joy Reyes (MO) Mr. Jerome Ilagan (CCC)
Philippine Ecosystems and Natural Capital Accounting System: How does it impact the climate crisis?	07/01/2024	How would the PENCAS Act strengthen climate action in the Philippines?	Mr. Mark Pascasio (PSA) Mr. Rory Dacumos (NEDA-ANRES) Ms. Aimee Evangelista (CCC)
Launching the JET (Just Energy Transition)	08/19/2024	What are the challenges on implementing JET in the Philippines, vis-à-vis other climate and ecological issues?	Mr. Riedo Panaligan (CREST) Mr. John Leo Algo (AKP) Mr. Rene Pamplona (ATM) Dr. Rebecca Tandug (PhilinCon) Mr. Brex Arevalo (GAIA Asia-Pacific)

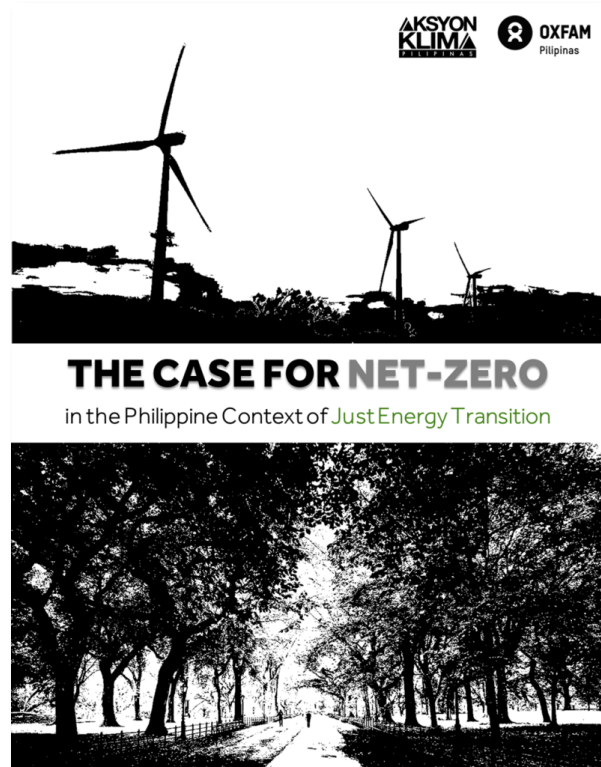
Title of learning session	Date held	Main theme/s being discussed	Speakers
Civil Society Convening on Loss and Damage	08/31/2024	What are the current updates on loss and damage policies at the global and national levels?	Ms. Claire Miranda (APMDD) Rep. Anna Veloso-Tuazon (Leyte) Mr. Riedo Panaligan (CREST)
All About Article 6	03/18/2025	How would developments in Article 6 of the Paris Agreement influence climate action in the Philippines?	Dir. Michael Sinocruz (DOE) Mr. Albert Magalang (DENR-CCS) Ms. Nicole Torres (Parabukas) Mr. Jefferson Chua (Greenpeace PH)
Blue Economy in the Philippines: the present and the future	04/21/2025	How should the Philippines transition into a blue economy?	Mr. John Erick Avelino (DENR-BMB) Atty. Rose-Liza Osorio (Oceana) Atty. Cole Yokingco (CI PH) Ms. Germaine De Ruña (ZSL)
Establishing Diocesan Forests and Carbon Sequestration	05/29/2025	What are the latest updates relating to forest projects under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement?	Mr. Albert Magalang (DENR-CCS)
More Than Words: communicating science and nature	07/03/2025	How do climate advocates communicate climate science and nature-relevant information more effectively?	Mr. Ralph Abainza (ScienceKonek) Ms. Biena Magbitang (Climate Tracker Asia) Mr. AG Saño (environmental artist) Ms. Joyce Sierra (Oceana) Ms. Abbu Avendaño (Oceana) Mr. Mark Saludes (LLS/Oeconomedia)
Post-SB62 Reflections for Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities in the Philippines	07/14/2025	What are the ways forward from SB62 from the perspective of Indigenous Peoples and local communities?	Ms. Helen Magata (Tebtebba) Ms. Grace Balawag (Tebtebba) Ms. Kalea Aquino (Tebtebba) Mr. Dazzle Labapis (NTFP-EP Asia)

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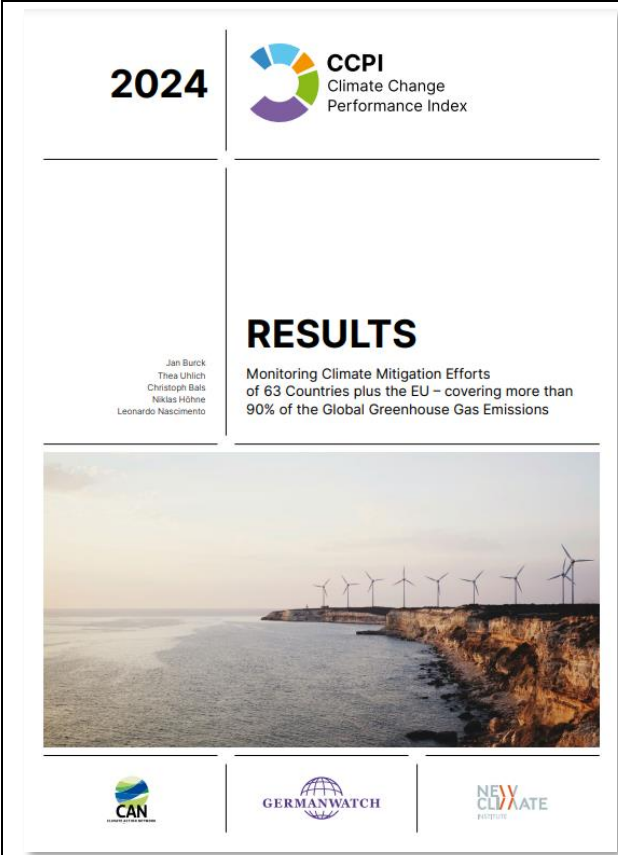
➤ JET Manifesto

The “JET Manifesto” contains a set of principles that broadly define just energy transition from the perspective of Philippine CSOs, specifically those that participated in the 1st National CSO-JET Convening held in 2023. It will define the specific calls and positions that AKP would carry in different policymaking processes and advocacy spaces related to JET, including at UNFCCC COPs and SBs, CBD COPs, and updating of national climate and energy plans.



➤ The Case for Net-Zero

This is a policy brief developed from the outcomes of the 1st National CSO-JET Convening, defining AKP’s position on net-zero emissions. The document highlights that net-zero should not be the end goal, but rather the beginning of true decarbonization of the Philippines. It also emphasizes that social and environmental safeguards need to be implemented, and natural carbon sinks must be prioritized, protected, and expanded.



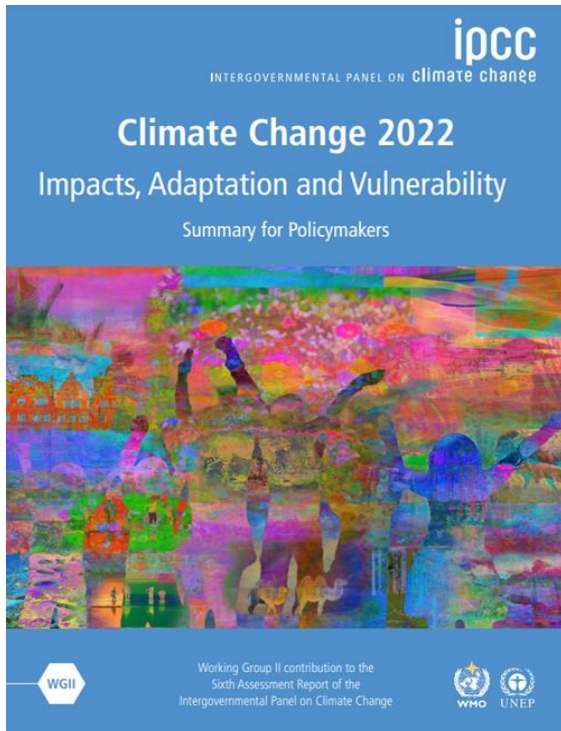
➤ **Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI)**

Since 2022, AKP and its members have been regular contributors to the annual CCPI report, which monitors climate mitigation efforts of more than 60 countries and the European Union. The network provided an analysis of the Philippine government’s performance in implementing mitigation policies, including on greenhouse gas emissions, energy supply and renewable energy, energy use, implementation of the NDC, non-energy sectors, and engagements at the global level.



➤ **Towards a Sustainable Future**

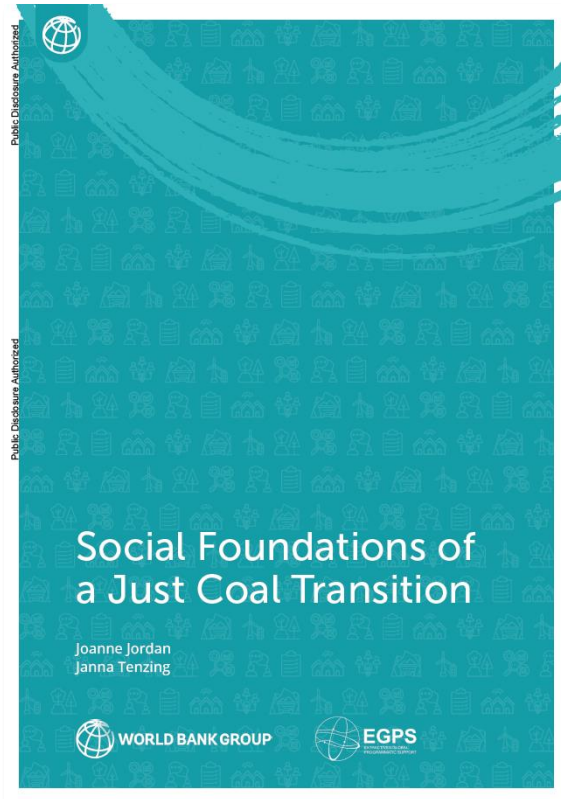
Published in July 2024, this report by GIZ and the ASEAN presents multistakeholder recommendations on how to implement a just transition, in aid of waste management and implementing a circular economy model in the region. AKP National Coordinator John Leo Algo is cited as one of the experts consulted in this report, where he provided insights on which factors would help accelerate just transition and circular economy in the ASEAN, with an intergenerational justice lens.



➤ IPCC Sixth Assessment Report

In 2022, John Leo Algo, then a member of the interim AKP Secretariat, served as an expert reviewer of the eventual IPCC Sixth Assessment Report, providing comments and inputs on the following sections:

- Working Group II: Chapter 6 (on impacts of the climate crisis on cities and settlements) and Chapter 10 (on impacts, vulnerabilities, and adaptation in Asia)
- Working Group III: Chapter 6 (energy systems) and Chapter 8 (urban systems and other settlements)



➤ Social Foundations of a Just Coal Transition

This paper argues that addressing the broader social dimensions of coal transitions is crucial for the success of said process and offers benefits and opportunities for the millions of people affected. AKP, represented by Algo as one of the interviewees for the development of this paper, emphasized the following:

- The importance of coherence, complementarity, consultations, and consistency of the entire process of just transition;
- Addressing data gaps on demand-side information, disaggregated local data, and a comprehensive economy-wide decarbonization NDC pathway in the national context.



STRENGTHENING COUNTRY-LEVEL POLICIES TO AVERT, MINIMIZE, AND ADDRESS LOSS AND DAMAGE IN THE PHILIPPINES

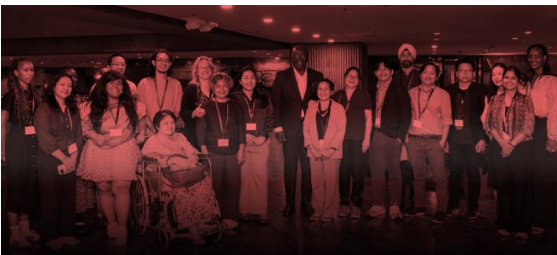
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Developed by: Jameela Joy Reyes
John Leo Algo



➤ **Strengthening country-led policies to avert, minimize, and address loss and damage in the Philippines**

This policy paper looked at the international commitments and existing policy and legal frameworks of the Philippines relevant to addressing loss and damage, their coherence with one another, and the role of civil society groups in shaping climate discourse within this workstream. This paper was communicated to the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change and the Senate Economic Planning Office.



Synergies between FRLD and the CLIMA Bill

Enhancing Philippine actions against loss and damage

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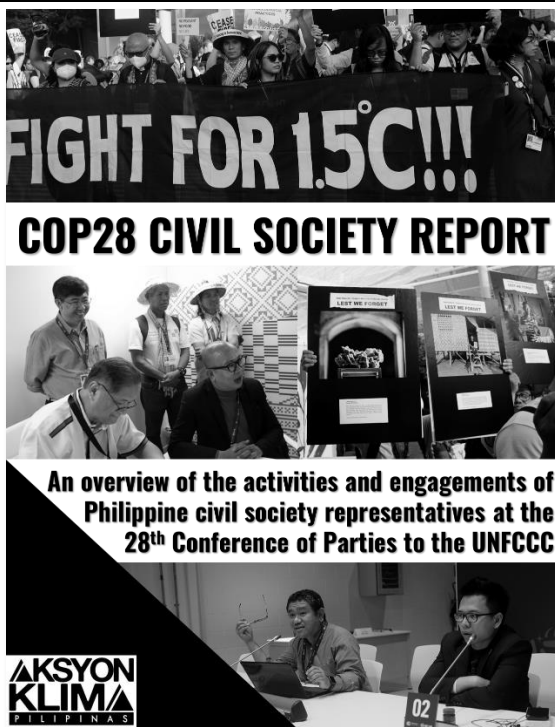
➤ **Synergies between FRLD and the CLIMA Bill**

This policy paper presented the interlinkages between the Philippines' engagements under the FRLD and the mechanisms that would be enabled by the enactment of the CLIMA Bill, specifically the creation of a national L&D fund. This paper was communicated to the House of Representatives Committee on Climate Change and the Senate Economic Planning Office.



➤ **Community perspectives on translating global progress into national policies and actions addressing loss and damage**

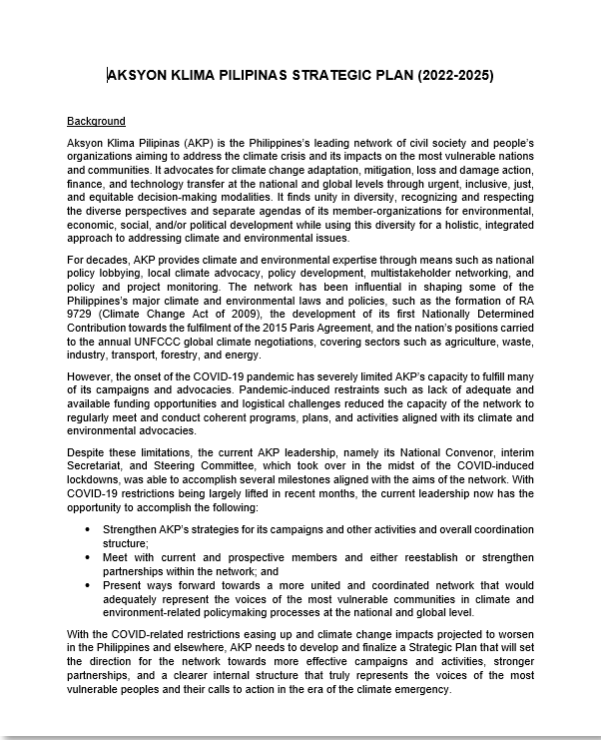
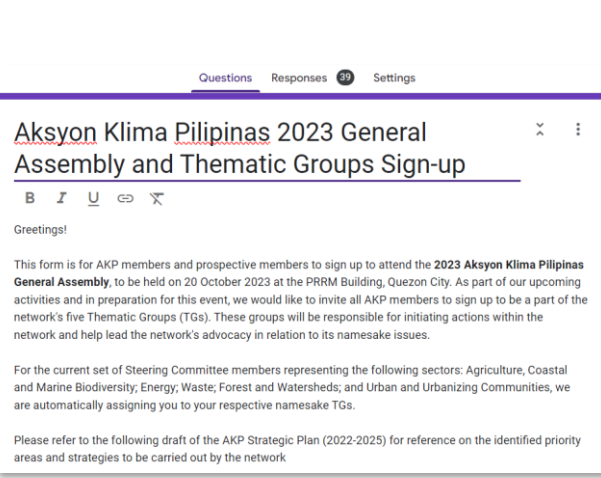
This policy brief presents recommendations from Visayas and Mindanao-based CSOs and communities on making strategies on loss and damage more relevant to national and sub-national levels. This is part of the ways forward from the Civil Society Convening on Loss and Damage, and has been communicated to corresponding contacts within the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the FRLD Secretariat.



➤ **COP Civil Society Report**

As a way forward from COP28, the AKP Secretariat developed the “COP28 Civil Society Report”, which details the activities, positions, and contributions of AKP members and other Philippine CSOs leading up to and during the Dubai climate negotiations. Originally stemming from discussions with the Climate Change Commission, this also aims to inform policymakers of the importance of CSOs in climate policymaking. This now serves as an annual publication of AKP under the current leadership, with a follow-up report for COP29 and SB60 also published in 2025.

OTHER INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

 <p style="text-align: center;">AKSYON KLIMA PILIPINAS STRATEGIC PLAN (2022-2025)</p> <p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Aksyon Klima Pilipinas (AKP) is the Philippines's leading network of civil society and people's organizations aiming to address the climate crisis and its impacts on the most vulnerable nations and communities. It advocates for climate change adaptation, mitigation, loss and damage action, finance, and technology transfer at the national and global levels through urgent, inclusive, just, and equitable decision-making modalities. It finds unity in diversity, recognizing and respecting the diverse perspectives and separate agendas of its member-organizations for environmental, economic, social, and/or political development while using this diversity for a holistic, integrated approach to addressing climate and environmental issues.</p> <p>For decades, AKP provides climate and environmental expertise through means such as national policy lobbying, local climate advocacy, policy development, multistakeholder networking, and policy and project monitoring. The network has been influential in shaping some of the Philippines's major climate and environmental laws and policies, such as the formation of RA 9729 (Climate Change Act of 2009), the development of its first Nationally Determined Contribution towards the fulfillment of the 2015 Paris Agreement, and the nation's positions carried to the annual UNFCCC global climate negotiations, covering sectors such as agriculture, waste, industry, transport, forestry, and energy.</p> <p>However, the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic has severely limited AKP's capacity to fulfill many of its campaigns and advocacies. Pandemic-induced restraints such as lack of adequate and available funding opportunities and logistical challenges reduced the capacity of the network to regularly meet and conduct coherent programs, plans, and activities aligned with its climate and environmental advocacies.</p> <p>Despite these limitations, the current AKP leadership, namely its National Convenor, Interim Secretariat, and Steering Committee, which took over in the midst of the COVID-induced lockdowns, was able to accomplish several milestones aligned with the aims of the network. With COVID-19 restrictions being largely lifted in recent months, the current leadership now has the opportunity to accomplish the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen AKP's strategies for its campaigns and other activities and overall coordination structure; • Meet with current and prospective members and either reestablish or strengthen partnerships within the network; and • Present ways forward towards a more united and coordinated network that would adequately represent the voices of the most vulnerable communities in climate and environment-related policymaking processes at the national and global level. <p>With the COVID-related restrictions easing up and climate change impacts projected to worsen in the Philippines and elsewhere, AKP needs to develop and finalize a Strategic Plan that will set the direction for the network towards more effective campaigns and activities, stronger partnerships, and a clearer internal structure that truly represents the voices of the most vulnerable peoples and their calls to action in the era of the climate emergency.</p>	<p>➤ Development of the Strategic Plan</p> <p>On 26-27 March 2021, then-AKP Steering Committee members and a few other partners created a preliminary Strategic Planning document to design the short-term direction of the network. This involved determining AK's mission and vision statements, identifying the key stakeholders, establishing the priority issues and key result areas, and formulating the preliminary targets and indicators for the planned activities.</p> <p>On 15 October 2022, more inputs into the Strategic Plan were collected through a series of breakout group sessions held during the AKP General Assembly. Discussions were also held regarding the advocacies, campaigns, network-building, partnerships, communications, and organizational development of AKP. The Strategic Plan was finalized on September 2023, and formally approved a month later at the 2023 AKP General Assembly.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Questions Responses 99 Settings</p> <p>Aksyon Klima Pilipinas 2023 General Assembly and Thematic Groups Sign-up</p> <p>B I U ↻ ✕</p> <p>Greetings!</p> <p>This form is for AKP members and prospective members to sign up to attend the 2023 Aksyon Klima Pilipinas General Assembly, to be held on 20 October 2023 at the PRRM Building, Quezon City. As part of our upcoming activities and in preparation for this event, we would like to invite all AKP members to sign up to be a part of the network's five Thematic Groups (TGs). These groups will be responsible for initiating actions within the network and help lead the network's advocacy in relation to its namesake issues.</p> <p>For the current set of Steering Committee members representing the following sectors: Agriculture, Coastal and Marine Biodiversity, Energy, Waste, Forest and Watersheds, and Urban and Urbanizing Communities, we are automatically assigning you to your respective namesake TGs.</p> <p>Please refer to the following draft of the AKP Strategic Plan (2022-2025) for reference on the identified priority areas and strategies to be carried out by the network</p>	<p>➤ Reactivation of the Thematic Groups</p> <p>At the 2023 AKP General Assembly, the AKP Secretariat opened up the opportunity for members to select at most two of the eight groupings as part of reactivating the Thematic Groups (TGs), which involves the following: Energy; Waste; Agriculture and Fisheries; Terrestrial and Marine Ecosystems; Urban and Urbanizing Communities; Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities; Gender; and Youth/Faith-Based. Most of the members signed up. The operationalization of the TGs is undergoing review, as of this writing; while a few activities have been conducted, issues such as lack of resources and lack of strong coordination among the TG members have emerged in the months since.</p>



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➤ **AKP website and online “library”**

Beginning in early 2023, the AKP Secretariat overhauled the network website, aiming to showcase its ongoing work, positions, statements, accomplishments, and media appearances. The website continues to be constantly updated with recent activities and other developments to this day.

On 28 August 2023, an online “library” was launched, containing links to key climate and environmental resource materials at the international, national, and local levels. It also contains links to the network’s webinars, position papers, and statements.

Beginning in 2025, this model was switched into a weekly newsletter to all members for a more streamlined coordination.

➤ **New members**

Since LLS became the National Convenor of AKP, several organizations have expressed interest in joining the network. As of September 2025, the following new member-organizations have been added:



- Reboot Philippines – Renewable Energy Transition Institute;
- Negrosanon Initiative on Climate and the Environment;
- Manawari Southeast Asia;
- Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila – Ministry of Ecology;
- Life Haven – Center for Independent Living;
- Health Care Without Harm – Southeast Asia;
- Institute of Environmental Science for Social Change; and
- Wetlands International Philippines.

Annex I. List of Aksyon Klima Pilipinas officers (2020-present)

Position	Name	Organization	Years of service
National Convenor	Mr. Rodne Galicha	Living Laudato Si' Philippines (LLS)	2020-present
National Coordinator	Ms. Jessica Dator-Bercilla ⁷	University of the Philippines - Visayas	2020-2021
	Mr. John Leo Algo ⁸	Living Laudato Si' Philippines (LLS)	2023-present 2020-2023
Member of [interim] Secretariat	Ms. Marinel Ubaldo	Living Laudato Si' Philippines (LLS)	2020-2021
	Mr. JR Cajilig	Living Laudato Si' Philippines (LLS)	2021-present
	Mr. Amiel Parduchi	Rice Watch Action Network (R1)	2023-present
Fiscal Trustee	Ms. Hazel Tanchuling ⁹	Rice Watch Action Network (R1)	2020-present
Steering Committee			
On mitigation	Mr. Riedo Panaligan	Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (CREST)	2020-2022
	Mr. Gerry Arances	Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development (CEED)	2022-present
On adaptation	Ms. Marita Rodriguez	NGOs for Fisheries Reform (NFR)	2020-2022
	Ms. Shirley Bolaños	Coastal CORE	2022-present
On finance	Atty. Angela Ibay	World Wildlife Fund – Philippines (WWF-PH)	2020-present
On technology transfer ¹⁰	Ms. Neth Daño	ETC Group	2020-2022
	Mr. Teddy Baguilat	Haribon Foundation for the Conservation of Natural Resources, Inc.	2023-2024
	Ms. Theresa dela Cruz		2024-present
On loss and damage ¹¹	Atty. Joy Reyes	Manila Observatory (MO)	2022-present
On energy	Mr. Melvin Purzuelo	Responsible Ilonggos for Sustainable Energy (RISE)	2020-2022
	Mr. Riedo Panaligan	Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology (CREST)	2022-present
On waste	Ms. Julieta Manlapaz	Partnership for Clean Air (PCA)	2020-2022
	Ms. Aileen Lucero	EcoWaste Coalition	2022-present
On agriculture and fisheries ¹²	Ms. Shirley Bolaños	Coastal CORE	2020-2022
	Ms. Marita Rodriguez	NGOs for Fisheries Reform (NFR)	2022-present
On terrestrial and marine ecosystems ¹³	Ms. Grace Balawag	Indigenous Peoples' International Centre for Policy Research and Education (Tebtebba)	2020-present
On urban and urbanizing communities	Atty. Alaya de Leon	Parabukas	2020-2022
	Mr. Cipriano Fampulme	Aksyon sa Kahandaan sa Kalamidad at Klima (AKKMA)	2022-2025
	Mr. Vic Puerta		2025-present

⁷ Served on an interim basis

⁸ Assumed some functions of National Coordinator from 2021 to 2023

⁹ Served as interim Convenor from 1 January to 12 September 2025, as Galicha took a leave of absence to run in the 2025 national and local elections

¹⁰ Ms. Neth Daño, who was elected to this position, declined to be a member of the Steering Committee.

¹¹ Position created during the 2022 AKP General Assembly

¹² Position was named "Agriculture, coastal, and marine biodiversity" before the 2023 AKP General Assembly

¹³ Position was named "Forests and watersheds" before the 2023 AKP General Assembly

**Annex II. Gallery of current Aksyon Klima Pilipinas officers
(as of September 2025)**

ADMINISTRATION



Rodne Galicha
National Convenor
LLS



John Leo Algo
National Coordinator
LLS



Hazel Tanchuling
Fiscal Trustee
R1

STEERING COMMITTEE



Gerardo Arances
On mitigation
CEED



Shirley Bolaños
On adaptation
Coastal CORE
(Gender TG Lead)



Angela Ibay
On finance
WWF-PH



Theresa dela Cruz
On technology
transfer
Haribon



Joy Reyes
On loss and
damage
MO



Riedo Panaligan
On energy
CREST
(Energy TG Lead)



Aileen Lucero
On waste
EcoWaste
(Waste TG Lead)



Marita Rodriguez
On agriculture
and fisheries
NFR
(Agriculture and
Fisheries TG
Lead)



Grace Balawag
On terrestrial and
marine
ecosystems
Tebtebba
(Indigenous
Peoples and Local
Communities TG
Lead)



Vic Puerta
On urban and
urbanizing
communities
AKKMA
(Urban and
Urbanizing
Communities TG
Lead)

MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARIAT



JR Cajilig
On administration and logistics
LLS



Amiel Parducho
On finance
R1

OTHER THEMATIC GROUP LEADS



Amor Tan Singco
Terrestrial and Marine Ecosystems
DRRNetPhils



Hiasma Gani
Youth/Faith-Based
World Vision

WE ARE AKSYON KLIMA PILIPINAS

1. Aksyon sa Kahandaan sa Kalamidad at Klima
2. Asian Research Institute for Environmental Law
3. Alyansa Tigil Mina
4. Caritas Philippines
5. Center for Energy, Ecology, and Development
6. Center for Environmental Concerns
7. Center for Renewable Energy and Sustainable Technology
8. Coastal CORE
9. Conference of Major Superiors in the Philippines
10. Conservation International Philippines
11. De La Salle University – Lasallian Institute for the Environment
12. Disaster Risk Reduction Network Philippines
13. Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits, Inc.
14. Ecoteneo – Ateneo de Davao University
15. EcoWaste Coalition
16. Environmental Science for Social Change
17. Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives Philippines
18. Green Convergence
19. Green Forum Panay Guimaras, Inc.
20. Greenpeace Philippines
21. Haribon Foundation
22. Health Care Without Harm – Southeast Asia
23. Institute for Climate and Sustainable Cities
24. Legal Rights and Natural Resources Center – Friends of the Earth Philippines
25. Life Haven Center for Independent Living
26. Living Laudato Si’ Philippines
27. Manawari SEA
28. Manila Observatory
29. Miriam College’s Environmental Studies Institute
30. NGOs for Fisheries Reform
31. Negrosanon Initiative for Climate and Environment
32. Non-Timber Forest Products – Exchange Programme
33. Oxfam Pilipinas
34. Parabukas
35. Partnership for Clean Air
36. Philippine Misereor Partnership, Inc.
37. Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement
38. Plan International Philippines
39. Process Foundation Panay
40. Reboot Philippines – Renewable Energy Transition Institute
41. Rice Watch Action Network, Inc.
42. Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila – Ministry on Ecology
43. Save the Children Foundation
44. Southeast Asia Regional Initiative for Community Empowerment
45. Tebtebba Foundation
46. World Vision Development Foundation, Inc.
47. World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines

