

SALAKYAG KALIKASAN 2017

Sama-samang Sakay, Lakad,
at Layag para sa Kalikasan

Activity Guide



I. BACKGROUND and CONTEXT

A nationally synchronized anti-mining action was conceptualized in 2015 and affirmed during the PMPI SOS Conference in Baguio City last January 26-28, 2017. The national activity hopes to integrate a planned anti-mining toxic tour in Mindanao and fluvial parade in Manicani and Homonhon and include other mining affected communities in Luzon. Originally, the main objective of the activity is to highlight mining-related issues and echo the call to establish small island ecosystems as no-go-zones for mining. The participants in the conference agreed that bringing together mining affected communities from different parts of the country in a national event will serve as a platform to raise national consciousness on mining issues which remain undiscussed in urban areas and more confined in mining affected or host communities. Furthermore, the event will also bring the issue to the attention of the government to create more favorable environment that supports the drift of DENR against so called destructive and “irresponsible” mining.

The World Environment Day which is June 5 and with this year's theme: **“Connecting People to Nature – in the city and on the land, from the poles to the equator”**, this event will once and for all connect all communities across the country to the actual state of the environment. In addition, this also serves as a response to the call of Pope Francis' Laudato Si' “On Care for our Common Home” wherein he called all people around the world to take a “swift and unified global action” against environmental degradation and global warming.

II. OBJECTIVES and CAMPAIGN MESSAGES

Objectives:

The activity hopes to bring together mining-affected communities and other communities affected by severe environmental degradation and climate change in a unified voice to raise public awareness on their struggles against mining and development aggression. The national event aims also to achieve the following:

1. Raise the level of national consciousness on the negative impacts of mining in affected communities;
2. Highlight human rights violations committed in mining communities;

3. Lobby for relevant policy reforms in the mining industry including declaring small island ecosystems and watersheds as no-go-zones for mining.

Main Messages:

1. No-go zones for mining
 - Small island ecosystems
 - Watershed areas
 - Prime agricultural lands
 - Ancestral domains
2. Overarching message will be "Save mother earth"
 - Protect the environment
 - Protect all creations

III. CARAVAN ACTIVITY DETAILS

A national caravan will start in Mindanao and move to the Visayas then to the Bicol area towards Manila. The activity will start with a short send-off program in Zamboanga City. Clusters along the way will be joining the Mindanao contingents as they progress towards the Visayas, then to Metro Manila. On the other hand, Northern Luzon cluster will hold its motorcade down to Manila. The contingents will converge with the Central Luzon cluster

in Tarlac City and both will proceed to the Metro Manila rally point.



Figure 1. Caravan route
Source: googlemaps

Major rally points where Salubong Programs will be held are as follows: **Zamboanga City, Dipolog City, Cagayan de Oro City, Surigao City, Palo (Leyte), Legazpi City, and Lucena City.**

Rally time at Metro Manila Convergence Point:

Identified Metro Manila convergence point is at **Liwasang Bonifacio, Ermita, Manila**. All contingents should arrive at the rally point at exactly **10:00am on June 5, 2017**. All contingents from the different parts of Metro Manila will converge with the main caravan from Mindanao and the NL and CL clusters at the rally point. After a 1-hour program, contingents will walk to Malacanang.

The caravan is scheduled on **May 30 – June 5, 2017** in observation of the World Environment Day.

Program Content: Salubong Program

Symbolic Ritual: Point organizations to create

Speaker 1: general orientation on the activity

Speaker 2: local issues on mining/environment

Speaker 3: response of various stakeholders (LGUs, CSOs, communities, etc.)

Speaker 4: Laudato Si challenge

Covenant reading and signing – will be brought to Malacanang

*others may be included in the program depending on the creativity of the point organizations

Maximum of 2 hours

Target crowd: 500

Participants:

Main participants in the event are PMPI clusters. The number of vans projected are 27 from PMPI network with an estimated 174 participants excluding those from Metro Manila. We also hope to gather around 5,000 individuals in Metro Manila to join the mob.

Partner organizations and other stakeholders are invited to participate particularly in the identified **rally points** for the **Salubong programs and the NCR convergence**. Interested parties especially those who want to join the caravan are however required to contact PMPI for coordination and security purposes **a week before the event at the most**.

IV. LOGISTICS and COST SHARING

Food, Transportation, and Accommodation. PMPI will cover the costs of the core group from its clusters for the entire caravan which is expected to reach 150. We encourage other groups and stakeholders which are interested to participate in the caravan to shoulder their food, transportation, and accommodation. Internal arrangements with regards to logistical preparations can be arranged. The same applies for the Salubong Programs and the NCR convergence.

Security:

A security team will be in place for the activity. It will tackle potential risks involved in the activity. Security protocols or policies will be drafted and discussed with local security team counterparts. Security will also cover in-transit and convergence points. Security information updates prior to the event will be coordinated by the cluster point persons.

Medics:

One (1) van will serve as a medic van. This is also expected to be equipped with emergency kits. Medical Assistance Group (MAG) and INAM will be tapped to provide

medical emergency response. PMPI cluster members shall provide maps of medical facilities along the route as reference in cases of emergency.

Permits:

Rally permits will be secured by host organizations and PMPI clusters in major rally points. Vehicles that will be used in the activity should be private so that travel permits will not be required. Other organizations who are interested to join the caravan should communicate at least one week earlier with PMPI to be included in the travel details.

Visibility materials:

Tarpaulins/streamers, leaflets, and other visibility materials will be produced for the event. PMPI will produce the visibility materials like streamers that will be used in the vehicles as well as leaflets that can be distributed along the way.

Since the event intends to highlight community struggles, visibility materials are encouraged to bear messages that these communities would like to communicate to the public. Organizational flags/streamers should be **limited to two (2) only per organization** which can be placed in your respective vehicles or used in the Salubong Programs and NCR convergence. We encourage all participants – members and other stakeholders to submit their respective logo so that it can be included in the visibility materials PMPI will develop.

Main Sign-on Statements and Local Statements and Letter to DENR and/or President

A sign-on statement containing proposed policy reforms shall become the sign-on statement as the caravan proceeds. Signatures will be gathered from point to point. Partner organizations are also encouraged to develop and gather statements from affected communities with their local issues and demands to be distributed during the event. PMPI can print these materials as long as they are submitted a week or earlier before the start of the event.

Media

A media team will be in place that will cover the whole event through a video, drone and photos. Media releases will be daily and/or during the salubong and send-off programs.

Coordinating Team

A coordinating team that would ensure coordination and communication, security, negotiation processes, media work, and other logistical needs will be put in place. We will try to provide each van with radio communications for easier navigation and coordination.

Funding

The fund for the activity is tight. Thus the network has agreed to jointly fund the event. Funding comes from PMPI through Misereor funds, Social Action Centers of various partner and member dioceses, and PMPI clusters and members. We will thus encourage other groups and stakeholders to contribute to the expenses that will be incurred specially by their group. We will also try to source out local funds from groups which supports the cause.

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