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Diasporas and Development: The Philippine Experience and Perspective

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STOCK ESTIMATE OF FILIPINOS OVERSEAS

PERMANENT
47%
4,867,645
Immigrants, dual citizens, legal permanent residents abroad, stay does not depend on contract

TEMPORARY
43%
4,513,171
Employment-related, overseas Filipino workers, students, trainees, entrepreneurs, businessmen, and their dependents whose stay abroad is six months or more

IRREGULAR
10%
1,074,972
Not properly documented, without valid residence or work permits or are overstaying in a foreign country

10,455,788 Overseas Filipinos as of December 2011
Mandated to:

1) provide advice and assistance to the President & Congress in policy formulation

2) maintain and strengthen the links between Overseas Filipinos and the Motherland
A Commitment to Transformational Leadership

“From a government that treats its people as an export commodity and a means to earn foreign exchange, disregarding the social cost to Filipino families, to a government that creates jobs at home so that working abroad will be a choice rather than a necessity and when its citizens do choose to become Overseas Filipino Workers, their welfare and protection will still be the government’s priority”.

H.E. President Benigno S. Aquino III
President, Republic of the Philippines
VISION & MISSION OF CFO

VISION
The CFO envisions a community of well-respected and proudly competitive Filipinos overseas who contribute significantly to the productivity and well-being of the countries where they reside or work while maintaining strong political, economic, and cultural ties with the Philippines.

MISSION
To be the Philippines' premier institution in promoting policies, programs, and projects with Migration and Development as a framework for the strengthening and empowerment of the community of Filipinos overseas.
• 2013 Mid-term review of the PDP - mainstreaming of migration and development/diaspora contributions

• 2011 - 60 mentions on the issues/concerns in relation to migration. In 7 out of 10 chapters of the PDP
PHILIPPINES’ CURRENT ECONOMIC SITUATION

• Moody’s tagged the Philippines as “Asia’s Rising Star”
• Philippines posted 6.6% growth rate in 2012
PHILIPPINE REMITTANCES (2012)

Philippines received 24 billion US Dollar remittances in 2012, making it the third top country receiving migrant remittances next to India and China.
OVERSEAS FILIPINOS REMITTANCES FOR DEVELOPMENT (OF-ReD)

- A CFO project undertaken with UNDP, Western Union Foundation, and NEDA

- To identify local conduits for use of remittances for productive and job-creating investments: coops, rural banks, MFIs, social enterprises
ReDC serves as a consultative forum to discuss issues and concerns about remittances, as well as an advisory and policy-recommending body for channeling of individual and collective remittances for development.
CONTRIBUTIONS OF OVERSEAS FILIPINOS BEYOND REMITTANCES

• Transfer of skills and knowledge
• Direct investment in critical industries
• Philanthropic contributions in medical missions, school buildings etc.
• Excellent intermediaries to facilitate Philippines’ integration into the global economy
• Social and political remittances
DIASPORA TO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (D2D)

OBJECTIVES of D2D

1. To harness the experience/expertise of Filipinos overseas in contributing to the country’s socio-economic, cultural development

2. To provide mechanisms for effective and efficient engagements in public-private development initiatives

3. To develop synergy among various stakeholders in the implementation of D2D
BaLinkBayan, the overseas Filipinos one-stop online portal for diaspora engagement specifically diaspora investment, business, philanthropy, technology transfer.

With support of 7 government agencies, the website will identify businesses, products, volunteer work in cities/town/provinces for overseas Filipinos.
YOUTH LEADERS IN THE DIASPORA
(YouLeaD)

• To reach out to the next generation of overseas Filipinos
• Y2Y (or youth to youth) online-peer-counseling
• Lakbay-Aral or study tours of the various regions of the country
• **Kiddie Katapat Savings program (KKiSS)** was launched in December 2011
• Filipino youth who are 7 years old and above are encouraged to open and maintain their own ATM Savings account with the Land Bank of the Philippines
• Match savings by their parents/siblings who are overseas Filipinos
• 40 Philippine Schools Overseas commit to the Program during PSO Conference in May, 2013
GLOBAL SUMMIT OF FILIPINOS IN THE DIASTORA

Be more than a balikbayan!
Ang kakayahan at ang kaalaman, ibalik sa bayan!

YouLead
Youth Leaders in the Diaspora
"Defining Leadership of the Next Generation"
ONE OF THE SIGNIFICANT RESULTS OF THE GLOBAL SUMMIT
THANK YOU!

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