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DELGOSEA future network approach

Partnership for Democratic Local Governance in Southeast Asia (DELGOSEA) organized a one-day workshop gathering representatives from the three project sites of Misamis Oriental Province, Alaminos City and Bacolod City who identified the obstacles related to political and legal frameworks after several months of replicating Best Practices from other Southeast Asian countries.

The workshop doubled as venue to present project sustainability strategies after the funding from the European Commission has ended.

DELGOSEA Project Manager Susanne Stephan emphasized that the workshop on policy recommendation is only one part of project sustainability mechanism. The policy recommendation crafted, should not merely be shelved but should be promoted and advocated to come to full use, says Stephan. Local Government Leagues have also been given an important role in promoting best practices documented by DELGOSEA among their member LGUs.

In Misamis Oriental, the project is implemented by the municipal clusters of ManLuNa (Manticao-Lugait-Naawan) and BinKiSu (Binuangan-Kinoguitan-Sugbongcogon) under the interlocal approach. The main policy recommendation is the legislation of Inter-LGU Cooperation Code which provides policies and guideline in implementing interlocal cooperation of the cluster.

Alaminos City, which is currently replicating the Udonthani Thailand's Constructed Wetland, encourages the passage of an appropriate ordinance to ensure recurring annual budget allocations for the infrastructure.

Bacolod City, on the other hand, proposed a legislation strengthening the people-private-public-partnership in both the local and national level.

Stephan further shared that the DELGOSEA project proponent Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and partner United Cities and Local Governments-Asia Pacific encourage a dialogue with ASEAN on good local governance. Currently, the two organizations support DELGOSEA in coordinating with ASEAN with regard to the setting-up of a permanent platform for democratic local governance within the SEA region.

The DELGOSEA is a network of local government associations, local authorities, non-government organizations and academic institutions focusing on transnational exchange of sustainable good governance practices in four main areas: People's Participation, Institutional Governance, Urban Environment and Fiscal Management. Co-funded by the European Commission and the German Ministry for Development Cooperation with partners in Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Vietnam, the project will conclude on August 2012.