

# "KAUNLARAN SA KANAYUNAN, DIGNIDAD NG MAMAMAYAN"

6 April 2010

*Ilustrado Restaurant, Intramuros, Manila*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PROCEEDINGS: Forum of Senatoriables

1. More than 100 delegates composed of religious organizations, civil society organizations, political parties and mass media attended the Forum on "*Kaunralan sa Kanayunan, Dignidad ng Mamamayan*" last April 6, 2010 (*Tuesday*) from 9:30 am -12:15 pm held at Ilustrado Restaurant in Intramuros, Manila (*see Annex 1 - List of Attendees*).
2. The Forum was jointly organized by the Catholic Media Network (CMN) and the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) in cooperation with the Asian NGO Coalition for Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ANGOC) and Land Watch Philippines (LWP) aimed at providing a venue for dialogue between senatoriables and delegates from the civil society and religious organizations concerning the problems of Philippine society, particularly the various issues affecting the basic sectors.
3. Highlights of the Forum
  - 3.1. **Preliminaries.** The Forum formally started at 9:30 a.m., with a national anthem, followed by an opening prayer led by His Eminence Msgr. Pepe Quitorio of the CBCP Media Office.

**Opening Remarks / Introduction.** Fr. Francis Lucas, chairperson of ANGOC and president of the Catholic Media Network (CMN) formally welcomed the different delegates for the CMN-CBCP special forum, entitled: "*Kaunlaran sa Kanayunan, Dignidad ng Mamamayan*". He informed the audience that the sponsors will be organizing a series of forums every Tuesday for 3 consecutive weeks starting April 16-20, 2010. Basically, the forums intend to provide a venue for dialogue between the five basic sectors and the senatoriables (April 6), to be followed by vice-presidentiables (April 13) and presidentiables (April 20) respectively. It is estimated that 30 million Filipinos or 60% rural poor constitute the country's population, of which 20 million are upland farmers. The significance of the forum is that it shall tackle relevant social problems and issues affecting the basic sectors.

Fr. Francis acknowledged the presence of Archbishop Bernardino Cortez of the CBCP. He encouraged everyone to actively participate in the forum.

As co-moderator of Fr. Lucas, Mr. Ariel Ayala of CMN acknowledged the presence of the different basic sectors representing 70,000 members nationwide composed of farmers, fishers, upland dwellers, IPs and women (*see Annex 2- List of Civil Society Organizations*). He also acknowledged the presence of major media network supporting CMN forum as well as the different political parties. In alphabetical order, Mr. Ayala introduced the 16 senatoriables to the attendees (*see Annex 3-List of Senatoriables*)

**3.2. Mechanics of the Forum.** Mr. Ayala explained to the audience the mechanics of the forum. Employing a fishbowl method, Msgr. Pepe Qutorio of CBCP will be drawing the names of the basic sectors from a fishbowl responsible to ask questions for the Senatoriables concerning their problems and issues. Similarly, the names of 3 senatoriables who will be answering the questions of the basic sectors will be handpicked from a separate fishbowl. This is to give equal chance for all the candidates to answer the various issues. Each candidate will be given 2 minutes for every set of question. A bell would signify the end of each candidate's turn. Each of them will be given another one minute to answer follow-up questions. The process will be repeated until all the basic sectors are able to raise their issues and concerns.

Moreover, the Catholic Bishops, priest and the religious may raise questions concerning social and moral issues in light of the Catholic Social Teachings. Each candidate will be given 1 minute to answer the questions and subsequently, one minute for follow-up questions.

At this point, Mr. Ayala informed the audience that the candidates were already provided with a copy of the survey questionnaire on rural development prior the start of the forum to read, digest, reflect and study the questionnaire.

During the forum, the moderator or co-moderator is expected to read aloud the questions raised by each sector contained in the survey questionnaire. All candidates will be answering the survey questionnaire on rural development by raising their native fans marked with a "Yes" or "NO". Each candidate may opt not to answer the question if they feel that the issue needs further study or if they are unsure of the issues. At the end of the forum, they will be asked to submit the completed survey questionnaire form with their signature.

### **3.2. Forum Proper.**

**3.2.1. Question and Answer Portion between the Basic Sectors and the Senatoriables.** Mr. Ayala requested Msgr. Pepe Qutorio to draw the names of the basic sector vis-à-vis senatoriables from two separate fishbowls to begin the question and answer portion (*see Matrix 1*)

*Matrix 1*  
*Summary of the Basic Sector's Issues and Concerns*

Basic Sector / Assigned Rep	Senatoriables
<p><b>A. Mining Sector</b></p> <p>Mr. Salvador Dimain, chairman of Maburak Agta Association in Zambales</p> <p><i>On aggressive and large scale mining vis-à-vis alternative mining bill</i></p> <p><i>Paano ninyo itataguyod ang kapakanan ng aming katutubo sa gitna ng banta ng malawakang pagmimina sa aming pamayanan? Susuportahan po ba ninyo ang kasalukuyang Mining Bill o ang alternative mining bill?</i></p>	<p><b>Atty. Jo Imbong</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Now is the right time to advance the welfare of the IPs as a matter of justice and as a matter of human rights. There are strong provisions like RA 7947 and other laws, which protect the rights of IPs. However these rights are frequently violated in the actual implementation of the law. She grew up in Bukidnon and she saw the real situation of Monobo tribe in their locality. She affirmed the need to scrutinize the law and study its serious implications on the lives of the IPs sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Francisco Tatad</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He shared with the audience that the 1995 Philippine Mining Act is one of the best laws in the world. That's why Chinese investors became interested in our country's natural resources. Yet there were flaws in the actual implementation violating the rights of the IPs sector. It even resulted to the death of some IP leaders. Hence there is need to revisit the law and monitor the strict implementation of the mining activities in the country. Those violators of the law should be penalized. The IPs should not be the ones to suffer. They should benefit our natural resources. We should protect the welfare of the IPs..</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Adel Tamano</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Being a Muslim, the issue of just compensation is very important to him. It is very clear in the Philippine Constitution that the IPs have the right for just share in the use of natural resources. Although the laws are there to protect the rights of IPs, they are the least to receive the benefits. If ever elected as Senator, he will fight for the rights of IPs and Muslims especially their lack of access to land and other natural resources</li> </ul>

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<p><b>On the protection of ancestral lands from large mining industry. Consequently, it violated the rights of IP communities and destroyed Philippine environment.</b></p>	<p><b>Mr. Reginald Tamayo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are existing laws protecting the IPs. There are also mechanisms that can be fully utilized to safeguard the interest of the community such as public consultation to raise the problems and concerns of the IPs. There is a Regulatory board to monitor the mining activities. The board members are responsible for giving permits/licenses prior to mining operations. He affirmed the need to revisit the 1995 Mining Law and study its pros and cons. It is important to find out the flaws of its implementation. He believes there is no problem with extractive mining because it can contribute to economic development but it should gain wider social acceptability with emphasis on sustainable development that will benefit the present and future generation of Filipinos.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Adz Habib Nakabulin</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They went to Masbate, one of the richest provinces in the country because of gold deposits. Sadly, mining companies were not properly paying its taxes while the local government failed to monitor how many gold deposits were extracted monthly. The people in Aroroy, Masbate are very poor. So much so that his political party, Bangon Pilipinas strongly believe that the prevailing Mining Act of 1995 should be totally abolished since it resulted in the violatoin of the IP rights while raping our natural resources. The IPs should be the ones to benefit from the country's natural resources and not foreigner investors. The government should exercise strong political will protecting the interest of Filipinos, particularly the general well being of the IPs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Atty.Gwen Pimentel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atty. Pimentel agreed the need to revisit the Mining Law and we should be able to identify where the gaps are. Community consultation is important prior to any development interventions. She proposed strengthening the capacity of local government because they are responsible for the issuance of mining permits and monitor its actual implementation. She also believes that concerned sectors such as IPs and women should sit in the local council. They should be recognized as an important player in the locality.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>B. Farmers Sector</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Roperto Alaroz</b>, president of PKSK</p> <p><i>On the realization of the objectives of Agrarian Reform to eradicate poverty</i></p> <p><i>Do you believe in AR as a social justice program that will respond to abject poverty?</i></p> <p><i>Do you believe in 100% foreign landownership?</i></p>	<p><b>Dr. Martin Bautista</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CARP was not implemented properly. He believes that not all farmer beneficiaries should be given land but only those who are prepared and ready to assume the responsibility in developing the land and increasing its productivity.</li> <li>• Hacienda Luisita was a dismal failure because many farmer beneficiaries are tilling the land and yet, most of the lands remain unproductive. In the US, only 10 farmers are managing 10,000 hectares of land. They are effective and efficient in increasing farm productivity. Hence he believes in responsible stewardship where small farmers are socially prepared given proper education and training.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Satur Ocampo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Based on their assessment, the CARP implementation was insufficient to respond the worsening problem of poverty. <i>Makabayan</i> is a proponent of genuine AR which is a new counter measure for CARPER. He believes in a comprehensive land distribution program covering all agricultural lands of the country with just compensation to landowners.</li> <li>• They have been developing the Philippine Rice Industry in the past as primary concern of the farmers to ensure food security. The core component should include irrigation and post-harvest facilities. The NFA should subsidize farmers' need for credit and marketing assistance. In principle, they are opposing 100% foreign landownership in the country.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ms. Susan Ople</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is time to implement genuine agrarian reform program in the country. The emphasis of CARPER should not only land distribution but more importantly, teaching farmers on how to develop their farmlands sustainably. Farmers should be given support services and post-harvest facilities to become competitive in the international market. They should be trained in marketing so that they will be the ones to deal with retailers and market their farm products.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>C. Fishers</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Iza Gonzales</b></p> <p>During your 1<sup>st</sup> 100 days as Senator, how are you going to push for a Joint Administrative Order on Fisherfolk Resettlement Area, which was drafted in 2005.</p> <p>To date, there is no Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) issued by the DA to fully implement the Fisherfolk Resettlement Area under RA 8550 or the Fisheries Code of the Philippines</p>	<p><b>Mr. Joey de Venecia</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He believes that IRR should be strengthened under RA8550. The fisherfolk are marginalized and they should be given proper assistance via:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Identifying Resettlement areas properly for wise utilization (e.g., fish cage, fish pond, residential, etc.)</li> <li>(b) Attracting foreign investors to raise capital and develop our fishing industry.</li> <li>(c) Strengthening the capacity of BFAR being the lead agency (i.e., budget and technical capability)</li> <li>(d) Restricting the encroachment of big commercial fleets within 15-kilometer radius from the island seashore.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Small fishers should benefit from the government programs aimed at generating employment opportunities and livelihood</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Carlito David</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He will advocate for the next President to push for a Joint AO on Fisherfolk Settlement. He enjoined everyone to vote for JC De Los Reyes and Atty. Dominador Chipeco of the Kapatiran Party List because this would ensure the speedy implementation of the law. They will perform their duties and responsibilities as president and VP because they have no conflict of interests unlike other government officials with business interests.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• During the Opening Session on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of July, if ever re-elected as Senator, he will immediately file a resolution asking why there is no IRR on Fisherfolk Resettlement. He will recommend cutting the budget of the concerned government agency if not performing well.</li> <li>• If ever re-elected as Senate President, he will order the Chairman of the Agriculture Committee to conduct a study on the problems of fishers. He reminded the basic sector of the need to study their issues and concerns carefully before advocating for policy reforms. Basically, the question to be asked is: What defective laws need to be amended/replaced?</li> </ul>

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<p><b>D. Farmers</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Zaldy Contreras</b></p> <p>On Addressing Food Security amidst massive land use conversion for the development of private subdivision, golf courses and for large-scale mining.</p>	<p><b>Mr. Reynaldo Princesa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He believes in food security because a country without food security is a slave to other nation. But the challenge for a nation is how to stand on its own feet to feed its growing population. That's why he is against massive land use conversions of prime agricultural lands to other uses such as private subdivision, golf course, etc</li> <li>• Farmers are marginalized and they should be given assistance by the DAR and DA through the following: (a) Establishment of National Coop Bank for farmers and fishers, (b) Sufficient budget for CARPER to assist farmers in the provision of credit, support services, post harvest facilities and appropriate modern farm technology.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ms. Grace Plazo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• She believes that food security must be rooted on genuine agrarian reform with a heart that truly cares for small farmers. The problem is we have AR program with so many loopholes. Until now, we do not have AR program that would bring good life and dignity to small farmers. The CARL has loopholes like policies and EOs issued that allow: (a) land use conversions from agricultural into private subdivisions and golf courses, (b) stock distribution options, (c) leasehold options agreements, and (d) the budget for CARPER program is dependent on Appropriation Bill to be reviewed and approved by landlord dominated Senate and Congress.</li> <li>• Conversely, she believes in genuine AR Law, which is comprehensive in land distribution without exceptions removing stock distribution and leasehold options. Massive land use conversion must be prohibited. The CARPER must have its own sufficient budget to expedite its implementation.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>D. Farmers</b></p> <p>Mr. Zaldy Contreras</p> <p>On Addressing Food Security amidst massive land use conversion for private subdivision, golf courses and large-scale mining.</p>	<p><b>Mr. Adrian Sison</b></p> <p>In response to food security, he will support the passage of NLUA Bill because this would enhance access to land by the basic sectors. This would solve the problems of massive land use conversions from agricultural to the development of residential subdivisions and golf courses that consume too much water.</p> <p>A transparent government will lead to the development of Philippine agriculture addressing food security. The state should invest in manufacturing farm machineries useful for increasing farm productivity.</p>
<p><b>E. Women</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Salvacion Ruiz</b></p> <p>On pushing for equal representation both men and women in NFARMC.</p> <p>Under RA8550, there is no clear provision for equal representation both men and women although there is Magna Carta for women.</p>	<p><b>Mr. Ramoncito Ocampo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He believes in gender equality; that men and women are equal partners in nation building. But just because you are women, it doesn't mean everyone deserves entitlement. He believes that laws and agencies must be merit-oriented as basis for equal representation. He will lobby and support the advocacy of Bayan Pilipinas promoting women's rights and empowerment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Israel Virgines</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He believes in women's rights and empowerment. He has no problem objecting bills and policies not supporting women's rights for equal representation in NFARMC. During his 1<sup>st</sup> 100 days as senator, he will call the women sector for consultation. He will listen and attend to their needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Rodolfo Plaza</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No problem pushing for equal representation both men and women in NFARMC. It's the choice of fishers if they wanted equal representation. He also informed the audience that there are only 5% corrals left in the country undermining food security. Women have important role to ensure food security by protecting and conserving the environment.</li> </ul>

**3.2.3. Survey Questionnaire on Rural Development.** All candidates were asked to answer the survey questionnaire on rural development by raising their native "*anahaw*" fans marked with "Yes" or "NO". They may opt not to answer the questions if they feel that the issue needs further study or they are unsure of the issues. Basically, the purpose of the survey questionnaire is for the people to know where they stand and what they think on the different issues affecting the basic sectors.

At this point, Enrile clarified that the questions are very general. For example, what kind of agrarian reform? Are we referring to land distribution only or are we redefining the concept. It is also important to qualify the issue on land distribution because we have to consider the climatic and topography of the area to be covered by land reform program. Personally, his answer for land reform is yes but what kind of land reform? He believes that land reform should cover all agricultural lands without exception unlike CARL.

Mr. Tatad opined that the issue of productivity is equally important same with land distribution to benefit the farmer beneficiaries.

Sen. Enrile cited problems on land distribution e.g. an island with unproductive lands, an area beyond 18 degrees slope, etc.

Mr. Satur Ocampo agreed with Senator Enrile that genuine agrarian reform should cover all agricultural lands in the country. No exception. There should be one system that should be adopted. He expressed his concern of creating false hope with small farmers if the lands to be awarded, is more than 18 degrees slope which is already considered an upland area. He reiterated the failure of CARP implementation in the country.

Mr. Joey De Venecia believes that land reform does not only involve land distribution but it should require sufficient capital, farm implements and marketing support. In other words, it should be comprehensive and integrated.

Mr. Princesa clarified that they are discussing land reform, which seeks to redress social injustice by breaking land monopoly. They are not discussing land distribution that does not benefit small and landless farmers. Therefore, distributing uninhabited lands or unproductive lands is technically not land reform program per se because it does not address the social justice issue in favor of landless farmers.

"Ka Oper" Alaroz clarified that what the farmers wanted to know is their position whether the candidates are supporting CARPER or not; whether they believe in land reform program or not. He requested the candidates to simply answer the question. No more debates.

Finally, the candidates all agreed to answer the survey questionnaire. Mr. Ayala read aloud the following questions in Tagalog version, which were answered by the candidates. Matrix 3 shows the tally results of the survey questionnaire.

**Matrix 2**  
**Summary of Survey Results**

Questions from the Rural Sectors	YES	NO	No Answer
<b>A. Farmers/Peasants</b>			
1. Is Agrarian Reform still seen as the centerpiece program imbining the principle of Land to the landless tiller?	Pimentel Ople Enrile Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano	Bautista De Venecia	
2. Will you support non-redistributive schemes of land tenure to landless poor?	Bautista De Venecia Enrile	Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano	
3. Will you support policies promoting Food Sovereignty of the nation?	Bautista De Venecia Ople Imbong	Pimentel Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S. Ocampo Virgines Sison David Plazo Tamano	Enrile Tamayo

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<b>A. Farmers/Peasants</b>			
4. Will you uphold the non-conversion of irrigated and irrigable lands and monitor land reclassification by local government units?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Enrile Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		
5. Will you support the passage of law against land grabbing?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Enrile Tamayo R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Tatad
<b>B. Fisheries</b>			
1. Do you support the application of the archipelagic principle in the delineation of municipal waters, especially for municipalities with offshore islands?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Enrile Tamayo R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Imbong David Plazo		Ople Tatad S.Ocampo Sison Tamano

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Questions from the Rural Sectors	YES	NO	No Answer
<b>B. Fisheries</b>			
2. Do you support the issuance of an implementing guideline on fisherfolk settlement?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Enrile Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo		S.Ocampo Tamano
3. Would you support an amendment to the provision on FARMCs which is the primary mechanism for participation of the fisherfolk in policy-making but merely designated a recommendatory function?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Enrile Tamayo Tatad R. Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong Plazo	David	S.Ocampo Tamano
4. Would you support the legislation of a line item under the GAA that would allocate a separate fund for the FARMCs under the DA-BFAR budget?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile S.Ocampo

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Questions from the Rural Sectors	YES	NO	No Answer
<b>C. Indigenous Peoples (IPs)</b>			
1. Will you push for the operationalization of the Ancestral Domains Development Plan by integration into the Comprehensive Land Use Plans (CLUPs) of Local Government Units?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong Plazo Tamano	David	Enrile S.Ocampo
2. Will you effect a reorganization of the NCIP to be strengthened so that the implementation of IPRA be carried out?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Enrile Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Ople S.Ocampo
3. Would you revise the current Free Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) process to conform to the traditional decision-making processes of the tribe(s) concerned?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong Plazo	Enrile Tamayo David	Tamano

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Questions from the Rural Sectors	YES	NO	No Answer
<b>C. Indigenous Peoples (IPs)</b>			
4. Would you support the formation of a mechanism to resolve competing claims of IPs and other basic sectors and even the State on the same land?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile
<b>D. Mining/Forestry</b>			
1. Will you continue the current policy of aggressively promoting large-scale mining in the Philippines?	Bautista De Venecia	Ople Tamano Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo	Pimentel Enrile Tamano
2. Will you promote small-scale, community-based and ecologically-friendly small-scale mining?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile R. Ocampo

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<b>D. Mining/Forestry</b>			
3. Will you support an alternative mining law that will address the conflicts and issues on mining?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile
4. Will you uphold the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA) and National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) especially in the context of the said laws' outstanding conflicts and inconsistencies with provisions to the Mining Act?	De Venecia Pimentel Tamano Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Bautista Ople Enrile S.Ocampo
<b>E. Women</b>			
1. Will you support policies and programs that improve the delivery and access of rural poor to quality basic services such as health, education and decent shelter?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile Tamayo

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<b>E. Women</b>			
2. Will you provide credit for agriculture to rural men and women alike?	De Venecia Pimentel Ople Enrile Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Bautista Tamayo
<b>F. Cross-sectoral</b>			
1. Will you support the passage of National Land Use Act?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Enrile Tatad R.Ocampo S.Ocampo Virgines Siison Imbong David Plazo Tamano	Tamayo	Nikabulin
2. Will you allow foreign ownership of land?	Bautista De Venecia	Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano	Pimentel Enrile Nikabulin

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<b>F. Cross-sectoral</b>			
3. Will you support any moves towards Charter Change?	De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo	S.Ocampo Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano	Bautista Enrile Nikabulin Virgines
4. Will you ensure the participation of sectors in formulation and utilization of budgets of DAR, DENR, NCIP, DA, BFAR-DA, and other attached agencies?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo R.Ocampo S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile Tatad Nikabulin
5. Will you prosecute human rights violations in relation to land, forest and water tenure issues?	Baustista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile

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<b>F. Cross-sectoral</b>			
6. Will you create a venue for sectors and NGOs to monitor implementation of land and resource laws and programs (CARPER, IPRA, Fishery Code, Mining)?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Enrile Tamayo
7. Will you ensure CSO and sectoral participation in the crafting of the new MTPDP?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo		Enrile Tamano
8. Do you plan to revive the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD)?	Bautista De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano	S.Ocampo	Enrile

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<b>Questions from the Rural Sectors</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>No Answer</b>
9. Do you plan to review and revitalize the process for selecting the sectoral representation to the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC)?	De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Bautista Enrile S.Ocampo
10. Will you promote GMOs and biotechnology in the name of food security?	De Venecia Virgines Tamano	Ople Tamayo R.Ocampo S.Ocampo Sison David Plazo	Bautista Pimentel Enrile Tatad Nikabulin Imbong
11. Do you plan to enforce measures for Climate Change Adaptation in Agriculture/ Natural Resource Management?	De Venecia Pimentel Ople Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano		Bautista Enrile Tamayo
12. Are you in favor of rationalizing the bureaucracy, in particular DAR, DENR, DA?	De Venecia Pimentel Tamayo Tatad R.Ocampo Nikabulin S.Ocampo Virgines Sison Imbong David Plazo Tamano	Ople	Bautista Enrile

3.2.4. **Open Forum.** Mr. Ayala informed the audience that the IP sector should be given a chance to raise their questions. Two IP representatives raised their problems and concerns. Msgr. Pepe Qutorio handpicked the names of 6 senatoriables from a fishbowl who have answered the following questions of IPs (*see Matrix 3*)

**Matrix 3**  
**Basic Sector's Issues and Concerns**

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<p><b>D. Indigenous People</b></p> <p><b>Ms. Vicky Makay</b> of Baguio Benguet Indigenous Cultural Communities</p> <p><i>What are your programs that will help alleviate the problems of IPs on ancestral lands?</i></p>	<p><b>Mr. Reynaldo Princesa</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The traditional belief of the IPs is that their souls and ancestral lands are interconnected. If we take away their ancestral lands, we are in a sense taking away their souls from them. He believes that IP rights should be protected. We should respect their cultural rights and their rights for self-determination.</li> <li>• Concerning economic security of IPs, there is need to review our current economic policies to ensure that they are compatible with the cultural beliefs and traditions of IPs. Problems arise when government people fails to consult the IP communities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Atty. Gwen Pimentel</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atty. Pimentel believes that we should fully implement IPRA to support the IPs. She will raise more funds for NCIP which can be used for its operations particularly mapping ancestral lands and for planning the management of their ancestral domain.</li> </ul> <p><b>Ms. Toots Ople</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is need to strengthen existing laws to empower IPs. It is important for the IPs to be mainstreamed into national development and not to be marginalized. Given a chance, IPs could stand on their own through Skills Training and Job Referral programs for their formal re-integration into national economy.</li> </ul>

*Matrix 1*  
*Basic Sector's Issues and Concerns*

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<p><b>Mr. Bonifacio Florentino</b></p> <p><b>On Automated National Election</b></p> <p><i>The IPs knows how to read and write but they do not know how to use automated machine.</i></p>	<p><b>Mr. Ramoncito Ocampo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bagong Pilipinas has many volunteers. With the help of COMELEC, the IPs in Zambales may be given Voter's Education to learn how to cast their votes using new automated machines.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mr. Satur Ocampo</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KATRIBU is their organization primarily responsible for training IPs on electoral process. They could ask KATRIBU to assist IPs.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Martin Bautista</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• He promised to reject all forms of electoral fraud. If Filipinos wanted to aspire for good governance, they should learn to value and love one another</li> </ul>

**3.2.5. Closing Remarks/Closing Prayer.** In behalf of CMN and CBCP, Bishop Bernardino Cortez, chair of CBCP Episcopal Commission, thanked all the participants for attending the forum. In their Pastoral Letter, they enjoined the people to vote wisely by choosing political candidates who are responsible enough to help the country recover against abject poverty, especially graft and corruption. He also thanked the mass media for attending the forum. He reminded them to be responsible in their news reporting. They should only report what the candidates have said excluding personal commentary.

In his closing prayer, the Bishop invoked the God Almighty to guide His people in their efforts to have a clean, honest and meaningful national election.

4. The forum ended at 12:15 p.m.

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