

Civil Society Selection Process 2018

Context and Objectives:

Bantay Kita (BK) is a national coalition of organizations advocating for transparency and advocacy in the extractive industries. It is the only Publish What You Pay Philippine affiliate. BK is the civil society organization that engages in the PH-EITI. As such, Bantay Kita is tasked to select CSO representatives to the PH-EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group (MSG). The term of the current representatives end on 2018. As such, BK established a process of selection with the following objectives:

- To ensure integrity in the selection process
- To identify individuals who genuinely represent civil society interests
- To balance the need for institutional memory, and infusion of new blood
- To assure geographical representation, expertise, and gender balance

Process:

Re-convene the Selection Committee

In a BK Board meeting on December 8, 2017, the Secretariat was tasked to re-convene the CSO Selection Committee to help identify individuals who would best represent civil society's interest in the PH-EITI MSG. Invitation to be part of the selection committee again were sent out by January 5, 2018. The 5 individuals accepted the invitation. These were:

- Atty. Christian Monsod – knowledgeable on mining issues and electoral processes
- Dr. Gail Ilagan – member of the academe and media
- Mr. Jaybee Garganera – knowledgeable on mining issues and community interests
- Mr. Vincent Lazatin – former CSO MSG member
- Ms. Angelica Dacanay – Bantay Kita Secretariat representative

Discuss process and criteria CSO Selection

The Secretariat suggested abiding by the process agreed on as a Selection Committee in 2016: deliberation of applicants would be conducted by consensus. Selection Committee Members would identify their choices based on the review of pertinent documents submitted, against the criteria set. The proposed timeline was shared with the Committee and agreed upon. See Annex 1 for the Selection Criteria.

Prepare application form and letter of support/nomination

Bantay Kita revised the application form based on the Board's recommendation to keep the application form simple. To submit, a letter of support/nomination along with the application form is optional. See Annex 2.

Disseminate the call for application

As per the approved timeline, the application process for CSO representatives was open on January 25, 2018, with the initial deadline for submission of applications on February 16. The call was posted on Bantay Kita's website, social media accounts, and announced by email through its network, including the PH-EITI secretariat for dissemination.

Extend the call for applications

Due to the small number of applicants, the call for application was extended until February 23. The Secretariat announced again in different channels – social media, email network

members and organization, and asking for the outgoing CSO members' help in searching for more applicants for the CSO MSG representative.

Present the applicants and extend call for applications

On April 17, 2018 the applicants/nominees were introduced to the CSO General Assembly during the BK National Conference. The Secretariat also called for applicants during the conference. The current applicants still wasn't enough to fill all vacancies. BK intended to get a more diverse pool in terms of expertise, geographic representation, and gender. Thus, the call for applications was extended until April 27.

Deliberation

On May 2, all applications for the CSO MSG were sent to the Selection Committee for deliberation. A total of eleven (11) applicants were received by the Secretariat. The objectives, criteria and vacancies were mentioned again to the Committee. The deadline of May 10 was agreed to complete the deliberation.

An inquiry from a Committee member was raised regarding the following criteria – no affiliation, any direct or indirect engagement, or conflict of interest with the extractive industries whether past or present and has not received any compensation from mining entities (e.g. in kind, cash, grants or projects). In the event that a person who was nominated received some grant from the mining company, the person has to defend and justify his/her previous relationship with the extractive company. The Secretariat helped in validating the particular criteria for applicant – the applicant's nominator was contacted to validate the information. Once the information was validated, it was provided quickly to the Selection Committee.

On May 11, the results of the rankings were provided to the Selection Committee. According to rankings and the slots available, five (5) applicants passed the CSO MSG Selection Process. However, there are still two vacancies that needed to be filled up - 1 NCR representative and 1 IP representative.

Upon the review of the Secretariat, it was suggested to the Selection Committee to choose from the remaining applicants to fill up the two vacancies. The Secretariat made its recommendation that Ms. Esther Veridiano an IP rights worker is suggested to be the IP representative. With that, there will be 1 vacant slot for Luzon. Mr. Allan Barnacha expressed during the BK board meeting that he would give way if the gender and geographic representations are met. Thus, the Secretariat recommended Mr. Jansen Jontila to be the Luzon representative. His expertise as a lawyer would be of big help in the CSO MSG. To complete the CSO MSG, the Secretariat recommended Mr. Nelso Cuaresma to be a representative. His background on environmental field (biology, marine ecology) would benefit the CSO MSG in pushing further the environmental advocacy in the EITI. To address the representative of NCR, Bantay Kita as a national coalition would be representative that would also bring forward issues concerning its member organizations and partners.

On May 17, the Selection Committee members agreed and endorsed the Secretariat's recommendation. As a result, here is the complete list of the incoming CSO MSG representatives in the PH-EITI:

Representation	Name	Address	Gender	Organization
CURRENT				
NCR	Tina Pimentel	Quezon City	Female	National Coordinator Bantay Kita
Mindanao	Ben Maata	Dinagat Islands	Male	Executive Director PhilGrassroots, Inc.
Mindanao IP	Gus Blanco	Compostela Valley	Male	Tribal Leader Provincial Tribal Council of Compostela Valley
INCOMING				
Luzon	Aniceta Baltar	Abra	Female	Vice-Chairperson Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Governance
Luzon IP	Esther Roxanne Veridiano	Benguet	Female	Board of Trustees - Treasurer Philippine Task Force for Indigenous People's Rights
Visayas	Glenn G. Pajares	Cebu	Male	Board of Trustees Sectoral Transparency Alliance on Natural Resource Governance in Cebu, Inc.
Visayas	Ladylyn L. Mangada	Leyte	Female	Philippine Political Science Association
Mindanao	Chito Trillanes	Surigao del Sur	Male	Focal Person Social Action Center – Ecology Desk, Diocese of Tandag, Surigao del Sur
Luzon	Jansen I. Jontila	Palawan	Male	Environmental Legal Assistance Center, Inc.
Mindanao	Nelson Conigundo Cuaresma	Surigao del Sur	Male	Executive Director Concerned Advocates Saving Terrestrial and Marine Ecosystems (COASTLINE), Inc.

Annex I. Criteria for CSO

Selection Criteria:

An individual is qualified to apply if:

1. Should be a member of organization(s) with legal personality or affiliation to credible alliances and organizations
2. No affiliation, any direct or indirect engagement, or conflict of interest with the extractive industries whether past or present.
3. Sufficient authority and ability to speak with conviction on behalf of civil society at Board and Committee meetings
4. Active engagement in the EITI and knowledge of EITI policies and rules
5. Committed to the principles of Publish What You Pay (PWYP) chain for change (<http://chainforchange.org.uk>)
6. Sufficient time and willingness to attend monthly PH-EITI MSG meetings and participate in PH-EITI-led activities
7. Sufficient time and willingness to report back regularly to wider civil society audiences on outcomes of meetings
8. Demonstrable record of engagement in civil society and advocacy of civil society interests
9. Has negotiating skills/ public relations skills
10. Sound experience in and interest to work with a wide spectrum of stakeholder groups (private sector, donors, IFIs, governments, media etc.)
11. Ability to apply long-term strategic thinking and to balance organizational, local and, national interests
12. Has not received any compensation from mining entities (e.g. in kind, cash, grants or projects). In the event that a person who was nominated received some grant from the mining company, the person has to defend and justify his/her previous relationship with the extractive company.

Annex II. Application form and letter of support/nomination

PH-EITI CSO MSG Representative Application Form

Instructions:

Please complete the form and submit to Bantay Kita Secretariat. You may also furnish a letter of support/nomination from an organization.

Contact Information

Name (last name, first name, middle initial):		Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Complete mailing address:		
Telephone number:	Cellphone number:	Email address:
Citizenship:		Ethnicity:

Nominator's Information

Person who nominated you

Name:	
Organization:	Designation:
Address (of the organization):	
Cellphone number:	Email address:
Signature:	

Expertise and Affiliations (please check)

Have you been affiliated (direct and/or indirect engagement) with the extractive industry (oil, gas, coal, and mining company) including downstream industry?

Yes No

Have you received compensation from oil, gas, coal, and mining company (e.g. in kind, cash, grants, or projects)?

Yes No

Organizational/institutional affiliations:

Name and address of institution	Position held (if any)	Year(s) (mm/year to mm/year)

Employment history (Please include full time, part time and consultancy work. Use additional sheet if necessary):

Name and address of employer	Designation	Date of employment

Commitment

If I am selected as a civil society representative in the PH-EITI MSG, I commit to (please check):

- Publish What You Pay’s Chain for Change
- Fulfill the role of civil society representative in the PH-EITI Multi-Stakeholder Group
- Attend all PH-EITI and MSG meetings and activities unless there should be

- justifiable reason for my absence
- Contribute to the PH-EITI MSG in a meaningful way

Essay

1. Based on the PWYP Chain for Change and Philippine context, which stage/s needs improvement and how can they be improved?

2. What can you contribute to the PH-EITI MSG?

Certification

I certify to the best of my knowledge that above facts are true and correct. I understand that if I am selected as a PH-EITI MSG CSO representative, Bantay Kita reserves the right to replace me after diligent validation, if I am found to have falsified any portion of the form and/or am unable to fulfill commitments required of me.

Signature of nominee:

Date: