



D2D DECLARATION IN ROME

We, 250 delegates of the Filipino Diaspora in Europe (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Italy, Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Spain Sweden and Switzerland) and in other countries of the world (Hong Kong, Saipan, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, Israel, Canada and US), gathered in Rome for the first D2D Conference, held on 27-29 September 2012, hereby recommend the following:

1. The Overseas Filipinos' organizations, church groups, local and Philippine government institutions in the host countries, UN agencies and international organizations shall cooperate to organize and implement concrete actions aiming at recognizing the treasures of the Filipino culture and helping all Filipinos overseas to be open and enriched by the host countries' cultures so to become "Glocal" Filipinos (global as well as local).
2. The Overseas Filipinos' organizations and local and Philippine government institutions in the host countries shall jointly promote the empowerment of the Filipino diaspora, fostering the unification process among Filipinos overseas and the integration with other migrants and local people in the host societies.
3. The Overseas Filipinos' organizations, church groups, local and Philippine government institutions in the host countries, UN agencies and international organizations shall enact programs aiming at increasing Filipinos overseas' awareness of their rights and laws and regulations in the host countries.
4. The Philippine government shall establish a 1-stop-shop center for proper advice and assistance to returnees in the Philippines.

5. The Overseas Filipinos' organizations, church groups, local and Philippine government institutions in the host countries shall cooperate in the establishment of counseling centers and support groups in all the host countries.
6. The NGOs, academe and local and local and Philippine government institutions in the host countries shall collaborate in the organization and offer of accessible and sustainable finance literacy programs to Filipinos overseas.
7. The private sector, NGOs, Overseas Filipinos' organizations, local and Philippine government institutions in the host countries, UN agencies and International organizations shall forge a multi-stakeholder partnership aiming at promoting the economic security of Filipinos overseas.
8. The Overseas Filipinos' organizations, church groups, Philippine government, NGOs and ILO shall cooperate to help Filipino domestic workers to develop their capacities (i.e. value formation programs), and set up service centers for them in the host countries.
9. The Filipino families, church groups, NGOs, Overseas Filipinos' organizations, Philippine government and local host government shall jointly promote studies, researches, consultation and dissemination activities aiming at increasing the awareness of the issues impacting on Filipino youth engaged in international migration and organize and implement specific programs addressing their needs
10. The Filipino families, church groups, NGOs, Overseas Filipinos' organizations, Philippine government and local host government shall jointly promote shall cooperate to set up counseling centers and support groups to address all problems affecting the Filipino families involved in international migration (i.e. isolation, domestic violence, mental and physical health).

11. The Global Filipino Diaspora council and the already engaged Overseas Filipinos' organizations shall jointly promote the participation in the D2D process of all Filipino overseas in Europe through their organizations, starting from bringing back the outcomes of this conference to their respective countries.

12. The relevant Philippine government institutions shall promote to capitalize on already existing mechanisms and structures that can address the priority issues identified by the Conference.

Therefore we formally commit to promote the implementation of all the above-mentioned recommendations through our regional and national networks and platforms, ensuring the linkage with the Global Filipino Diaspora Council.

As a concrete manifestation of our commitment we hereby establish the European Network of Filipino Diaspora (ENFD), according to the modalities adopted in this conference.

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