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TO THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

Sir / Madame:

I am pleased to inform you that the **Middle East and African Network of Filipino Diaspora (MEANFid)** will hold a **Regional Summit of Filipinos in the Middle East and Africa** on February 26-27 (Friday and Saturday) at the Desert Palm Hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

The Summit is being initiated by the CFO together with the MEANFID, a network composed of Filipino associations and community leaders in the Middle East and Africa (MEA) region. With the theme **“Engaging Overseas Filipinos in the Philippine Development,”** the Regional Summit in the Middle East will be conducted with the following objectives:

1. To provide a forum for MEA-based Filipino organizations/associations to discuss Overseas Filipinos' current conditions, issues and concerns, prospects for socio-economic and political re-integration in the Philippines, and learn best practices from similar migrant groups in other regions;
2. To discuss the support services and programs of the Philippine Government and how their respective organizations and assist in Philippine development efforts through resource and knowledge transfers and investment in viable enterprises in the motherland;
3. To forge partnerships and linkages between and among Filipino migrant organizations; and,
4. To facilitate the establishment of a network of Filipino communities and organizations in the MEA region through expansion of the umbrella organization, MEANFID.

The workshops in the summit will be composed of panel presentations and open forum focusing on the following thematic topics such as: 1) responding to the Psycho-social Challenges of Migration in the MEA; 2) Building Capacities of Migrants, their Families and their Communities; 3) Investment, Business and Livelihood Opportunities; and 4) Return and Reintegration of OFs.

Attached is a copy of the Registration Form and copy of the provisional program. For additional information, the summit website is [www.regionalsummit.cfo.gov/ph](http://www.regionalsummit.cfo.gov/ph).

Thank you very much.



Very truly yours,

  
**ALFONSO A. VER**  
Ambassador

30 January 2016

REGIONAL SUMMIT OF FILIPINOS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

*"Engaging Overseas Filipinos in the Philippine Development"*

Desert Palm Hotel, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

26-27 February 2016

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: (a) mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Landline number: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization / Institutions, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will attend the Regional Summit in Dubai, UAE.

No, I will not be able to attend

I will not be able to attend but will be sending a representative.

Name of representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Nos.: (a) mobile number: \_\_\_\_\_

(b) Landline number: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee: US\$50.00**

For payment and other details, you may visit the official webpage of the  
Regional Summit, <http://regionalsummit.cfo.gov.ph>.

Kindly send this form to [secretariat@regionalsummit.gov.ph](mailto:secretariat@regionalsummit.gov.ph)

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM as of 29 December 2015

**Day 1 - 26 February 2016, Friday**

6:00pm Welcome Dinner

*Attire: Philippine National Dress & Barong Tagalog*

8:00pm MEANFID members meeting – Finalization of MEANFID structure

**Day 2 - 27 February 2016, Saturday**

8:00 a.m. Registration c/o CFO (Regional Summit Secretariat)

9:00 a.m. - Opening Session – Plenary

*Welcome Remarks*

**Hon. Constancio R. Vingno, Jr.** (to be confirmed)  
Ambassador, Philippine Embassy in Abu Dhabi

9:20 a.m. - **Secretary Imelda M. Nicolas - CONFIRMED**

Commission on Filipinos Overseas

9:30 a.m. - **Mr. Fidel Escurel - CONFIRMED**

Middle East and African Network of Filipino Diaspora (MEANFID)

9:40 a.m. - **Commissioner Arthur D. Lim**, Commission on Elections (to be confirmed)

Overseas Voting, Commissioner-in-Charge

Keynote Speech: *“Political Participation of Overseas Filipinos”*

10:00 a.m. - **Mr. Gene Alcantara - CONFIRMED**

European Network of Filipinos in the Diaspora (ENFiD)

10:10 a.m. -

**Atty. Loida Nicolas Lewis**

US Pinoys for Good Governance

10:20 am

**Ms. Romina Sta. Clara** (to be confirmed)

International Organization for Migration, Philippines

*"Migration Situationer of Overseas Filipinos in the Middle East"*

11:00 p.m.

**Lunch break**

12:00 -12:15

**PhilHealth – Programs and Services for Filipinos Overseas**

12:15- 12:30

**Bong Osorio of ABS CBN on personal marketing for OFW**

12:30- 1:00

**Atty. Barney Almazar on The Wealthy Filipino Migrants**

01:00 – 4:45

**Parallel Breakout Workshops**

**Programs and Services for Filipinos Overseas - PHILHEALTH**

- A. Responding to the Psycho-social Challenges of Migration in the Middle East and Africa (panel presentation and open forum)
  - a. Romina Sta. Clara of IOM Philippines (to be confirmed)
  - b. Filomenita "Nitnit Mongaya" Høgsholm - **CONFIRMED**
  - c. Warfil de Leon of OFW Kabayan (JIA) - **CONFIRMED**
  
- B. Building Capacities of Migrants, their Families and their Communities (panel presentation and open forum)
  - a. Ms. Vivien Napeñas of Pinoy Wise, Abu Dhabi - **CONFIRMED**
  - b. Dr. Alexander Acosta of the Philippine School Doha - **CONFIRMED**
  
- C. Investment, Business and Livelihood Opportunities (panel presentation and open forum)
  - a. Mr. Willy Prilles of Naga LGU Planning Officer – **CONFIRMED**
  - b. Mr. Kamrul Tarafder of ASA Philippines Foundation (to be confirmed)
  - c. Mr. Fidel Escurel of MEANFiD-Qatar - **CONFIRMED**
  
- D. Return and Reintegration of Overseas Filipinos (panel presentation and open forum)
  - a. Dir. Chona Mantilla of the National Reintegration Center for OFWs (to be confirmed)

- b. Dr. Vicky Bello and Dr. Hayden Kho of Bello Medical Group – **CONFIRMED**
- c. CFO on Balinkbayan and Actionline 1343

5:00 p.m. Plenary Session

**Reports of the Action Plans of the Workshops**

6:00 p.m. Closing Ceremonies

Pledge of Commitment to be led by: \_\_\_\_\_

Closing Remarks

**Hon. Paul Raymund P. Cortes** (to be confirmed)

Consul General, Philippine Consulate General - Dubai

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