

# Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy



## NEWSLETTER

### Turtle Islands Wildlife Funds: Roundtable Insights

On August 8, 2023, PCID and the UP Law Center's Institute for the Administration of Justice, with the support of BARMM MP Atty. Suharto "Teng" Ambolodto, organized a roundtable discussion on the management and operations of the Turtle Island Wildlife Sanctuary. It was the first consultation that convened key stakeholders on assessment and monitoring policies, food security, protection of marine turtles habitats, and related biodiversity issues. Moving forward, the UP Marine Science Institute and PCID, with MP Ambolodto, intend to co-organize informal consultations to reconvene the stakeholders, invite the local community actors and authorities, and include a 2-day site visit to the Turtle Islands.



### 'She Talks Peace' to BARMM Myths: PCID and TVUP Team Up

Last August 23, PCID called on TVUP Executive Director Dr. Gigi Alfonso and her team to discuss partnership efforts to broaden the reach of She Talks Peace Podcast and enrich the current programming content of the university cable channel. The meeting concluded with a long-term agenda of re-editing and streaming STP episodes across the TVUP Platforms and launching a collaboration to create an animated series based on Bangsamoro folk tales and myths. A writeshop will be scheduled during the last quarter of 2023 to develop the stories in preparation for series development.



## MSU-Buug and PCID Collaborate on Radicalization Study

On August 17, PCID met with key stakeholders at Mindanao State University–Buug, led by the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, IPMD Director, College Deans, OSA Director, and Student Council leaders. At the stakeholders meetings, PCID presented the initial findings of a research study on online radicalization and recruitment, and sought the institution’s support for a survey aimed at assessing students’ exposure to extremist content. The discussions also identified potential avenues for future collaboration.



## PCID Conducts Data Gathering in Zamboanga

On August 17 and 18, PCID conducted key informant interviews in Zamboanga, as part of its data-gathering process for two distinct studies currently underway—one looking into the involvement of children in violent extremism and the other delving into online radicalization and recruitment. The resource persons included Dr. Marcelina Carpizo, former director of Western Mindanao State University Peace and Human Security Institute, Sheikh Mahir Gustaham, a consultant of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Ali Ayub, an Ulama Council member, Atty. Mhukz Jamud, a former member of the Muslim Youth Movement for Peace and Development, and Mr. Vandrazel Birowa, a project coordinator at the Zamboanga-Basilan Integrated Development Alliance. The interviews yielded valuable insights on pressing issues, such as the evolving online recruitment tactics employed by extremist groups, the lack of rehabilitation programs for children entangled in violent extremism, and the vulnerabilities faced by youth and women in the face of recruitment efforts.



# SHE TALKS PEACE



*She Talks Peace* is a podcast that highlights the role of women peacebuilders around the world in bringing lasting peace and security to their communities. Hosted by Amina Rasul Bernardo, President of PCID.

## NEW EPISODES



**Ep. 102: MP Atty. Ambolodto Talks Good Governance and the Transition of BARMM**



**Ep. 104: Winnie Yee Talks Recent Malaysian Elections and Women in Governance**



**Ep. 103: Roseline Cassell Talks Elections and Community Engagements for Women in Liberia**



**Ep. 105: Atty. Tricia Oco Talks Juvenile Justice and *Bahay Pag-Asa* in the Philippines**

*Stay tuned for our September issue as we welcome guests like Former Vice President Leni Robredo and NAC Chair Leah Tanodra-Armamento!*

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