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KATRIBU Kalipunan ng Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas National Council Meeting

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Continuing Plunder of Ancestral Lands

Representatives of member organizations of KATRIBU Kalipunan ng Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas, together with allied and partner Indigenous Peoples' formations from across the country, convened for the 2026 KATRIBU National Council Meeting to assess the current situation of Indigenous Peoples, evaluate ongoing campaigns and organizational work, and discuss plans and strategies for the coming period. Prior to the meeting, delegates also participated in the 2026 Peoples' Cordillera Day celebration held in Sitio Madange, Tadian, Mountain Province, in solidarity with the continuing struggles of the peoples of the Cordillera and Indigenous communities nationwide.





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The Council situated its discussions within the current global and national socio-political context through educational discussions on imperialism, climate imperialism, and their impacts on national minority communities. The body also discussed the National Democratic Alternative as a framework for addressing the roots of land dispossession, militarization, environmental destruction, and systemic marginalization experienced by Indigenous Peoples nationwide.

Regional situation reports from the Cordillera, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, Southern Tagalog, Negros, Southern Mindanao, and CARAGA revealed common conditions confronting Indigenous communities despite differing regional contexts. The Council identified the intensifying encroachment of large-scale mining, renewable energy projects, dams, plantations, and ecotourism ventures into ancestral lands as among the most urgent issues faced by Indigenous Peoples today. The Council further underscored widespread violations and manipulation of the right to Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC). Reports likewise highlighted the continuing militarization of Indigenous communities, including cases of harassment, red-tagging, forced evacuation, enforced disappearances, and other human rights violations.





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Drawing from the reports and discussions, the Council affirmed that these are manifestations of continuing imperialist incursions and the exploitation of Indigenous lands and resources for the benefit of foreign and local ruling interests. In response, the body stressed the need to strengthen sustained campaigns and advance the struggle against imperialism, fascism, and feudalism, and the national oppression of Indigenous Peoples.

Addressing Organizational Challenges and Ways Forward

The Council also assessed the current condition of the alliance and its member organizations, emphasizing the collective efforts being undertaken to address organizational challenges and strengthen coordination across formations. The body affirmed the importance of grassroots organizing and regional strengthening initiatives to support the continuing revitalization and consolidation of regional and partner formations.

To further strengthen the alliance and advance collective work, the Council resolved the following:

1. **To strengthen national coordination and leadership** through the appointment of Funa-ay Claver as the new Secretary-General, succeeding Rei Paulin as National Coordinator.
2. **To continue expanding and consolidating the alliance** by inviting emerging Indigenous youth and grassroots organizations to formally join KATRIBU. During the meeting, Siklab Philippine Indigenous Youth Network was formally accepted as a member organization following the 2022 Council resolution inviting the organization into the alliance. The Palawan Inter-Tribal Federation (PITF), Mansaway, and Repungpungan Amaya Iraya Pag Abra de Ilog (RAIPA) were likewise invited to join KATRIBU.
3. **To prioritize the strengthening of regional and local formations** through trainings, educational discussions, campaigns, and organizational activities held within their respective region/locality, supported by the national office.
4. **To further develop the “Our Fight Is Just” campaign** by integrating stronger socio-economic and organizing components into its implementation.



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5. To hold the next KATRIBU National Council Meeting within the first half of 2027, while working toward the convening of a National Congress by 2028.
6. To improve the logo of KATRIBU through increasing the font size of “Kalipunan ng Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas” and changing the color of the flag to white. To reaffirm the 2015 Congress resolution that the name of the alliance is KATRIBU Kalipunan ng Katutubong Mamamayan ng Pilipinas.
7. To recommend to Kabataan Para sa Tribung Pilipino to make the necessary adjustments to their name to avoid confusion with KATRIBU.



The meeting further resolved to strengthen regional coordination, intensify political education and mass campaigns, support grassroots struggles, and expand solidarity initiatives with Indigenous communities and peoples’ organizations nationwide.

The Council reaffirmed its commitment to uphold the rights of Indigenous Peoples and advance the collective struggle for land, life, justice, self-determination, and genuine social change.



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