



MPI 2020 TRAINING FACILITATORS

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Michael “Mike” Frank A. Alar is an Independent Consultant on Conflict Transformation, Dialogue and Peace Processes and currently consults for the World Bank Philippines' support to the Mindanao Peace Process as part of its Fragility, Conflict and Violence team. For more than 15 years, Mike has worked, studied and volunteered in the peace field in countries that have included Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia and Turkey. In the Philippines, he has been a consultant for the [United Nations Population Fund](#) on Youth, Peace and Security and has worked at the [Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue Philippines Office](#) as Project Manager where he provided capacity building and technical support to Mindanao Peace Process stakeholders. Mike also worked for the [Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process](#) of the Philippine Government where he designed and facilitated trainings on peace and conflict for civil society organizations, local governments, the security sector and the [Bangsamoro Development Agency](#). He holds a MA in International Peace Studies from Japan, an Advanced Specialist Degree in Peace and Development Studies from Spain, a diploma in Islamic Studies and Interfaith Relations from India, and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Silliman University in Dumaguete City, Philippines.

CARINO V. ANTEQUISA



Carino “Rockrock” V. Antequisa is a freelance peacebuilding and development consultant, who has over 30 years' experience in community organizing, research, partner accompaniment, strategic planning, project management, monitoring and evaluation, conflict resolution and mediation, and disaster risk reduction, primarily in Mindanao and the Visayas. He has served as the Program Accompanier for the [Catholic Agency for Overseas Development](#) (CAFOD) in the Philippines and has been actively engaged in the civil society movement in Mindanao with a special focus on the rights of indigenous peoples. Rockrock is one of the Founders of MPI and has served as the President of MPI's Board of Trustees. He holds a BA in Education and is completing his MA in History at Mindanao State University in Marawi City, Philippines.

BABU AYINDO



Babu Ayindo is a storyteller, educator, facilitator, researcher and writer. For over two decades, he has been involved in arts and peacebuilding work in various contexts. Babu has served as Artistic Director of Chelepe Arts in Nairobi, Kenya and founding artistic director of Amani People's Theatre also in Nairobi, Kenya. Besides his arts-based work, Babu has over 20 years' experience in the design, facilitation and evaluation of peacebuilding processes, and peace and economic empowerment programs for various agencies throughout the world. His publications include: co-authoring [When You Are the Peacebuilder](#), published by the United States Institute of Peace, 2001, which was selected by The Academy for Educational Development as a 'top product' in

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PAULO BALEINAKORODAWA



Paulo Baleinakorodawa is a co-founder of **Transcend Oceania**, a justpeace and development regional non-governmental organization based in Fiji in the South Pacific. Previously, he served in many roles as a peacebuilding specialist in various peacebuilding and development organizations and institutions. Paulo has worked as an independent peacebuilding consultant across the Pacific, providing peace and conflict training, technical support and mentoring as well as providing group process facilitation as a nonviolent strategy. He has championed initiatives on engaging men and boys to transforming aggressive forms of masculinity for gender equality and has also done extensive work in facilitating trainings in conflict transformation, trauma healing and dialogue in Asia-Pacific. Paulo has a special interest in restorative justice, positive masculinity and dialogue as nonviolent strategies to addressing conflicts and violence. He has extensive working experience with government, the security sector, churches and civil society in Bougainville, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Tonga and the Philippines. Paulo holds a MA in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding from Eastern Mennonite University in the USA and is currently the only facilitator from the Pacific teaching at MPI since 2008.

SHIVA K. DHUNGANA



Shiva K. Dhungana, the Senior Regional Design, Monitoring and Evaluation (DM&E) Specialist of **Search for Common Ground**, has a Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratization from the University of Sydney and a Master’s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of the Philippines at Diliman. Out of a professional career that spans 25 years, Shiva has been active in the field of conflict transformation and peacebuilding for the last 16 years. His areas of expertise include: research, monitoring and evaluation, program design and management in Nepal and other countries in Asia, Europe, and Latin America. Shiva has conducted at least 12 evaluations in many parts of the world and overseen evaluation consultants in more than 15 countries. He has produced more than 20 publications to date, and has written peer-reviewed journal articles, policy papers and research monographs as well as having edited books, training manuals and a number of unpublished research reports. His articles have appeared in the *Journal of Peacebuilding and Development*, *Forced Migration Review*, *Kasarinlan: Philippines Journal of Third World Studies* and *Refugee Watch*, among others. Shiva has facilitated Monitoring and Evaluation Training for Peacebuilding Practitioners in Indonesia, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste.

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Joey Ganio Evangelista, MJ is an Ilocano Catholic priest from Baguio City in the Philippines. He is a member of the Missionaries of Jesus (MJ), an international religious congregation founded in the Philippines. He has been working at the **Malita Tagakaulo Mission** (MATAMIS) of the Diocese of Digos since 2011. Before being assigned to MATAMIS, he had two mission assignments abroad, one in the Democratic Republic of Congo and another in Mozambique. In the Philippines, Fr. Joey has worked in Lubang Island, Occidental Mindoro. He holds a BA in Philosophy from Saint Louis University, Baguio City, and a MA in Dogmatic Theology from the Maryhill School of Theology in Quezon City, Philippines. Fr. Joey has earned several doctoral units in the same discipline from the Loyola School of Theology of the Ateneo de Manila University. He speaks Filipino, Ilocano, English, French, Lingala, Portuguese, Cebuano and Tagakolu.

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MARIA IDA L. GIGUIENTO



Maria “Deng” Ida L. Giguiento is one of the two recipients of the **2015 Tanenbaum Peacemaker In Action Award** that was given in recognition of her work in interreligious dialogue in Mindanao and Timor-Leste. From 2005-2018, Deng served as the Peacebuilding Training Coordinator of **Catholic Relief Services – Philippines**. She was also a member of the Project Reference Group for a curriculum development project involving best practices of civil society, working with security forces to improve human security. A grassroots peacebuilder from the Philippines, Deng has dedicated nearly three decades of her life to using the conflict transformation paradigm in working with partners in Mindanao and in post-independent Timor-Leste. She has trained men and women from **Caritas International** partners to local military officials and non-state actors. Deng is one of the longest serving facilitators at MPI, who started in 2000 and continued until 2017. After a brief respite, Deng has now returned to co-facilitate a course at MPI 2020.

MARITES T. GONZALO



Marites “Matet” T. Gonzalo is a Tagakolu anthropologist from Malita, Davao Occidental, Philippines. She is currently the Coordinator of two community-based indigenous peoples’ schools of the Malita Tagakaulo Mission (MATAMIS) and in charge of the Ubun na Kettal, the Tagakolu youth program of MATAMIS. Matet is presently serving MPI as the Vice-President of the Board of Trustees. She holds a BA in Elementary Education from Cor Jesu College in Digos, Davao del Sur, Philippines, and earned a MA in Anthropology from the Ateneo de Davao University. She speaks Tagakolu, Cebuano, Filipino and English.

BERTRAM A. JENKINS



Bertram “Bert” A. Jenkins is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Education at the [University of New England](#) in Australia. Dr. Jenkins is an ecological educator and scientist from an interdisciplinary background with both applied and theoretical understanding of social ecological systems. He sees maintaining ecological integrity by striving to keep ecosystems within the bounds of resilience, protecting them from destruction by irresponsible actions, projects or policies, and restoring damage as active approaches to cultivating peace. He has taught Environmental Security and Peace for over 20 years. His research has focused on peace education in Bougainville, where peace, the environment and development coincide. Dr. Jenkins has a number of publications, including co-authoring the book [A Peace Education Curriculum for Bougainville](#) (San Jose, University for Peace, 2013) with Kathy Jenkins and Linley Cornish. Dr. Jenkins holds a PhD in Community Ecology from the University of New England, Department of Ecosystems Management and a Bachelor of Science (Honors) in Australian Environmental Studies at Griffith University in Australia, with majors in Ecology and Development Studies.

WENDY KROEKER



Wendy Kroeker is the Director of the [Canadian School of Peacebuilding](#) and an Assistant Professor in the [Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies Department of Canadian Mennonite University](#) in Winnipeg, Canada. Wendy has over 20 years of experience as a community mediator, conflict transformation trainer, peace program manager, and program manager for international development projects. Bangladesh, India, Indonesia, Korea, Laos, Myanmar, Palestine, and the Philippines are some of the locations in which she has worked over the past two decades with indigenous groups, NGO staff, community and religious leaders, and various educators. She holds a Certificate in Mediation and Conflict Resolution from the Resolution Skills Centre in Winnipeg as well as a MA in Theology with a focus on Contemporary Theology and Peace Studies. After significant years of practice within the conflict transformation field, she entered the Peace Studies PhD program at the University of Manitoba, Canada, and completed it in June 2018. Her research focused on the space of local actors in building a culture of peace in Mindanao. Wendy has taught at MPI since 2003.

MELINDA MEDINA LAMORENA



Melinda “Mei” Medina Lamorena is currently the Administrative Officer of **Miriam College Middle School** and also serves as a **Center for Peace Education (CPE)** Associate of Miriam College in Quezon City, Philippines. She cherishes her role as CPE Associate the most as it provides her with opportunities to do her part in building a culture of peace in the country. She firmly believes that planting the seeds of advocacy among young students will help them become champions of truth, peace, justice and the environment. Mei served as the principal of Miriam College Grade School and was instrumental in developing a Peace Education curriculum for Grade 7 students. Her support for transformative education was made possible through the integration of peace concepts, values and skills in the elementary curriculum. Mei facilitates training workshops for students and teachers, and is a Social Studies textbook writer and evaluator, a cultural exchange program developer and an accreditor for the Philippine Accrediting Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities, not to mention being a zealous advocate of a zero-waste lifestyle.

MYLA LEGURO



Myla Leguro holds a MA in Peace Studies from the **Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies** at the University of Notre Dame in the USA. She has worked for **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)** since 1991 on peace and development projects in Mindanao. As the Program Manager of the Peace and Reconciliation Program of CRS-Philippines, Myla organized two major peacebuilding initiatives: the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute in 2000 and the Grassroots Peace Learning Course in 2003. She has worked as an international trainer in Timor-Leste and Nepal, and has served as a resource person in various peacebuilding conferences in Colombia, Thailand, and the USA. In 2006, she was the first CRS-Kroc Visiting Fellow. Myla holds the distinction as being one of the 1,000 women collectively nominated for the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize. Myla recently served as Program Director of a CRS global program on Advancing Interreligious Peacebuilding, an initiative that covered four interrelated projects on interreligious dialogue and cooperation in Egypt, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Niger, Nigeria and the Philippines. She currently works as the Peacebuilding Technical Advisor for CRS-Philippines and acts as Justice, Peacebuilding, and Social Cohesion Focal Point for CRS-Asia region.

JOAN MCGREGOR



Joan McGregor has been working in the field of conflict transformation for more than 40 years. Her engagement in conflict transformation started with work against apartheid in her home country of South Africa. Joan has a Master’s Degree in Peace and Reconciliation from Coventry University in the UK. She is currently working freelance as a conflict transformation practitioner, undertaking consultancies for clients. Prior to this, she was a full-time Peace and Conflict Advisor at Responding to Conflict (RTC) in Birmingham, UK, where her work encompassed managing, developing and facilitating RTC’s program of courses and designing and delivering consultancy work. The consultancies included tailor-made training and participatory learning programs for practitioners of conflict transformation, development and humanitarian assistance from Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Joan’s expertise covers participatory approaches to conflict analysis, strategic planning, mediation and negotiation, conflict sensitivity tools and methodologies,

monitoring and appraisal, lesson learning, training of trainers, and counseling. In 2017, **Joan was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Birmingham** in recognition of her contribution to conflict transformation internationally.

A-YOUNG MOON



A-Young Moon is a Peace Education Facilitator, who launched a non-profit, education specialist organization called **PEACEMOMO** located in Korea in August 2012. PEACEMOMO highlights creating non-teaching, mutually dialogical relations in learning sites in order to conduct peace education. In order to expand this approach in every possible learning environment, PEACEMOMO runs regular training programs to foster transformative peace educators. As a training specialist, A-Young conducts teachers' training programs for provincial education offices, develops training manuals, and joins regional and local forums for peace activism and education. Previously, she worked as an elementary school teacher in Korea and was a Junior Programme Specialist in **UNESCO's Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding**. Currently, she is an advisor to various educational institutes, including the National Education Conference, the Seoul Metropolitan Office of Education and the Seoul Education Training Institute. A-Young received a Master's Degree in Peace Education at the University for Peace in Costa Rica and is presently earning her PhD in Peace Education at the same university.

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As the Director of the **Social Development Initiative-Myanmar** (SDI) that is located in Yangon, Myanmar, **PhyuSin Ngwethaw** leads the organization in facilitating program design, planning, monitoring and evaluation of SDI's community development and humanitarian assistance projects. PhyuSin is recognized nationally as an expert, building the capacity of the armed forces and other groups in the area of civilian protection, particularly with children and youth. She also builds the capacity of those involved in local government structures focusing on development to ensure that they use a rights-based approach in their work. PhyuSin advises various UN agencies, international and local NGOs, and international consultancy firms in the area of assessment, monitoring, and evaluation of humanitarian and development projects and programs with a conflict sensitive lens. PhyuSin holds a MA in Public Policy from the National University of Singapore and is an alumna of MPI. PhyuSin is currently a Rotary Peace Fellow at the University of Queensland, Australia, where she is pursuing a MA in conflict and peace studies.

KYOKO OKUMOTO



Kyoko Okumoto holds a PhD in the Arts and Literature from Kobe College Graduate School of Letters in Japan and a MA in Peace Studies from Lancaster University in the UK. She is a Professor of Peace Studies, Conflict Transformation, and English Literature at **Osaka Jogakuin University**, a women's university in Osaka, Japan. Her research fields are: conflict transformation/nonviolent intervention, the arts including literature and drama, and the relation between the two areas. She facilitates numerous peace training workshops at various places at all levels – from high school, to university to elderly communities. With NGOs such as Transcend-Japan, **Transcend-International**, **Nonviolent — Peaceforce-Japan**, **ACTION-Asia** and **ACTION-Global**, and the **Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute** (NARPI), Kyoko tries to explore ways

to connect with other Asian—Northeast, Southeast and South Asian—communities, and beyond to build more peaceful societies where people can have creative dialogues among themselves and with their neighbors and communities.

SHAMSIA RAMADHAN



Shamsia Ramadhan is a peacebuilding expert working for **Catholic Relief Services** (CRS). She is based in Kenya and heads a multi-country interreligious peacebuilding/action project as the Program Manager. In her current position, she works closely with faith-based actors to build their capacity in a project that integrates development and peacebuilding to address inter-ethnic and religiously motivated violence to promote peace and social cohesion in communities in sub-Saharan Africa. She has been involved in peacebuilding since 2002 and has worked extensively in the region on peace and security issues as a peace practitioner involved in research-based peace advocacy at the community, national, regional and international levels. An expert on peacebuilding, conflict transformation and conflict sensitivity, Shamsia conducts workshops on these topics and works with diverse groups to explore ways of collaboration and partnership for peace and development. Shamsia has been a facilitator with MPI since 2017. She holds a Master's Degree in International Peace Studies from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame in the USA. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Social Transformation, specializing in Security and Sustainable Peace at Tangaza University College – Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Kenya.

GABRIELLE AZIZA SAGARAL



Gabrielle “Gabs” Aziza Sagaral is a Project Officer with **Forum Civil Peace Service** (forumZFD), an international non-governmental organization working on nonviolent conflict transformation in several countries, including the Philippines. Based in Davao City, Gabs leads the development and implementation of an initiative engaging higher education institutions to integrate fundamental concepts of peace and conflict within the curricula of political science and the advancement of peace education in teacher education. She provides technical assistance to media educators to promote and employ conflict-sensitive methodologies in journalism. For over 10 years, Gabs has been engaged in peacebuilding and sustainable development work. She started as a volunteer and then as a project officer with the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute. She has worked alongside different indigenous peoples in Mindanao by providing capacity building on community-based media through **iEmergence, Inc.** Gabs graduated with a BA in International Studies from the Ateneo de Davao University. She is an alumna of MPI and one of the 23 alumni, who are part of MPI's Grassroots Peacebuilding Mentors Training Program.

MOE SASAKI



Moe Sasaki is a designer, facilitator, and coordinator for peace and problem-solving training programs in Northeast Asia, South Asia, and Africa. She currently works with **IC Net Limited**, a Japanese development consulting company. Moe is also a trainer for the **United Network of Young Peacebuilders** for the Asia Pacific region and has been supporting the **United Nations Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs** in representing Northeast Asian youth in peace and security efforts. She has served as a former administrator for the **Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute** (NARPI) in Korea. She holds a BA in Development Studies from the International Christian University in Japan. For the past five years, Moe has

worked with NGOs and in the private sector to equip and empower citizens and young professionals to become agents of positive change in their communities to take initiatives in building bridges between people from conflicting identities. Moe's passion lies in mobilizing citizens to take ownership in peacebuilding, as it is her belief that lasting and sustainable peace stems from individual acts that inspire a community and create a culture of peace that is not easily shaken.

FLORINA XAVIER



Florina Xavier is currently working with **Act for Peace** as their Regional Return and Reintegration Advisor taking care of India, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand. She conducts workshops on topics that include psychosocial support, arts-based approaches to peacebuilding, sustainable development, strategic planning and management. She also works closely with community-based organizations and has conducted workshops in peacebuilding in several Asian countries such as Afghanistan, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, among others, as well as in countries like Australia, the Netherlands, Sweden and the USA. Florina holds a Master's Degree and

Doctorate in Social Work from Loyola College in Chennai, India. She also has a Master's Degree in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding from Eastern Mennonite University in the USA, where she was a Fulbright scholar from 2003 to 2004.

GLADSTON XAVIER



Gladston "Ashok" Xavier is an Associate Professor in the Social Work Department of **Loyola College in Chennai**, India, and has served as the Head of Department and Dean of the Arts Faculties of the same college. He is an expert in the field of conflict and peacebuilding, and has done substantive work providing training on trauma awareness and recovery, arts-based approaches to peacebuilding, sustainable development, strategic planning and management, and restorative justice as well as working with community-based organizations. Ashok has worked extensively in South Asia, providing training to people at the grassroots and policy makers. He has also lectured widely in Asia, Europe and the Americas. Ashok has traveled and

worked in Sri Lanka for 14 years where he volunteered with Sri Lankan refugees. At Loyola College, Ashok completed both his Master's Degree and Doctorate in Social Work. He also holds an MA in Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding from Eastern Mennonite University in the USA, where he was a Fulbright fellow from 2003 to 2004.

KALIMUDAN SA RANAO FOUNDATION, INC.



Kalimudan sa Ranao Foundation, Inc. (KFI) was established in 1988. The institution has been engaged in community organizing, peace and development work for more than 30 years. Consistently working on peace advocacy, protection of the environment and sustainable agriculture, Kalimudan has trained hundreds of social development workers, who have served as volunteers and who have been involved in community development not only in the Lanao Provinces, but also in many other places. KFI has extensive experience in implementing projects by partnering with international donors, government agencies and local organizations. It has initiated and convened network platforms and broad alliances for different advocacies. KFI

has 12 highly trained professional personnel and an on-call pool of experts and consultants in the fields of peace, gender, community development, social work, agriculture and health. Kalimudan's conviction is: "We help people start on what they know and build on what they have." It is led by Amenodin "Ding" T. Cali, its Executive Director.

PAKIGDAIT, INC.



Pakigdait Alang sa Pag-amoma sa Kalinaw (Pakigdait) is an interfaith grassroots peacebuilding organization that engages in conflict transformation, peace advocacy, interfaith dialogue and peace-anchored community development in Northern Mindanao, Philippines. Pakigdait, Inc. is not only a non-governmental organization, but it is also a council of interreligious leaders composed of Muslims, Roman Catholics, Anglicans, Pentecostals and members of the Philippine Independent Church and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, who have been leading peacebuilding efforts in various communities in Northern Mindanao for over 19 years. In 2010, 2011 and 2012, Pakigdait, Inc. received the *Best NGO* award by the

Philippine Army, and in 2011, it received the *Peace Recognition* award from the Ateneo de Zamboanga University. Pakigdait, Inc. has been a partner of MPI, facilitating MPI Annual Peacebuilding Training field-based courses in 2012 and 2013. Abelardo "Abel" A. Moya is currently the Director of Pakigdait, Inc.