



# Kahimunan sa Katungod 2017

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## ADVISORY

### A. GENERAL ORIENTATION

‘Kahimunan sa Katungod’ with the theme: “Strengthen Our Communities, Support Pangalasag’s Right to Land and Life!” is a human rights colloquium that will foster solidarity among Lumad leaders.

The colloquium is a venue where Datus, Baes and Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations’ leaders share pressing land and human rights issues their respective communities are confronting, collectively analyze their situation, and draft common recommendations and resolutions. The activity encourages communities to synergize community-based resources for important concerns such as sanctuaries for Lumad leaders or community members at-risk.

Educational and parallel events to the colloquium will be held simultaneously for support groups.

Kahimunan sa Katungod 2017 will call attention to the plight of the Higaonon communities of Opol, Misamis Oriental who are resisting the operation of an oil palm plantation. The insistence of the plantation company resulted to massive human rights violations against the communities and its leaders organized under Pangalasag (literally means ‘indigenous shield’).

Kahimunan sa Katungod is a component of the ‘Healing the Hurt’, an interfaith initiative combatting discrimination, human rights violations and

impunity against the Lumad of Mindanao supported by the European Union.

## **B. GETTING THERE**

From Cagayan de Oro City, the Municipality of Opol is only approximately 13 kilometers away by land.

Upon arrival in Opol, proceed to the jump-off point at Iglesia Filipina Independiente Church located at the Municipal Plaza, across the Opol Community College. Look for the *Kahimunan sa Katungod* welcome banner.

## **C. THE VENUE**

The venue of the *Kahimunan sa Katungod* is a publicly declared ancestral domain of the Higaonon people. As such, the event will be held outdoors. Participants are therefor advised to be prepared rain or shine.

Modest cottages are put up to accommodate the participants. However, the participants are advised and encouraged to bring tents or hammocks for a more comfortable stay.

Hot days and cool nights are expected during the event. Thus, light clothing materials are advised, and cold or rain gears also being brought.

There is no electricity in the area, apart from the generator system. Participants are advised to bring their own flashlights or lamps to light their way through the dark.

## **D. WHAT TO BRING**

The *Kahimunan sa Katungod* being an outdoor activity, participants are advised to bring their personal amenities, such as:

- light clothes

- rain gear, just in case (poncho, boots)
- toiletries (wet wipes are advised)
- meal utensils (lunch box, utensils, cup)
- water container
- flashlight/headlamp
- personal emergency meds

## **E. OTHER MATTERS**

For other concerns, kindly contact the Secretariat through:

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