

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

**MARIA CLEOFE GETTIE CATAPANG SANDOVAL**

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### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

#### **Undersecretary for Programs**

Office of the President of the Philippines

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Pasig City

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2016

In charge of policy and operations work

Supervised (a) the implementation of separate peace agreements with two former rebel groups; (b) the national development program to address priority needs in areas affected by the CPP/NPA/NDF peace process; and (c) the national program on women, peace and security. These assignments involved policy and program development and monitoring.

#### **Instructor/ Subject Expert: Medical Jurisprudence**

Ateneo School of Medicine and Public Health

Ateneo de Manila University, Pasig City

June 2009 to March 2012

Developed and taught the subject for second and third year medical students

#### **Associate Director for Field Operations, Leaders for Health Program**

Health Unit

Ateneo Graduate School of Business

Ateneo de Manila University, Makati City

January 2007 to September 2008

#### **Project Officer**

Health Unit

Ateneo Graduate School of Business

Ateneo de Manila University, Makati City

October 2008 to March 2011

Implemented a health-led governance program for poor municipalities

#### **Coordinator, Women's Unit**

Sentro ng Alternatibong Lingap Panligal  
(SALIGAN) Alternative Legal Assistance  
Center, Inc., Quezon City  
1990 to 2001; September 2004 to December 2006

Performed alternative law/public interest law related work: drafted and lobbied for social legislations; provided training on laws, human rights and related topics; litigated cases involving marginalized sectors, mostly women.

**Assistant Secretary for Policy**

Office of the President of the Philippines  
Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Pasig City  
January - August 2004

Performed policy work for the peace process, including as technical team for peace talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF

**Director III, Director of the Sectoral Policy Unit**

Office of the President of the Philippines  
National Anti-Poverty Commission, Quezon City  
March 2001 to December 2003

Performed policy work for marginalized sectors covered by Republic Act 8425 (Social Reform and Poverty Alleviation Act)

**Chief of Staff/ Political Legislation Officer Chief**

Office of Representative Patricia M. Sarenas  
Party-List Abanse! PINAY  
House of Representatives, Congress of the Philippines, Quezon City  
1998-1999

Led the office in all its legislative work

**Social Worker**

Center for Overseas Workers  
Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines, Quezon City  
1986-1987

Assisted OFWs in work-related concerns

**Jesuit Volunteer/Teacher**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Academy  
Oriental Mindoro  
1985-1986

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

Philippine Bar  
Integrated Bar of the Philippines, Quezon City Chapter

## **SELECTED TRAINING/COURSES ATTENDED**

Advanced Security Cooperation 12-2 Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies Honolulu, Hawaii, USA	September –October 2012
Study Tour on Family Mediation Sponsored by the National Judicial Institute (Canada) through the CIDA- JURIS Project British Columbia, Canada	August 2004
Bridging Leadership Asian Institute of Management	April 28-May 2, 2003
Seminar-Workshop on the Rights-Based Approach to Development Programming United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Batangas, Philippines	April 2002
The Equal Status and Human Rights of Women Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University Lund, Sweden	October 1996
Strengthening NGO Capacity to Enhance Status of Women International Council on Management of Population Programmes, Women’s Action Network for Development (ICOMP-WAND) Quezon City, Philippines	1994
Feminist Theories KALAYAAN Quezon City, Philippines	1993

## **TRAINING EXPERIENCE**

Professorial Lecturer 1, Philippine Judicial Academy, Supreme Court

Trainer on various topics on gender sensitivity, mainstreaming gender in planning and budgeting, laws on women, human rights and peace, gender and security

## **WRITING EXPERIENCE**

Co-writer, Gender Budgeting in the Philippines: A Review of the GAD Budget Policy Experience, 2001

Accessing Judicial Services for the Poor in the Philippines, November 2000  
Workshop on Accessing Legal and Judicial Services  
for Women in Sub-Saharan Africa  
Togo, West Africa  
Sponsored by the World Bank

GAD Budget and the Philippine Experience February 2000  
Conference on Power, Health, Media and Rights  
Bangkok, Thailand  
Sponsored by Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Lund University

Psychological Incapacity as a Ground 1991  
for Nullification of Marriage  
Thesis as part of the J.D. Degree

Part of the writing and editing team for various publication of SALIGAN such as: Primer on the Family Code, Manual for Paralegals on Violence against Women, Manual on Sexual Harassment, Violence Against Women and Local Legislation

## **RECENT INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION**

Asia-Pacific Symposium on National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security  
UN Women, Bangkok, Thailand  
11-13 July 2016

ASEAN Institute on Peace and Reconciliation  
Tagaytay, Philippines  
8-9 December, 2015

United Nations Security Council  
New York  
11-18 October, 2015

United Nations Development Programme

N-Peace, Bangkok, Thailand  
11-13 May, 2015

ASEAN Institute on Peace and Reconciliation  
Cebu, Philippines  
18-19 March, 2015

United Nations Development Programme  
Mandalay, Myanmar  
16-19 February, 2015

Regional Review Conference on Geneva Declaration  
On Armed Violence and Development  
Manila, Philippines  
8-9 October 2014

ASEAN and Prevention of Violence Against Women  
Jakarta, Indonesia  
19-20 August 2014

Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict Areas  
London, Great Britain, United Kingdom  
9-13 June 2014

UN Women Global Technical Review  
of Security Council Resolutions on Women, Peace and Security  
New York, USA  
5-7 November 2013

CEDAW Committee's Asia Pacific Regional Consultations  
For the Proposed General Recommendations on  
Human Rights of Women in Situations of Conflict and Post-Conflict  
Bangkok, Thailand  
27-28 March 2012

6<sup>th</sup> Asia- Pacific Regional Interfaith Dialogue  
Semarang Indonesia  
10-13 March 2012

2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Review Conference on Geneva Declaration  
On Armed Violence and Development  
Geneva, Switzerland  
31 October-1 November 2011

Roundtable Discussion on the Commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
UN Security Council Resolution 1325

United Nations, Bangkok  
6 October 2010

Capacity-building on Indicators to UN Security  
Council Resolution 1325  
United Nations, Bangkok  
6-7 October 2010

ASEAN Regional Workshop On Gender Equality Legislation  
Sponsored by UNIFEM  
Bangkok, Thailand  
February 2008

Expert Seminar on the Guidelines on Human Rights  
Approach to Poverty Reduction Strategies  
Sponsored by the UN Committee on Economic,  
Social and Cultural Rights  
Geneva, Switzerland  
June 2002

## **CONSULTANCY EXPERIENCE**

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process  
Commission on Human Rights  
Philippine Center for Population and Development  
Department of Interior and Local Government  
Philippine Commission on Women/ National Commission on the  
Role of Filipino Women  
CODE-NGO  
CEDAW-Watch  
Oxfam- Great Britain

## **EDUCATION**

Ateneo de Manila University Law School, Makati City  
Juris Doctor, March 1991  
Dean's List SY 1989-1990

Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City  
Bachelor of Arts Major in Economics, March 1985  
Ateneo Scholarship Fund Recipient

Siena College, Quezon City  
High School, March 1981

Homeroom Level First Honors

Masambong Elementary School, Quezon City  
Grade School, March 1977  
Class Valedictorian