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Region V
Schools Division Office of Sorsogon

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**INVITATION TO 2025 Joint International Decade of Indigenous
Languages and International Mother Language Day Conference**

The Sorsogon State University in collaboration with Philippine Normal University, SIL Philippines, and 170+ Talaytayan MLE Inc., announce the **INVITATION TO 2025 Joint International Decade of Indigenous Languages and International Mother Language Day Conference** from March 26-28, 2025 at Sorsogon State University, Sorsogon City. Attached is the basic communication for reference.

For queries relative to this event, please contact Mr. Ricardo Ma. Duran Nolasco of 170+ Talaytayan MLE Inc at jointconference2025@gmail.com, or call at 09983582396.

Participation in this activity is on a voluntary basis only.

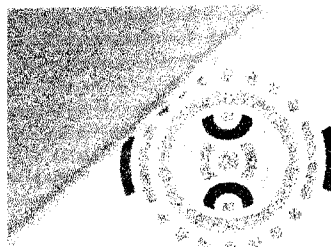
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Joint International Decade of Indigenous Languages
and International Mother Language Day Conference 2025
Reaffirming Rights-based Reform in Language, Literacy and Learning
26-28 MARCH 2025 | SORSOGON STATE UNIVERSITY | SORSOGON CITY



18 March 2025

JOSE L. DONCILLO, CESO V
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT
SORSOGON PROVINCE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Dear SDS Doncillo:

We are glad to inform you that Sorsogon State University, in collaboration with Philippine Normal University, SIL Philippines, and 170+ Talaytayan MLE Inc, will be holding the **2025 Joint International Decade of Indigenous Languages and International Mother Language Day Conference** from ~~February~~ ^{March} 26-28, 2025, at Sorsogon State University in Sorsogon City.

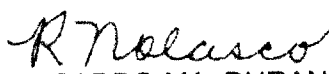
With the theme “Reaffirming Rights-based Reform in Language, Literacy and Learning”, this event highlights the Global Action Plan of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 and Goal 4 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Its objectives include the exchange of information on the current state of the indigenous languages and the extent of their use in official functions; promote cooperation; forge linkages; and update participants on new developments, directions as well as emerging issues affecting Indigenous Peoples' communities and Philippine languages.

We have invited as our special guests to that event three internationally renowned linguist-educators and literacy expert to conduct lectures and workshops on language and education for the edification of our teachers and students in the Bicol Region. They are Dr. Thomas Payne, Dr. Doris Payne and Ms. Karla Smith of the Summer Institute of Linguistics. The conference will also feature plenary sessions, policy forum and roundtable discussions, thematic workshops, paper, poster, and non-text (performative) presentations, art and culture exhibits and mini festivals, demo fest, and story sessions. We take this opportunity to inform you that we will be providing space for exhibits of IPED learning materials produced by various DepEd schools divisions from around the region.

In this connection, we humbly request the **issuance of an advisory** from your office informing the Department of Education Sorsogon Province Division teachers, advocates, offices, and those involved directly in running the IPED program under IPSEO, of this event and encouraging participation thereto. Attached are the Conference Information Guide for your reference.

For further information, please contact us at jointconference2025@gmail.com, or call us at 09983582396.

Sincerely,


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PASUC ADVISORY NO. 010, s. 2025

For : All SUC Presidents/Heads

From : Dr. Tirso A. Ronquillo
President

Subject : **JOINT INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES
AND INTERNATIONAL MOTHER LANGUAGE DAY CONFERENCE**

Date : February 05, 2025

This is to endorse the Joint International Decade of Indigenous Languages and International Mother Language Day Conference, organized by Sorsogon State University (SSU) in partnership with 170+ Talaytayan MLE Inc. and SIL Philippines. The conference, with the theme "*Reaffirming Rights-based Reforms in Language, Literacy, and Learning*", is scheduled to take place from March 26 10 to 28, 2025, at SSU, Sorsogon City.



This international event aims to reaffirm rights-based reforms in the evolving landscape of post-evidence and post-information learning and education, through large-scale, coordinated efforts by all stakeholders to ensure continuity. The key objectives of the conference are as follows: 1) To raise and deepen awareness of the goals and objectives of the International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 (IDIL 2022-2032); 2) To exchange information on the current state of the indigenous languages and the extent of their use in education and official functions; 3) To start the planning process for the IDIL national-level response in alignment to the Global Action Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals; 4) To promote cooperation, forge linkages, and form an interim steering committee that will oversee the implementation of the national-level strategic plan; and 5) To update participants on new developments, directions, as well as emerging issues in indigenous people's education (IPED) and the multilingual education in the country.

The organizers will be accepting abstract submissions until February 28, 2025. Presenters and interested participants can pre-register via the following link: <https://www.sorsogonstateuniversity.edu.ph/2025/02/05/abstract-submissions-for-the-joint-international-decade-of-indigenous-languages-and-international-mother-language-day-conference/>. Alternatively, they may also visit the organizer's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ASEANASEAN2025/>.

The conference briefier is enclosed for your ready reference. For further inquiries, your office may contact the organizers via email at asean2025@sorsogonstateuniversity.edu.ph or through mobile at 0962-595-0307.

TIRSO A. RONQUILLO, ASEAN Eng.
President





CONFERENCE INFORMATION
GUIDE

**Theme: Reaffirming Rights-
based Reforms in Language,
Literacy, and Learning**

**Date: March 26,
27, and 28,
2025**

**Venue: Sorsogon State
University, Sorsogon City**

Rationale and Objectives

The recent legislative measure that makes the implementation of mother tongue-based multilingual education (MTBMLE) optional revives debates on the fundamental principles upon which our democratic education is founded—human rights and free speech.

In recent years, the nexus of language, learning, and literacy in a highly diverse context has become a magnet for policy prescription that oversimplifies our complex sociolinguistic polity, in the process reducing enshrined rights and development imperatives into mere legislative options. The conditional status of MTBMLE as an aftermath of a legislative reversal presents a compelling opportunity for reaffirming rights-based reforms in a post-evidence and post-information learning and education space.

Reaffirming multilingual education demands massive and coordinated efforts from all stakeholders to meet the conditions for continuity. The post-reversal direction points to generating more local research and evidence by building on marginal victories and expanding these to achieve broader, nation-state scale community of practice.

Objectives:

1. raise and deepen awareness of participants on the goals and objectives of International Decade of Indigenous Languages 2022-2032 (IDIL 2022-2032)



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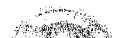
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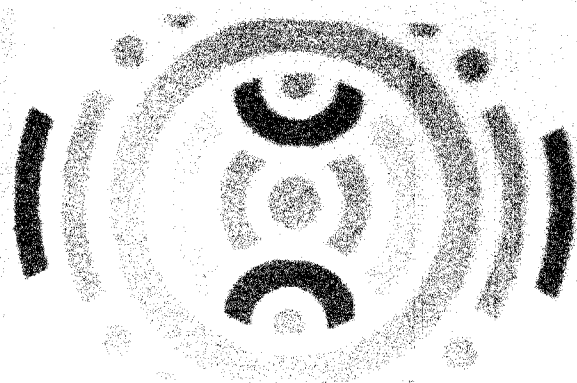
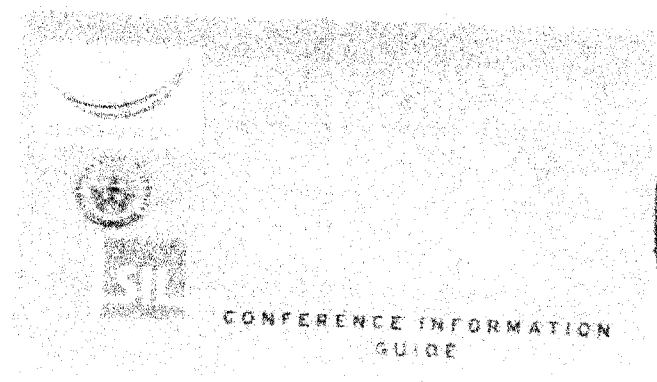


2. exchange information on the current state of the indigenous languages and the extent of their use in education and official functions
3. start the planning process for the IDIL national-level response in alignment to the Global Action Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals
4. promote cooperation, forge linkages, and form an interim steering committee that will oversee the implementation of the national-level strategic plan
5. update educators and researchers on new developments, directions, as well as emerging issues in indigenous people's education (IPED) and the multilingual education in the country

The Conference shall have the following activities.

- a. Plenaries
- b. Policy Forum
- c. Thematic Sessions
- d. Parallel Paper and Poster Presentations
- e. Workshops
- f. Books and Learning Materials Exhibits
- g. Special Panels and Learning Sessions
- h. Teaching Demo Fest
- i. Non-text Performative Presentations
- j. Talk and Story Sessions





Conference Tracks, Sub-themes, and Topics

Track 1: Language: Language Description and Documentation of Philippine Languages; Orthography, Language Variation, Dialectology, Language and Culture, Indigenous Languages

Track 2: Literacy and Learning: Literacy and Disinformation, Multilingual Education in Diverse Language Contexts, Indigenous People's Education, Teacher Quality Standards, Teacher Preparation for Inclusive/Multilingual Education, Multilingual Education and TESL, English Education and Globalization, Indigenous Learning Systems, Language in STEM Education, Learning Materials Development and Utilization, MLE and Adult Literacy, MLE and Digital Literacies, Multilingual Teaching and Digital Tools, MLE and Social Media

Track 3: Human Rights, Free Speech, and Governance: Language Rights, Equity and Inclusion, Indigenous Knowledge in Community Based Management Information System, Community Journalism and the SDGs, School Based Journalism and the Community, Democracy, Self-Expression, and Censorship, Social Media and Public Good, Journalism and Citizenship, New Media in Education, Leadership, Crisis and Risk Communication, Cyberbullying and Discrimination, Localized MLE Governance, MLE and Indigenous Rights

Track 4: Literature, Heritage, and History: Indigenous Design and Architecture, Art History, Culture and Heritage Studies, Visual Culture and New Media, Teaching History and the Arts, Sustainable Culture and Heritage Policy, Heritage and History Education, MLE, Music, and Arts

Conference Fees

Php 6,000.00 / USD 100

(including foreign students in the country)

Php 4,500.00

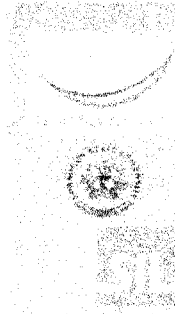
Registration Procedure

- a. All participants are required to register online using this link:
- b. Those who will attend but will not present may confirm their registration by paying their registration fee at their preferred channel of payment and upload proof of payment on the same registration link above.
- c. For presenters, payment should be made only after receipt of notice of acceptance of their abstract is received by email. Presenters will be asked to confirm payment and registration by uploading proof of payment on the same registration link above.
- d. Upon receipt of proof of payment, participants will receive a confirmation email and the most recent electronic copy of the 2025 Conference Information Guide (CIG). The CIG contains a list of hotels near the conference site and those located within the city, emergency contact numbers, as well as contact information of the conference secretariat and organizers.

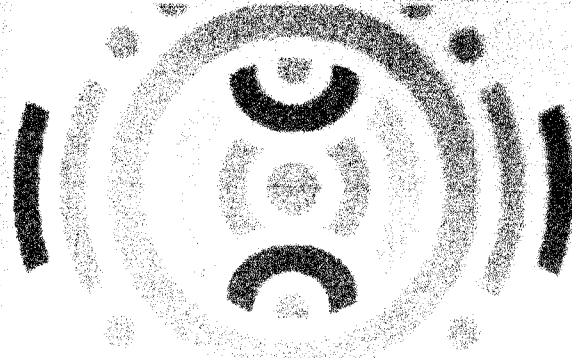
Presentation Guidelines

General Guidelines on Session Presentation and Presentation Files and File Sharing.

1. All plenary presentations have a maximum run of two hours each session.
2. Plenary presentations can take the form of a mini-lecture, forum/roundtable discussion, fireside chat, performance, or any non-text presentation.
3. There is a possibility that some sessions will involve plenary speakers participating virtually via livestream or speaking through pre-recorded video.



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Call for Submission

The Conference Secretariat is now accepting proposals for individual and panel, text- and non-text based/performative presentations, and roundtable discussions. The deadline for submission has been EXTENDED until February 28, 2025. To encourage diversity in submissions, panel proposals should be composed of presenters coming from different but complementary areas of specialization working on a common theme or multiple themes under any of the tracks.

The Conference Review Committee may group individual proposals into a panel.

Proposal abstracts should be submitted here:

Important Dates

December 9-21, 2024

Release of Conference Call and
Start of Abstract Submission

February 1, 2025

Start of Submission of Full Paper of Accepted
Abstract

January 6, 2025

Start of the Release of Notice of Acceptance
and Registration for Presenting and Non-
Presenting Participants

March 3, 2025

Start of Submission of Slide Deck (in .ppt, .key or
other formats)

February 28, 2025

Deadline for Abstract Submission for Review

March 10, 2025

Last day of Payment for Registration





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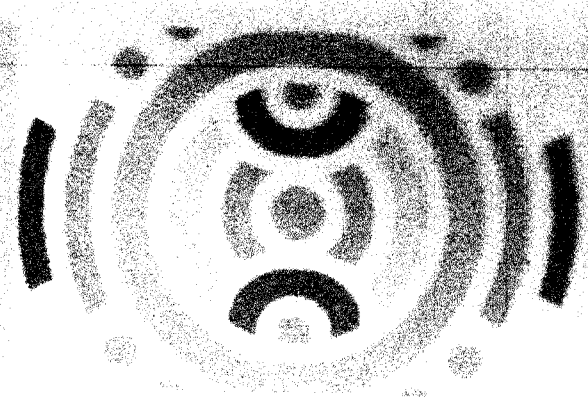
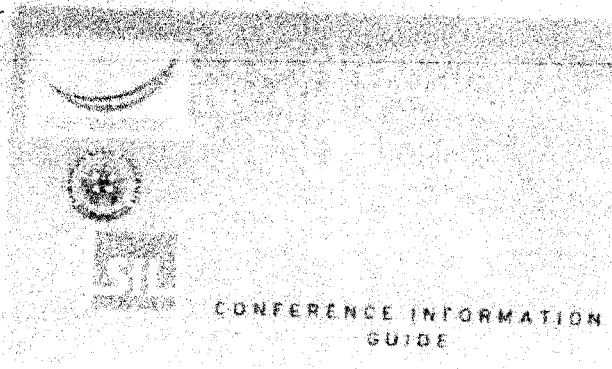


4. Plenary sessions are scheduled in the morning from 26th, 27th, and in the afternoon of the 28th of March 2025.
5. Plenary speakers are given 45 minutes each for their lecture/presentation, followed by 15 minutes for question and answer (Q&A)/open forum.
6. On a case-to-case basis and for valid reasons, confirmed (paid) individual presenters who could not make it physically to the conference may be allowed to submit a recorded and timed presentation following guidelines on pre-recorded presentations. Non presenters who have paid but failed to show up at the conference forfeit their fees, unless they apply for a refund, subject to surcharges, see *Cancellation and Refund* section.
7. All presenters will be sent a link from where they can upload their presentation with specific instructions.
8. All presentations files are preset and queued in a designated computer in an assigned room, hence no storage devices such as USB flash disks are allowed to be accessed using the designated computers by presenters who wish to make last-minute changes.
9. The organizers will make presentation files available upon owner's consent to participants in a designated link.
10. Individual and panel presentation files shall be submitted using the following filename format:
conference track_ family name of presenter_ presentation category (individual, panel)
11. To avoid cross platform issues involving file transfers, presenters are enjoined to submit their slide deck in Powerpoint format, accompanied by a pdf version. Presenters may replace their submitted slide deck three (3) days before their scheduled presentation.

Paper Presentation Guidelines

1. All panel/paper presentations are allotted 60 minutes per session.
2. For panel proposals, a total of 30 minutes is allocated: 20 minutes for the presentation and 10 minutes for Q&A. The time should be distributed proportionally among the presenters in the group.
3. Those submitting as individual presenters are given a maximum of 15 minutes to present and 5 minutes for Q&A.
4. All panel presenters are encouraged to reserve no less than 10 minutes for the Question and Answer (Q&A) and general discussion at the end of the session.
5. Questions are not to be entertained between presentations. The Q&A takes place after the presentations.

Submit presentation slides here: (new link to be issued later).



6. Panel presentations should indicate in their reply to organizers if they prefer their own moderator. Otherwise, the Conference organizers will assign a moderator for their panel. The moderator is chosen from among registered and confirmed conference participants.
7. On a case-to-case basis and for valid reasons, confirmed (paid) individual presenters who could not make it physically to the conference may be allowed to submit a recorded and timed presentation following guidelines on pre-recorded presentations.
8. In self-recording presentations, panel/individual presenters are advised to use high quality phone camera or stand-alone video recorder with a resolution of not lower than 5.0 megapixels and with clear audio and video output. Recorded presentations with loud background noise, with libelous, malicious, sexual, and offensive content will not be accepted.
9. Recorded presentation should **strictly observe time allotment** as specified above. Presenters are therefore advised to rehearse their presentation before recording and uploading.

Payment Details

Presenters are advised to make payments only after receipt of Notice of Acceptance (NoA). Non-presenters can register and pay anytime. Payments can be made through any of the following:

Bank transfer

Name of Ban: Philippine National Bank
Branch: UP Diliman Campus
Account Name: 170+ Talaytayan MLE Inc.
Account Number: 1086 7001 2526

Visa, Mastercard, Amex, JCB credit/debit card payment via PayPal

Send payment to talaytayanmlc@gmail.com and cc@scsru.edu.ph using your linked account. Write "Payment for Registration of [yourname]" in the Notes dialog box.

GCash. Pay from your GCash to the PNB bank account number above

Note: Service fees for payments made via Paypal, e-wallet, or bank transfer shall be paid for by the participant.

Click here to complete and confirm your registration:



Cancellation and Refund

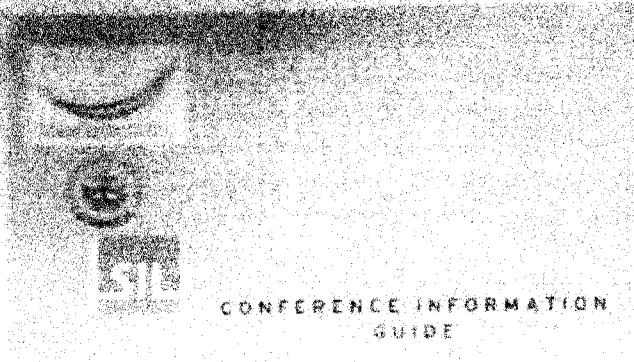
Conference fees cover three sets of lunch and six sets of snacks from March 26-28, 2025, full access to plenary and parallel sessions, forums and learning sessions. Transaction/processing fees imposed by payment platforms (PayPal, GCash, bank transfer fees) shall be borne by the payor/participant. Participants may cancel registration and request for a refund subject to the following surcharges:

1. Eighty (80) percent of the registration fee if cancellation is done two (2) weeks before Day 1 of the Conference.
2. Fifty (50) percent of the registration fee if cancellation is done one (1) week before Day 1 of the Conference.
3. Actual transaction or processing fee charged by payment platforms shall be deducted from the amount to be refunded.
4. No refund shall be paid for requests made six days before the start of the Conference.

Venue, Transport, Lodging, and Emergencies

Sorsogon State University, Sorsogon City campus is the venue of the conference. All activities related to the conference will take place within its campus located within the city's cultural and business center. To know more information about the university, click [here](#):

Sorsogon City is the commercial hub and administrative capital of Sorsogon Province. The city can be reached by bus, plane, and boat from several points in Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The Bicol International Airport located in Daraga, Albay is about 60 minutes away from Sorsogon City center and hosts daily flights of three major local airlines to and from Manila and other key cities in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Transport to and from the airport consists of taxi cabs/ vans operated by concessionaires. With no availability of transports from BIA to Sorsogon City, the passengers need to take taxi or tricycle either to Daraga or Legaspi Terminals where vans and buses are available.



Van charges rates of Php 200 from the terminal to the city center of Sorsogon. However, when going in groups, it is advisable to hire a van to save.

Sorsogon City is a major tourism and business destination and home to a dozen boutique hotels as well as plenty of budget accommodation. Link of some of the hotels located near the venue and within the city will be provided in the *Acceptance Notice or Registration Acknowledgement*.

R i s k M a n a g e m e n t

The organizers of the Conference have assessed the risks of undertaking such activity in a period gradual easing of restrictions in the pandemic and have agreed on plans to be invoked in the event of an emergency. The security and the internal health facility of the host university as well as local authorities and relevant government agencies in the city shall be given full information and coordinated with about the activity.

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