

*“In celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of the ratification by the Philippine government of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the Social Development Week 2008”*

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights-Asia (ESCR-Asia), the Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia (AsiaDHRRA), the Caucus of Development NGO-Networks (CODE-NGO) and the Asian Center of the University of the Philippines

**Forum “Kasali Ka, Kasama Ka: Discerning Relevant Applications of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR) and the Optional Protocol-ICESCR at the National and Regional Levels “**

Tentative Program

8:30-9a.m.	Registration	
9a.m.-9:15a.m.	Welcome /Opening	*Dr. Aileen Baviera, Dean Asian Center-UP
9:25-9:45a.m.	The Salient Contents of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)	Ms. Rosario K. Garcia, Vice-Chairperson, ESCR-Asia
9:45 a.m.-10:10 a.m.	The Salient Contents of the Adopted Optional Protocol-ICESCR	Atty. Gilbert V. Sembrano Secretary, Board, ESCR-Asia
10:10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Views of Relevance and Application at the National and Regional Levels	*Asian Farmers Association (AFA) *KASAPI/I-PEX-Indigenous Peoples’ Groups *Kilusang Mangingisda *KATINIG (Street vendors)
11a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Responses from Philippine Government agencies	*Senate Committee on Foreign Relations (to be confirmed) * United Nations International Organizations (UNIO)-Department of Foreign Affairs (to be confirmed) * From two SEA-Asian Member States (to be confirmed)
11:30-11:50a.m.	Forum (with snacks)	
11:50-12noon	Synthesis and Closing Remarks	Ms. Marlene Ramirez, Secretary General, AsiaDHRRA