



SOCIAL WATCH

*Pathways to Regional Development:
Setbacks, Alternatives and
Citizens' Participation*

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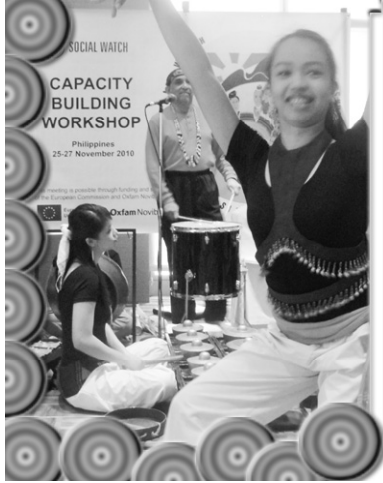


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Session 0 Opening Ceremonies, Mr. Avelino Cielo, Moderator

A total of 57 **participants and guests**, representing national coalitions in 12 countries¹ attended the workshop. *(Please see Annex A for the Directory of Guests and Participants)*

Prof. Leonor Magtolis Briones, Lead Convenor of Social Watch Philippines delivered the **Welcome Remarks** where she made the point that while development is a dream shared by many, there exists different views and pathways on how it can be realized. It is therefore important for the Social Watch network to continue to learn and draw lessons from each other's experiences, "exchange views and look for points of collaboration" with other coalitions and "effectively engage" with governments. Further, she stressed that "it is not enough to criticize ongoing programs" but to be able to present alternatives as well. She narrated some initiatives of SW Philippines by way of showing examples of how engagement with government might be done.

¹ The countries represented are : Afghanistan , Azerbaijan , Bangladesh , Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines and Thailand. The representative from Myanmar was not able to come due to problems with travel documents. .

