

Workshops, activities for PWDs, prisoners, health workers announced

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The **SDGs (Sustainable Development Goal) Resiliart Earthsaving** event in Manila is finally happening this **December 2-10** confirmed by UNESCO Artist for Peace Director **Cecile Guidote-Alvarez**.

"Because what we're all fighting is equity of opportunities, respect for cultural diversity but unified as one global community. That's what we're going to allow the world to see. If they think of Greece as the one who started the Olympics games, they're going to remember the Philippines which started this global cultural movement. Not by force but by art and media," shared Alvarez.

The event actualizes the roadmap identified in the May 2018 Manila Declaration for the Launch of the International Peace and Climate Justice Movement: Not by Force but by Art, under UNESCO Patronage.



Supporting this project now are the Senate, Dr. Viktor Sebek, Dr. Lordinio Vergara, Councilor Numero "Uno" Lim, Teddy Locsin, Manila mayor Isko Moreno, President Rodrigo Duterte, National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), Nick Lizaso, Chairman, Philippine Normal University (PNU) President Dr. Bert J. Tuga, and Manila Hotel President and former senator Joey D. Lina.

The 9-day event will feature:

- ART CAMP, an interactive activity involving Filipino and ASEAN visual artists in interaction to create mural paintings conveying the SDGs;
- FESTIVAL OF PERFORMANCES, a harvest of techno-artistic manifestations on the SDGs to be staged by foreign and local dance groups, musicians, singers, poets and other artists;
- FORUM, a series of discussions to forge a platform of action for actualizing the SDGs focused on people, planet, peace and prosperity through partnerships;
- WORKSHOPS, sessions showing transformation, healing of trauma popularizing science and income-generating creative industries among the vulnerable communities namely, Prisoners, PWDs, Health Workers, Refugees and Indigenous Dislocated Families; and,
- OUTREACH PROGRAM, cultural immersion and interaction of delegates and performing groups in the Visayas and Mindanao hubs.

Director Frank Rivera will handle the workshop for the prisoners, Neni Miranda for the ASEAN Art Camp which will be held at the Philippine Normal University, Dr. Ted Everest Esguerra will handle the workshop for the health workers, Gigi Felix Velarde will handle the PWD workshops, Ed Pagayon will be handling the refugees and dislocated indigenous communities workshop, and Joland Santos for comics.

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