

Self-presentation (Philippines): The Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM)

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The Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM) was born out of the collective concern of NGOs/POs and other civil society groups against the impending threat of the revitalization of the mining industry in the Philippines.

Organizational History

By the middle of 2004, several NGOs and POs have decided to disengage from a series of consultations convened by the DENR regarding the revitalization of the mining industry. Also within this timeframe, civil society representatives in the Philippine Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) actively blocked the move of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to seek endorsement from the PCSD to have a draft EO be signed by the President, purposively to revitalize the mining industry. Informed with these developments, the Civil Society Counterpart Council for Sustainable Development (CSCCSD), headed by Ms. Elizabeth Roxas of the Environmental Broadcast Circle (EBC) and coordinated by the Maximo T. Kalaw Institute for Sustainable Development (MTKISD), convened a series of meetings of environmental groups, IP-support organizations, anti-mining advocates and other NGOs/POs between the period of July-November, 2004.

Among others, these meetings allowed for the exchange of updates, leveling-off on current situations, and the initial exploration of reviving the Bantay-Mina coalition of the late 90s. Specifically, the group was getting worried that the pro-mining machineries (mining industry, media and the government) were gaining grounds and their momentum should be checked. All of these were being considered, in the light of the threats that revived mining operations pose to sustainable development initiatives and the rational protection and utilization of the country's natural resources. The name **Alyansa Tigil Mina (ATM)** was coined, after deciding that there might be some legal considerations if the Bantay-Mina was going to be adopted, since Bantay-Mina was a SEC-registered entity. Also, not all of the members of Bantay-Mina were actively engaging in the current ATM organization and processes.

The term "tigil-mina" (stop mining) does not reflect a stand of totally going against mining and minerals extraction. What the "tigil-mina" is **referring to is to block this policy regime being adopted by the Arroyo administration, and the DENR, to aggressively promote mining, and using this strategy to allegedly address the fiscal problems and poverty situation of the country.** The EO 270-A and the NMAP had outlined 23 priority mining projects, which shall encroach on 60% of already declared protected areas and another 53% of ancestral domains. Not to mention the damaging effects of the projects to several targeted fragile ecologies, such as Rapu-Rapu in Bicol, Manicani/Homonhon in Samar-Leyte, Tampacan in South Cotabato, Nonoc in Surigao del Norte/Surigao Sur and Siocon in Zamboanga del Norte.

In December, 2004, the Supreme Court gave a surprising reversal of its earlier decision, regarding the constitutionality of FTAA's, and several portions of the Mining Act of 1995. Eventually, this ruling paved the way for the aggressive promotion of mining from that point on. By January, 2005, the loose group of ATM members met in Antipolo City to craft an Advocacy-Campaign Plan. It was also at this time, that PhilDHRRA was requested to perform secretariat work for the ATM. Other convenors who hosted ATM includes Legal Rights and Natural Resources (LRC), Haribon and Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP).

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PARTNERS

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Alliance of Concerned Residents of Aroroy (ACRA)

Action for Economic Reform (AER)

Akbayan Citizen's Action Party (AKBAYAN)

Alliance of Buguey for Community Development Advocates (ALBUCODA)

Ancestral Lands and Domain Watch (ALDAW) - Palawan

Alternative Law Groups (ALG)

Alyansa Laban sa Mina sa Mindoro (ALAMIN)

Apo Manglang Glupa Pusaka (AMGP) - Zamboanga del Norte

Archdiocese of Tuguegarao Social Action Center (SAC-Tuguegarao)

Ateneo de Naga Institute for Environmental Conservation and Research

Bantay Kita

Baywatch Foundation - Surigao del Sur

Bicol Alliance Against Mining (BAAM)

Broederlijk Delen

Cagayan Valley Partners in Peoples Development (CAVAPPED)

CarCanMadCarLan Baywatch Foundation Inc. (CBFI)

CARE-Phils.

Carrascalanon Hiniusang Aksiyon Alang sa Yutang Gilauman (CAHAYAG)

Central Luzon Center for Emergency and Rehabilitation (CONCERN)

Christian Aid www.christianaid.org.uk

Civil Society Council for Sustainable Development (CSCSD)

Coastal Community Resources and Livelihood Inc.

Cordillera Network of Development (CORDNET)

Didipio Earth Saver's Multi-Purpose Association (DESAMA)

Diocesan Social Action Center of the Diocese of Bayombong (DSAC-Bayombong)

Diocesan Social Action Center of the Diocese of Catanduanes (DSAC-Catanduanes)

Diocese of Masbate Social Action Foundation Inc. (SAC-Masbate/DIMASAFI)

Diocese of Tandag Social Action Center (SAC-Tandag)

DIOPIIM Committee On Mining Issues (DCMI)

Earth Savers Movement (ESM) www.psdn.org.ph

Ecological Society of the Philippines (ESP) www.esp.org.ph

El Pescador

Environmental Broadcast Circle (EBC)

Environmental Legal Assistance Center (ELAC)

Foundation for the Care of Creation www.thelcf.org

Foundation for the Philippine Environment (FPE) www.fpe.ph

Freedom from Debt Coalition <http://www.fdc.ph/>

Gabaldon Reform Movement (GRM)

GOMBURZA

Green Convergence for Safe Food, Healthy Environment and Sustainable Economy

HARIBON Foundation

Homonhon Environment Resources Organization (HERO)

Huk Vets Foundation

I-Care Bagamanoc Movement www.icare-movement.com

Institute of Sisters of Mercy www.mercy.org.au

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission-Association of the Major Religious Superiors in

the Philippines (JPICC-AMRSP) www.armsp.org

KAISAHAN

KAISAMPALAD Inc.

Kalipunan ng mga Katutubong Samahan ng Pilipinas (KASAPI) www.kasapi.org

Kapulungan Para sa Lupaing Ninuno (KPLN) - Mindoro

Kasibu Inter-Tribal Response Towards Ecological Development (KIREED)

KONTRA-MINA UST

Legal Rights and Natural Center-Kasama sa Kalikasan/Friends of the Earth Philippines (LRC-KSK / FoE Phils.) www.lrcksk.org

Lingkod Tao Kalikasan (LTK) www.likodtaokalikasan.org

Malabing Valley Multipurpose Cooperative (MVMC) www.agriculturesnetwork.org

Mangyan Mission (MM)

Maporac Aeta Organization (MAO)

Marinduque Council for Environmental Concerns (MACEC)

Mining Watch Canada www.miningwatch.ca

Miriam College - PEACE

Miriam College Environmental Studies Institute (Miriam-ESI) www.wadef.com

Nagkakaisang Tribu sa Palawan (NATRIPAL)

OXFAM Australia www.oxfam.org.au

Palawan NGO Network, Inc, (PNNI)

Pambansang Kilusan ng mga Samahang Magsasaka (PAKISAMA) www.pakisamamutual.tripod.com

Partido Kalikasan Institute (PKI) www.kalikasaninstitute.multiply.com

People's Recovery, Empowerment Development Assistance Foundation (PREDA FOUNDATION)
www.preda.org

Philippine Association for Inter-Cultural Development (PAFID) www.pafid.org.ph

Philippine Federation for Environmental Concerns (PFEC) www.environmentalfederation.com

Philippine Human Rights Information Center (Philrights) www.philrights.org

Philippine Indigenous Peoples Links (PIPLINKS)

Philippine Misereor Partnership, Inc. (PMPI)

Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas (PhilDHRRA)

Runruno Landowners Association (RULANAS)

SALAKNIB - Nueva Vizcaya

Samar Island Biodiversity Foundation

Save Rapu-Rapu Alliance www.saverapurapu.blogspot.com

Save Sierra Madre Network (SSMN)

Sibuyanons Against Mining/Sibuyan Island Sentinels League for Environment Inc. (SAM/Sibuyan ISLE)

Social Action Center-Catanduanes

Social Action Center-Marbel (South Cotabato)

Social Action Ministry - Ipil (SAM-Ipil)

Tanggol Kalikasan (TK)

Task Force Aroroy

Task Force Canatuan

Task Force Detainees of the Philippines (TFDP)

Task Force Nueva Vizcaya Peoples Organizations (TF-NVPO)

TEBTEBBA Foundation www.tebtebba.org

University of Sto. Tomas - Knotra Mina

Upholding life and Nature (ULAN)

Upland NGO Assistance Center (UNAC)

UST - Batas Tomasino, Earth, Journalism Society, UNESCO club, Illustrators Guild, Musikat, The Flame

Women's Education, Development, Productivity and Research Organization, Inc. (WEDPRO)

Working Group on Mining in the Philippines (WGMP-London)

Xaverian Missionaries (SX)

Yakan Integrated Rural

Youth for Sustainable Development Assembly (YSDA)

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<https://www.alyansatigilmina.net/oorganizational-history>