# The 1st Truth Commission Conference

*FROM TRUTH TO JUSTICE*

Honoring Victims, Advancing Accountability

**CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

Monday, November 23, 2026 | 8:00 AM–5:00 PM
Philippine Normal University (PNU)
104 Taft Avenue corner Ayala Boulevard, Ermita, Manila

## Morning Session

### 8:00–8:30 AM | Registration and Arrival of Participants

### 8:30–8:35 AM | Invocation

Pablo Virgilio S. Cardinal David

Adviser and Convenor, Truth Commission

### 8:35–8:45 AM | Welcome Remarks

Dr. Bert J. Tuga, President, PNU

### 8:45–8:50 AM | Introduction of the Opening Keynote Speaker

Carlos H. Conde, Commissioner, Truth Commission

### 8:50–9:20 AM | Opening Keynote Address

Senator Risa Hontiveros (proposed; subject to confirmation)

### 9:20–10:00 AM | Chair's Report

Introduction of Judge Raul C. Pangalangan by Jhecy Rebete.

Summary of Key Findings from the First Six Months

Judge Raul C. Pangalangan, Chair, Truth Commission

### 10:00–10:30 AM | Responses from Government Agencies

Hon. Fredderick A. Vida, Secretary, Department of Justice (DOJ)
Hon. Teresita Quinto-Deles, Former Secretary of OPAPP, INCITEGov - Founding Trustee, Tindig Pilipinas - Co-Convenor, Duyog Bangsamoro – Chairperson, EveryWoman – Convenor at Large

### 10:30–10:45 AM | Plenary I — Mapping the Human Cost

Demographic and Geographic Patterns of Extrajudicial Killings in the Philippines

Dr. Christopher N. Magno, Executive Director, Truth Commission

### 10:45–11:00 AM | Morning Break and Transfer to Breakout Rooms

### 11:00 AM–12:00 PM | Parallel Breakout Sessions I

Five simultaneous sessions; participants attend one for the full 60-minute period. See session details on page 2.

# Morning Breakout Session Details

**11:00 AM–12:00 PM | Five simultaneous sessions**

Participants attend one session throughout the breakout period.

## Track A — Panel with Truth Tellers

Five Truth Tellers share their testimonies, followed by a moderated discussion and questions from participants.

**Facilitator: Pablo Virgilio S. Cardinal David**

***Venue: Classroom 203 / Room: Old ITL, 3rd floor of Old ITL Building***

## Track B — Teatro ng Kabataan

Theater Performance: Teatro ng Kabataan

Youth participants of Program Paghilom, Arnold Janssen Kalinga Foundation Inc., share stories of families affected by extrajudicial killings through a performance directed by Albert Saldajeno, advancing healing, empowerment, and the pursuit of justice.

**Talkback Moderator: Fr. Daniel Franklin Pilario, CM**

***Venue: HRD auditorium, 2nd Flr. HRD Building***

## Track C — Poetry Writing for Mothers of Victims

A facilitated poetry-writing workshop for mothers of victims, with optional sharing of their poems.

**Facilitator: Prof. Rei Palces**

***Venue: Main Auditorium***

## Track D — Poetry Writing for Students

A poetry-writing workshop for students on truth, memory, justice, and solidarity with victims and survivors.

**Facilitator: Prof. Lorella Arabit**

***Venue: Main Auditorium***

## Track E — Poster Making for Students

A poster-making workshop for students on truth, accountability, human rights, and remembrance.

**Facilitator: Prof. Timothy James Cipriano**

***Venue: Main Auditorium***

## Track F — Film Showing: Tirik

Set against the backdrop of the Duterte administration's bloody war on drugs, *TIRIK (To Set Upright)* follows Paring Bert, a Catholic priest, and Santos, a taxi driver haunted by his troubled past. What begins as a simple act of compassion—a visit to a funeral—turns into a perilous journey as the two men evade an assassination attempt while confronting their own guilt, moral conflicts, and search for redemption.

Through their encounters and conversations, the film explores the complex intersections of faith, conscience, violence, justice, and forgiveness. *TIRIK* raises profound questions about personal responsibility, moral courage, and the struggle to uphold humanity amid a climate of fear and impunity.

**Talkback Moderator: Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD, Fr. Albert Alejo**

*Participants who wish to continue watching the film during the lunch break may collect their packed lunches and enjoy them while watching.*

***Venue: BPS Auditorium, first floor***

### 12:00–1:00 PM | Lunch Break and Paghilom Exhibit

Proposed exhibit schedule: During the lunch break.

Display of poems, posters, and exhibits from Program Paghilom.

## Afternoon Session

### 1:00–3:00 PM | Plenary II — Truth Commission Division Reports and Special Plenary Presentation

All participants reconvene for the four division reports and discussion.

### 1:00–1:40 PM | Forensic Division Report and Panel Responses

Posthumous Dignity: Forensic Examination of the "Drug War" Deaths

Dr. Raquel Fortun

Responding Agencies: Department of Health (DOH), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), and Professional Regulation Commission (PRC).

### 1:40–2:00 PM | Documentation, Archives, and Memorialization Division Report

Documenting the Truth: Gaps and Inconsistencies in Government Records of Drug War Killings

Dr. Bono Olgado

Documentation, Archives, and Memorialization (DAM), Truth Commission

Drawing on data gathered by the Truth Commission, the presentation examines miscertified death certificates, incomplete police spot and SOCO reports, mismatched birth dates, and other inconsistencies in government records—and their implications for establishing the truth and pursuing accountability.

### 2:00–2:20 PM | Legal and Institutional Change Division Report

From Testimony to Reform: Policy Lessons Emerging from the Truth-Telling Sessions

Atty. Ansheline Bacudio, Program Director, IDEALS, Inc.

### 2:20–2:40 PM | Trauma and Healing Division Report

Trauma, Violence, and Healing: Understanding Trauma and Healing in the Context of Extrajudicial Killings

Dr. Al Fuertes, Commissioner, Truth Commission

Additional focus: The meaning of justice.

**2:40–3:00 PM | Special Plenary Presentation**

The Role of the Church in Providing Sanctuary and Assistance to EJK Survivors and Media Groups

Pablo Virgilio S. Cardinal David, Adviser and Convenor, Truth Commission

**3:00–3:20 PM | Discussion of Division Reports and Special Plenary Presentation**

**3:20–3:35 PM | Afternoon Break**

**3:35–4:55 PM | Parallel Breakout Sessions II — University and Community Panels**

Six simultaneous panels across three thematic tracks. Participants attend one panel. Room assignments: To be announced.

Format: 10 minutes per presenter, followed by moderated discussion and questions. Panel A2 timing will depend on the confirmed lineup.

# Track A: Documentation, Data, and Media Coverage

## Panel A1: Beyond the Killings—Institutional Harm and the Political Narratives of the Drug War

**Panel Chair: Atty. Bayan Joseph Quinones**

| Presenter | Presentation |
|---|---|
| Dr. Raymund E. Narag, Southern Illinois University Carbondale | Judicial Killings: The Continuing Deaths of the Duterte Drug War inside Philippine Jails and Prisons, 2016–2025 |
| Dr. Cristina Jayme Montiel, and Dr. Joshua Uyheng, Ateneo de Manila University | Understanding the Political Languages of the Drug War: Contested Meanings of Violence, Safety, and Human Rights |

***Venue: BPS 304***

## Panel A2: Bearing Witness to the Drug War—Journalists' Accounts, Evidence, and the Pursuit of Truth

**Panel Organizer and Chair: Carlos H. Conde**

**Panelists: Journalists who covered the Philippine drug war**

| Panelists | Short Bio |
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| Lian Buan | a Filipino journalist known for her investigative reporting on human rights, justice, governance, and accountability. As a reporter for Rappler, she has extensively covered the Duterte administration's war on drugs, extrajudicial killings, and proceedings before the International Criminal Court (ICC). |
| Carsten Stormer | a German investigative journalist, documentary filmmaker, and author known for his reporting on human rights, armed conflicts, and social injustice. He has extensively documented the human impact of the Duterte administration's war on drugs in the Philippines, highlighting the experiences of victims and their families. |

| Panelists | Short Bio |
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| Ezra Acayan | award-winning Filipino photojournalist known for his powerful documentation of human rights issues, social injustice, and conflict. His work has extensively covered the Duterte administration's war on drugs, capturing the experiences of victims and their families and the human cost of extrajudicial killings. |
| Regine Cabato | a Filipino journalist and former correspondent for *The Washington Post*, known for her reporting on human rights, politics, and social issues in the Philippines. Her work has covered the Duterte administration's war on drugs, including extrajudicial killings and their impact on victims, families, and communities. |

***Venue: BPS Auditorium***

# Track B: Victims, Survivors, Families, and Communities

## Panel B1: Walking with Survivors—Stories of Care, Healing, and Solidarity

**Panel Chair: Dr. Annabel Manalo and Carol Daria**

This panel brings together care providers who accompany survivors and families of drug-war victims. Through stories from their work, panelists will reflect on building trust, responding to grief and everyday needs, and supporting families as they seek truth and justice. The discussion will highlight both the challenges of providing care and the strength and leadership of survivors.

| Presenter | Organization |
|---|---|
| Sr. May Cano, OP | Caritas, Diocese of Kalookan |
| Milet Mendoza | SIBOL |
| Rebecca Karen Tanada | BAIGANI |
| Fr. Flavie Villanueva, SVD | Paghilom |

***Venue: HRD Auditorium***

## Panel B2: Victims' Participation, Reparations, and Transitional Justice

This panel examines how truth-seeking can advance victims' participation, reparations, and institutional accountability. Drawing on efforts to connect Philippine drug-war victims with the International Criminal Court and lessons from South Korea's Truth and Reconciliation Commission, presenters explore barriers to justice, the importance of government cooperation, and reforms needed to address victims' continuing needs and prevent future violations.

**Panel Chair: Dr. Al Fuertes**

| Presenter | Presentation |
|---|---|
| Sabrina Ochoa, Institute of Current World Affairs | From the Philippines to The Hague: Facilitating Victims' Participation in the ICC Investigation of the "War on Drugs" |

| Presenter | Presentation |
|---|---|
| Raniel Lorenzo, Polytechnic University of the Philippines College of Law | ICC Proceedings and Victims' Reparations: Why Philippine Cooperation Matters |
| Yeo Gyeong-Su, 10.19 Research Institute, Sunchon National University, Republic of Korea | Transitional Justice under the Constitution of the Republic of Korea: Focusing on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission |

***Venue: Library Multi-Media Room***

## Panel B3: Human Rights in Everyday Lives—Community Knowledge, Research, and Action

**Panel Chair: Dr. Mary Racelis, Social Anthropologist, Ateneo de Manila University and the University of the Philippines**

This panel brings together community leadership, academic research, and lived experience to examine community views on drug use, the effects of criminalizing drug use, and how families and communities have addressed extrajudicial killings. Drawing on interviews and community-level research, the panelists will explore how anthropological scholarship in collaboration with community leaders and members can reframe cultural realities, support truth-seeking, strengthen community voices, and inform concrete action.

| Presenter | Presentation |
|---|---|
| Aileen May P. Mijares, PhD<br>University of the Philippines - Los Banos | *"Tuloy ang Buhay, Tuloy ang Laban*: Drug War Widows, Community Knowledge, and the Pursuit of Accountability" |
| Gideon Lasco, PhD, MD<br>University of the Philippines - Manila | "Drugs in People's Everyday Lives" |
| Filomina G. Cinco, former Barangay Captain, Manila<br>Most Outstanding Barangay Captain 2013-2019;<br>President, Nagkakaisang Mamamayan sa Legarda (NML) | "Maneuvering Dual Accountabilities: To Community, To Government" |

***Venue: Alumni Hall / Faculty Room / Room 203***

## Panel B4: Papel ng Pananampalataya sa Pagsusumikap na Mabuhay

**Panel Chair: Fr. Daniel Franklin Pilario, CM**

Tatalakayin sa panel na ito ang papel ng pananampalataya at mga katuruang panrelihiyon noong panahon ng giyera kontra droga, kabilang ang kung paano nakatulong ang mga komunidad ng pananampalataya, paniniwala, at gawaing espirituwal sa mga pamilya ng mga biktima ng extrajudicial killings (EJK) upang makayanan ang pagkawala ng kanilang mga mahal sa buhay, makahanap ng pagkakaisa at suporta, at patuloy na kumapit sa pag-asa.

Panelists: To be confirmed.

***Venue: Room 205***

# Track C: Police, Perpetrators, and Institutional Accountability

**Panel Chair: Atty. Mario Maderazo**

| Presenter | Presentation |
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| Enrico Antonio B. La Viña, PhD, Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines Diliman | Police Promotions during the Philippine Drug War, 2016–2023 |
| Fr. Albert E. Alejo, SJ, Pontifical Gregorian University | "I Was Formerly a Man of Violence": DDS Truth-Telling: From Personal Conversion to Public Confession |
| Ret. PCOL Enrique G. Ancheta, Pearl of the Orient Auxilliary Chaplain and Educators Inc. | "Ang Dangal ng Pagdurusa at Pagsubok: Hindi Kaparusahan Kundi Katunayan ng Pagtitiwala sa Diyos." |
| Silvestre Acedillo, The Roundtable Consortium | Beyond Innocence and Guilt: Truth, Due Process, Accountability, and Reconciliation in the Philippine Anti-Drug Campaign |

***Venue: Room 207***

### 4:55–5:15 PM | Conference Synthesis, Roundtable, and Awarding Ceremony

From Truth to Justice: Key Findings, Challenges, and the Path Forward

Presentation of recognition plaques to six Truth Tellers and recognition of contest winners:

Facilitator: Fr. Daniel Franklin Pilario, CM

Poetry Contest: Six winners

Animation Contest: Three winners

Poster Contest: Three winners

### 5:15–5:25 PM | Closing Remarks

Judge Raul C. Pangalangan, Chair, Truth Commission

### 5:25–5:30 PM | Closing Prayer and Conclusion

Fr. Flaviano Antonio L. Villanueva, SVD

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